

Country Report Philippines

JMA/WMO WORKSHOP ON EFFECTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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The Philippines is prone to Tropical Cyclone occurrences due to its geographical location. An average of 20 Tropical Cyclones occur each year and about 8 or 9 of these make landfall. With it comes heavy rains resulting to flooding of large areas, landslides along mountain slopes, strong winds and storm surges which often results in heavy casualties to human life and destructions to crops and properties. Thus, it is of utmost importance for PAGASA to have an effective Tropical Cyclone Warning System to mitigate the adverse effects of this weather system for the benefit of the whole nation.



- 1. Tropical Cyclone Monitoring, Analysis and Forecasting
 - 1.1 Tropical Cyclone Monitoring
 - 1.1.1 Tropical Cyclogenesis Monitoring

If a Low Pressure Area (LPA) develops within or near the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR), it is closely monitored by PAGASA for signs of intensification. One of the techniques still used is persistence. If the cloud cluster of this LPA persists for more than 1 day and NWP's are predicting intensification, then the higher the chance it may develop into a Tropical Depression. Also, PAGASA consults other meteorological center for their prognosis of this LPA.



1.1.2 Tropical Depression (TD) Warning

When a Low Pressure Area (LPA) located inside the PAR intensifies into a Tropical Cyclone (TC) or when it enters the PAR already a TC, PAGASA issues a Weather Bulletin (Alert/Warning) and International Warning for Shipping. It is promptly disseminated to the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and other agencies involved in disaster management and to various media such as television, radio, newspaper and social media and is also uploaded into the PAGASA website.



1.1.3 Challenges, Needs and Improvement Plans

An intensive training on the use of Dvorak technique and other techniques in determining the intensity of the TC and to further develop a criteria for tropical cyclogenesis and monitoring of the development of Tropical Depression in order to issue appropriate warnings.



1.2 Tropical Cyclone Analysis 1.2.1 Parameters and Methods

Parameter	Time (UTC)	Methods	Other sources
Tropical Cyclone Position	00 06 12 18	The use of a combination of analysis and comparing it to the position of different meteorological agencies i.e. JMA, JTWC and making adjustments if necessary to adapt it to the analysis made by PAGASA.	Available synoptic observations, upper air, radar and satellite data and comparison from other meteorological agencies such as JMA, JTWC, KMA, etc.



1.2 Tropical Cyclone Analysis 1.2.1 Parameters and Methods

Parameter	Time (UTC)	Methods	Other sources
Tropical Cyclone Intensity	00 06 12 18	The use of all available observation analysis such as ground data (wind, mean sea level pressure), upper air data (wind and geo-potential height) and remote sensing data (radar and satellite)	 The use of available synoptic observation, upper air data, radar and satellite data. DVORAK Technique. Multiplatform Tropical Cyclone Surface Winds Analysis (MTCSWA) of NOAA NESDIS



1.2.2 Challenges, Needs and Improvement Plans

Further training of forecasters on TC tracking especially of Tropical Depressions and low intensity Tropical Storms most especially at night and on DVORAK technique.



1.3 Tropical Cyclone Forecasting 1.3.1 Parameters and Methods

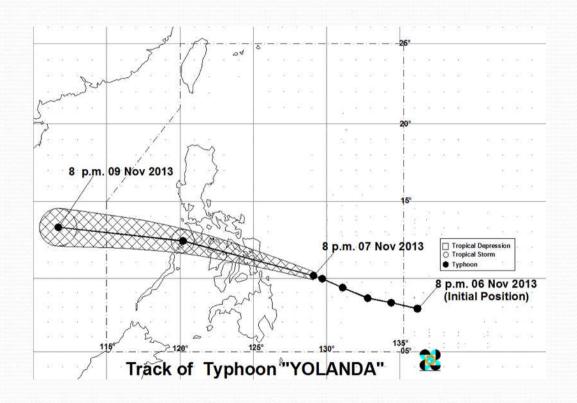
Parameter	Time (UTC)	Lead Time (hours)	Other sources
TRACK	00 06 12 18	24 hrs 36 hrs 72 hrs	 Analogue Method (Persistence and Climatology) Based on NWP either locally run (e.g. WRF, COSMO) and from other sources (GSM, NAVGEM, GFS etc.) Analysis of weather charts. Deep Layer Mean Analysis. TC Track Forecast of foreign members (JMA, JTWC, etc.)



