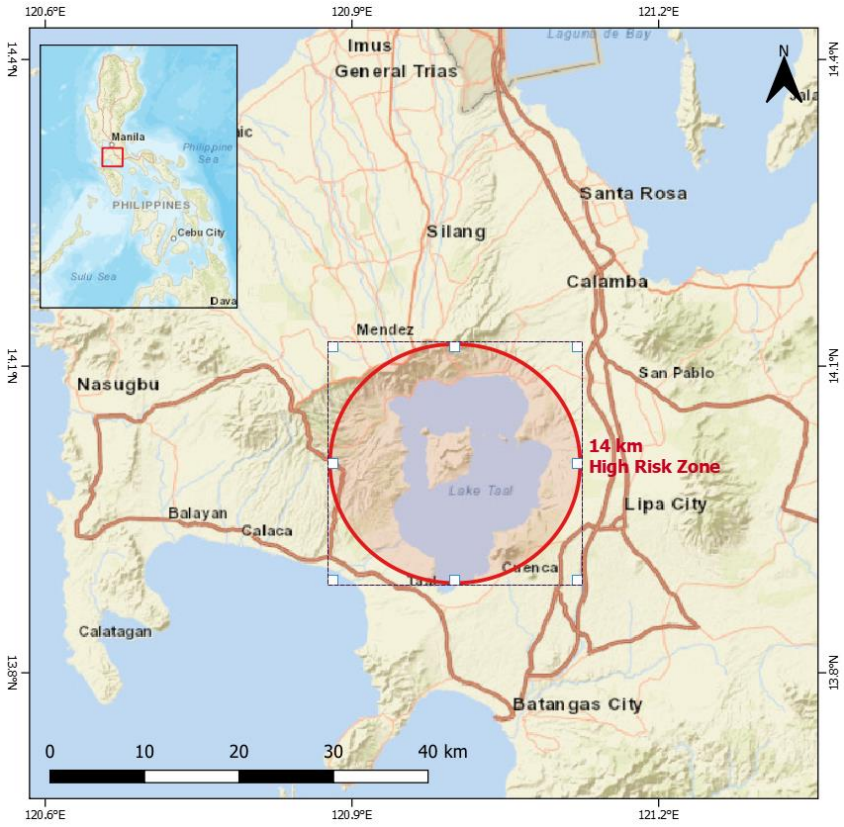
WEDNESDAY
15 JAN 2020
1500 HRS UTC +7

TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION, PHILIPPINES
FLASH UPDATE #3

ONE ASEAN ONE RESPONSE

ALERT LEVEL 4

(Hazardous Eruption Imminent) is still raised over Taal Volcano



KEY FIGURES

12 K AFFECTED FAMILIES

53 K AFFECTED PERSONS

43 K DISPLACED PERSONS

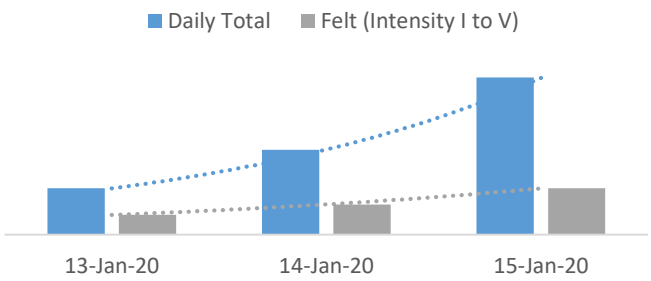
216 EVACUATION CENTRES

603 K CANCELLED FLIGHTS

USD 1 K WORTH OF ASSISTANCE

Note: Estimations are based on data reported/confirmed by the NDRRMC and other verified reliable sources

RECORDED VOLCANIC EARTHQUAKES



Philippines

- The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Operations Centre maintains its RED alert status since 12 January 2020. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) recorded an increasing number of volcanic earthquakes (see graph above) near Taal Volcano. While none of these earthquakes caused significant damage, such intense seismic activity probably signifies continuous magmatic intrusion beneath the Taal Volcano edifice, which may lead to further eruptive activity. Further, several fissures have been observed in surrounding areas.
- In response to the disaster, the Provincial Government of Batangas declared a State of Emergency. Logistical support and assistance has been augmented in the affected areas by various Government Agencies. Hundreds of volunteers were also deployed in different capacities to support the ongoing emergency operations. As per this reporting period, classes and work in several cities/municipalities away from the volcano already resumed, and all road sections surrounding the volcano are now passable. In addition, prices of critical goods are being monitored by authorities to avoid overpricing.
- According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), CALABARZON provinces and Metro Manila will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated to light rains. Wind profile will be generally light to moderate, and will come from northeast and northwest direction. If the ash column exceeds 3 km within the given period forecast, ash plumes will be drifted over the southeastern portion of Batangas, and some municipalities in Quezon, Mindoro, and Marinduque provinces.
- The AHA Centre is continuously monitoring the event and will issue updates should there be any significant development.

DATA SOURCES
ASEAN Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS); ASEAN Disaster Information Network; Pacific Disaster Center (PDC Global); UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); Philippines: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS); various news agencies

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