

# NDCC Update No. 7

## Landslide at Brgy Guinsaugon, Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte

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### 1. Situation:

- A total of 3,268 families composed of 10,342 persons coming from the sixteen (16) barangays of St. Bernard were affected, detailed as follows:

Brgy. Ahayag	Brgy. Asuncion
Brgy. Bolod-bolod	Brgy. Atuyan
Brgy. Guinsaugon	Brgy. Carnaga
Brgy. Socorro	Brgy. Catmon
Brgy. Nueva Esperanza	Brgy. Libas
Brgy. Sug-angon	Brgy. Magatas
Brgy. Tambis I	Brgy. Malibago
Brgy. Tambis II	Brgy. San Isidro

The families coming from the additional six (6) other affected barangays of St. Bernard were advised to evacuate from their residences due to possible occurrence of mudslides.

Total Population of Brgy Guinsaugon (Based on 2006 municipal survey)	1,857
Total Number of Households	375

#### Casualties:

Dead	72 (36 identified)
Female	24 (22 adult and 2 children)
Male	<u>11</u> (8 adult and 3 children)
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Injured	19
Survivors	415
Missing	1,350 (246 pupils)

- Three (3) evacuation centers are currently accommodating 268 families with 1,342 persons while 3,000 other families composed approximately of 15,000 persons are being served by the DSWD outside the centers, while others opted to stay with their relatives, indicated as follows:

St. Bernard Parish Church	18 families	94 persons
St. Bernard Central Elem. School	210 families	1,048 persons
Christo Rey High School	<u>40</u> families	<u>200</u> persons
Total	268 families	1,342 persons

- 281 Houses were totally damaged in Brgy. Guinsaugon

## **2. Emergency Response**

- Retrieval and evacuation operations at the landslide-stricken areas continue with the concerted efforts of 440 AFP personnel and 562 civilian rescuers from various emergency responders on site. They are augmented/assisted by rescue teams from foreign countries as mentioned below
- The DSWD facilitated and conducted the following:
  - The DSWD with combined resources from NGOs and other GOs provided P6,529,218.00 worth of relief supplies
  - They also facilitated the airlifting of P5.5 Million worth of emergency relief supplies from the DSWD National Resource Operation Center and from the Taiwanese government through C-130 of PAF
  - DSWD-FO VIII conducted Critical Incident Stress Debriefing sessions to 50 survivors and the families of dead and missing victims
  - Provided technical assistance in terms of evacuation centers, management of dead and bereaved families, relief distribution and close coordination with the disaster operations center of St. Bernard for data generation
- PNRC Chairman Richard Gordon visited Brgy. Guinsaugon, St. Bernard yesterday, February 19, 2006 to conduct actual survey at the landslide area and supervise the relief and rescue operations being conducted by Red Cross teams deployed in the area
- Likewise, airlift of assorted relief supplies (food and non-food items), medicines and equipment coming from various donors is continuous

### **International**

- The 31st MEU Co, PHIBRON Co and 48 marines of USS ESSEX are now in St Bernard assisting in the conduct of search, rescue and retrieval operations and damage and needs assessment efforts of the local emergency responders
- The US and Malaysian rescuers are at the school site excavating the landslide area. Likewise, the US team is now building road leading to school buried by landslide
- Group of 33 Taiwanese Rescuers together with their technical equipment (light/sound sensors) helped our local rescuers on the site