1.3 Tropical Cyclone Forecasting 1.3.1 Parameters and Methods

Parameter	Time (UTC)	Lead Time (hours)	Other sources
CENTRAL PRESSURE	NIL	NIL	NIL
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS	NIL	NIL	NIL
STRONG WINDS AREAS	NIL	NIL	NIL





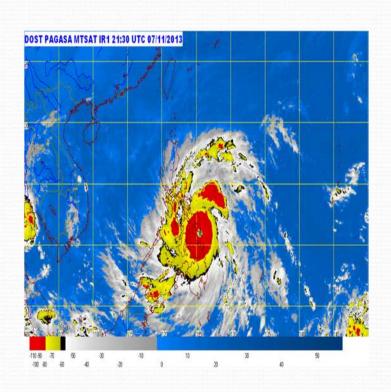
TC Forecast Track Map

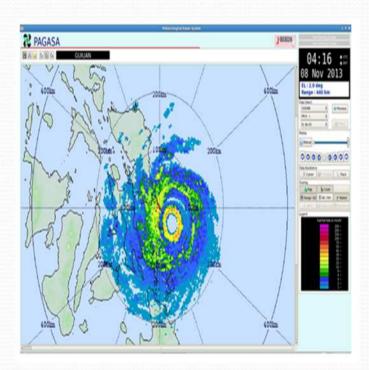


DATE/TIME	COORDINATES	INTENSITY/DIRECTION/SPEED	LOCATION/DISTANCE
11/11/2013			
8 AM	5.0 N/ 134.0 E	TD @ 55KPH / WEST @ 20KPH	925 KM SE OF HINATUAN
9 AM	5.0 N/ 133.8 E	TD @ 55KPH / WEST @ 20KPH	885 KM SE OF HINATUAN
10 AM	5.0 N/ 133.6 E	TD @ 55KPH / WEST @ 15KPH	870 KM SE OF HINATUAN

TC Hourly Update

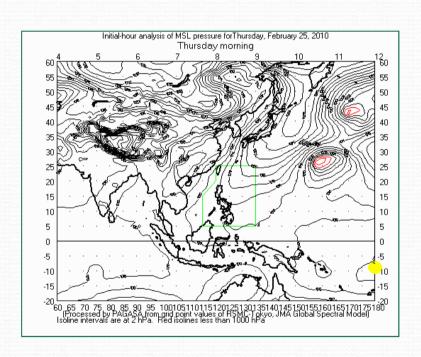


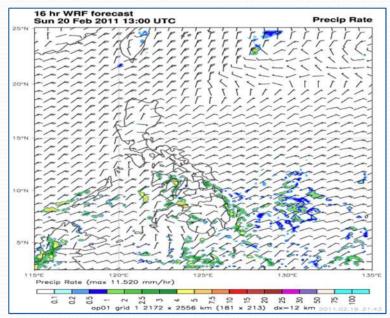




Hourly Satellite and Radar Imageries







NWP Products



1.4.2 Chalenges, Needs and Improvement Plans

- Ensuring that the Products are understood and received on time by the end-users.
- Automatic dissemination of products



2. Numerical Weather Prediction Status for Effective Warning

2.1 NWP in Operational Use

Model	Domain (square	Resolution (horizontal	Initial Time	Forecast Range	Run by (own/foreign
	degree)	& vertical)		(hours)	centers)
Global	20°S to	125 X 125	00, 06, 12,	84 and	JMA
Spectral	60°N, 60°E	km	18	198 hours	
Model	to 200°E,				
WRF	2°N to 25°N, 115°E to 135°E,	12 X12 km and 3X3 km	3 Hourly	84 hours	PAGASA
COSMO	2°N to 25°N, 115°E to 135°E,	2 X 2 KM	3 Hourly	120 hours	PAGASA



2.3 Challenges, Needs and Improvement Plans

- There is a need for a comprehensive training on the utilization of numerical model output and to have an ensemble analysis.
- The plan to provide Model Output Statistics (MOS) for each model to provide higher confidence on the output of each model.



3. Storm Surge

- PAGASA issues Storm Surge Warning
- It is included in the TC information
- Product refers to storm surge waveheight in meters

Storm Surge Model (on test run)

Model	Domain and	Forecast Range	Frequency	Considered factors (Tide/ensemble/
	resolution	(hours)		inundation, etc.)
JMA Storm	601 x 601	72 hours	Every 6	MSLP, Forecast track
Surge	pixel		hours	of the TC (lat/lon)
Model	2 min			and radius of
	resolution			maximum winds



4. Effective Warnings

4.1 Emergency Response for TC Disasters

4.1.1 Legal Framework for TC Disaster Management

In the Philippines, the disaster management is guided by Republic Act 101201 known as AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN. PAGASA as a member of the council is mandated to provide warnings and related information for community preparedness.



4.1.2 Emergency Response Mechanism

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) convenes to make preparatory steps to mitigate the adverse impact of a Tropical Cyclone and mobilizing member agencies during disaster for response such as evacuation and relief efforts. After the disaster, the council is still in charge with rehabilitation. The council is from the National level down to the smallest unit of the government which is the Barangay.



4.1.3 Organs Responsible for Warnings and Evacuation Orders

Severe Weather Phenomena	Organs responsible for Warnings	Organs responsible for Evacuation Orders
Tropical Cyclone	PAGASA	Local Government Unit
Heavy Rain	PAGASA	Local Government Unit
Strong Wind	PAGASA	Local Government Unit
River Flood	PAGASA	Local Government Unit
Storm Surge	PAGASA	Local Government Unit



4.2 Warnings/Advisories for Severe Weather Phenomena 4.2.1 Tropical Cyclone

Warnings/Advisories and corresponding emergency responses

Whenever a Tropical Cyclone enter or develop inside the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR), PAGASA issues a Severe Weather Bulletin Alert level if there is no public storm warning signals raised and if there is a necessity to raise storm warning signals, a Severe Weather Bulletin Warning level is issued to areas which are to be affected. These are promptly sent to the NDRMMC and a parallel dissemination to the National Offices down to the community level using all forms of media. The Local Government Units have the primary responsibility to undertake appropriate actions commensurate to the warning.



4.2.1 Tropical Cyclone

Potential Disaster Risks

- Strong Winds
- Flooding
- Landslides
- Storm Surge

Target (warning areas)

The Weather Advisory is issued to give general information regarding the TC while the Severe Weather Bulletin Alert/Warning is issued to warn provinces likely to be affected of the impending threat brought by a TC to the locality.



Meteorological variables/indices used for criteria/thresholds for warnings/advisories

- Surface wind intensity
- Rainfall amount

Criteria/Thresholds

For Strong Winds:

- Public Storm Warning Signal (PSWS) No. 1 winds of not more than 60 kph maybe expected in at least 36 hours*
- PSWS #2 winds of 61 to 100 kph may be expected in at I
 east 24 hours*
- PSWS #3 winds of 101 to 185 kph may be expected in at least 18 hours*
- PSWS #4 winds of more than 185 kph may be expected in at least 12 hours*

^{*} times are valid only the first time the signal numbers are raised



Contents of Warning/Advisory Message

- Areas where Public Storm Warning Signals are raised and potential impact of the winds
- MSLP / Range of surface wind intensity
- Storm surge height
- Estimated rainfall amount within the radius of the TC.
- Potential landslides areas



Sample Warning/Advisory Message

PSWS	LUZON	VISAYAS	MINDANAO	POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE WINDS
# 4 (Winds of more than 185 kph is expected in at least 12 hrs)	Extreme Northern Palawan including Calamian Group of Islands, Southern Occidental Mindoro and Southern Oriental Mindoro	Aklan, Capiz, Antique, Iloilo and Guimaras		 Coconut plantation may suffer extensive damage Many large trees maybe uprooted Rice and corn plantation may suffer severe losses Most residential and institutional buildings of mixed construction material maybe severely damaged



Sample Warning/Advisory Message

Sample of Additional warning/information

- Yolanda is now traversing Sulu Sea and expected to cross Calamian Group of Island between 8:00 9:00 pm then will exit the Philippine landmass this evening towards the West Philippine Sea.
- Estimated rainfall amount is from 10.0 20.0 mm per hour (Heavy Intense) within the **400 km** diameter out of the 600 km diameter of the Typhoon.
- Sea travel is risky over the seaboards of Northern Luzon and over the eastern seaboard of Central Luzon.
- Residents in low lying and mountainous areas under signal #4, #3, #2 and #1 are alerted against possible flashfloods and landslides. Likewise, those living in coastal areas under the aforementioned signal #4, #3 and #2 are alerted against storm surges which may reach up to 7-meter wave height.
- The public and the disaster risk reduction and management council concerned are advised to take appropriate actions and watch for the next bulletin to be issued at 11 PM today.



Warnings/Advisories and corresponding emergency responses

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING LEVELS

- YELLOW (Advisory) community AWARENESS.
 Monitor the weather condition in 2 hours and wait for the next PAGASA ADVISORY.
- •ORANGE (Alert) community PREPAREDNESS. Be on ALERT for possible EVACUATION.
- •RED (Action) community RESPONSE. EVACUATION.



Potential Disaster Risks

- YELLOW (Advisory) –
 FLOODING IS POSSIBLE in
 low lying areas and areas near
 the river-channel. LANDSLIDE
 IS POSSIBLE in mountainous
 areas.
- ORANGE (Alert) FLOODING is threatening. LANDSLIDE LIKELY in mountainous areas.
- RED (Action) SERIOUS
 FLOODING and LANDSLIDE IS
 EXPECTED in mountainous
 areas. Take precautionary
 measures.



Target (warning areas)	Cities or Municipalities
Meteorological variables/indices used for criteria/thresholds for warnings/advisories	Observed Rainfall and rainfall amount estimated from Doppler radars
Criteria/Thresholds	 YELLOW – rainfall observation is 7.5 mm to 15 mm within 1 hour is expected to fall and most likely to continue for the next 3 hours. ORANGE - rainfall observation is 15 mm up to 30 mm within 1 hour and most likely to continue or if continuous rainfall for the for the past 3 hours is more than 45 mm to 65 mm. RED - rainfall observation is more than 30 mm within 1 hour or if continuous rainfall for the past 3 hours is more than 65 mm.



Contents of Warning/Advisory Message

Contents/Information: weather system causing the heavy rains, warning level, areas to be affected (cities/municipalities), potential impact to the community, advice to the public as well as to concerned agencies and the time of the next issuance of the Warning/Advisory.



SAMPLE of Heavy Rainfall Warning

Weather System: Typhoon "YOLANDA"

Issued at: 4:00PM, 08 November 2013 (Thursday)

WARNING LEVELS	AREA/S	IMPACT
YELLOW	Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Quezon and Rizal	Possible FLOODING in low lying areas

The public and the disaster risk reduction and management council concerned are advised to MONITOR the weather condition and watch for the next advisory to be issued at 7pm today.

For more information and queries, please call at telephone numbers **927-1335**

and 927-2877 or log on to www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph.



4.2.3 Strong Winds

	WEATHER ADVISORY – AWARENESS
Warnings/Advisories and	WEATHER BULLETIN ALERT –
corresponding emergency	PREPAREDNESS
responses	WEATHER BULLETIN WARNING -
	RESPONSE
	WEATHER ADVISORY – NO RISK YET
	WEATHER BULLETIN ALERT – NO
	RISK YET TO THE COMMUNITY BUT
	SHIPPING SECTOR IS WARNED OF
Potential Disaster Risks	THE THREAT OF A TC
	WEATHER BULLETIN WARNING –
	RISKS FROM STRONG WINDS,
	HEAVY RAINFALL, FLOODS,
	LANDSLIDES AND STORM SURGES



4.2.3 Strong Winds

Target (warning areas)	• PROVINCES
Meteorological variables/indices used for criteria/thresholds for warnings/advisories	 ESTIMATED MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE SURFACE WIND INTENSITY
Criteria/Thresholds	 Public Storm Warning Signal (PSWS) No. 1 winds of not more than 60 kph maybe expected in at least 36 hours* PSWS #2 – winds of 61 to 100 kph may be expected in at least 24 hours* PSWS #3 – winds of 101 to 185 kph may be expected in at least 18 hours* PSWS #4 – winds of more than 185 kph may be expected in at least 12 hours* * times are valid only the first time the signal numbers are raised.



4.2.3 Strong Winds

Contents/Information: local name of the TC (if TC is a storm category, the International name given by RSMC is also included, time of issuance and its validity, impact statement as to what transpired during the past 6 hours, position/location of **Contents of Warning/Advisory** the TC, intensity, movement, areas with Message Storm Warning Signals and the potential impact of the wind, estimated rainfall amount within the radius of the TC, possible landslide and storm surge areas, state of the sea and other information and advice to the public and concerned agencies. Sample Warning/Advisory Same as 4.2.1 Message



4.2.4 River Flood

Warnings/Advisories and corresponding emergency responses

Flood Bulletin

- Flood forecasts issued in major telemetered river basins by the respective centers of the Pampanga, Agno, Bicol and Cagayan River Basins
- Prepared 2x daily during flood watch. In the event that there is a significant rise in the water level, an intermediate basin flood bulletin is issued at 10:00 AM and 10:00 PM.
- Time of issuance: Twice daily at 4:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- Contents / Information : Date and time of issuance, validity period of the bulletin, average basin rainfall (cumulative), forecast rainfall for the next 24 hours, expected hydrological response of the basin and its tributaries, advice to the concerned agencies to take appropriate measures.



General Flood Advisory

- Simplified flood bulletin.
- Issued when there is a significant rainfall based on past/current observation and the forecast rainfall from numerical weather prediction models, satellite based information and estimates from radar.
- Issued to non-telemetered river basins without flood early warning systems (FEWS).
- Hydrological information for the concerned public to be aware or prepare for the expected flood or high stream flow.

Time of issuance: Once daily or as the need arises **Contents/Information:** present weather, observed rainfall from the nearest PAGASA synoptic station, forecast rainfall, rivers that are likely to be affected, expected hydrological response of the river system and advice to the concerned agencies.

Warnings/Advisories and corresponding emergency responses



Below is the list of flood forecast terminologies used in the above mentioned warnings/advisories with the corresponding meaning to public.

FLOOD FORECAST TERMINOLOGIES	MEANING TO CONCERNED PUBLIC	
Flooding is possible	Suggest AWARENESS	
 ✓ In effect when the expected rise of station water level (WL) shall exceed LEVEL 4 within the next 24 hrs. 	Possibility of flooding within the next 24 hours.	
Flooding is threatening	Suggest PREPAREDNESS	
✓ In effect when the expected rise of WL exceeds LEVEL 6 within the next 24 hrs; or when the observed WL is between LEVEL 6 and 10.	Threat of flooding within the next 24 hours.	
Flooding is expected to persist	Suggests RESPONSE	
✓ In effect when the observed WL and the expected WL are below LEVEL 10 within the next 24 hours.	Flooding will remain or persist within the next 24 hours.	
Flooding is no longer possible / threatening / expected to persist	There is no prospect or possibility of flooding based on the observed and forecast rainfall.	
✓ In effect when the observed WL below Level 10 is generally receding and no immediate significant rise is expected.		



Potential Disaster Risks

1. Hydrological Forecast	Issued daily during non- flood watch period or during low flow periods or when the expected stream flow are generally normal.
2. Flood Bulletin	Issued during flood watch.
3. General Flood Advisory	Issued when there is a significant rainfall based on past/current observation and the forecast rainfall from numerical weather prediction models, satellite based information and estimates from radar.

*(Note): Please refer to the flood forecast terminologies table above for the corresponding effect or "risk"



Currently, flood forecasts are issued in major telemetered river basins in Luzon by their respective Flood Forecasting and Warning Centers (FFWC). Target areas are specified mainly considering the importance of areas, susceptibility to flood, and effectiveness of flood forecasting warning as follows:

Target (warning areas)

RIVER CENTERS	TARGET AREAS
Pampanga River FFWC	Provinces of Pampanga, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija ➤ Pampanga River from Sapang Buho to San Isidro ➤ Pampanga River from Arayat to Sulipan ➤ Candaba swamp and its surrounding areas
Agno River FFWC	- Provinces of Pangasinan and Tarlac ➤ Entire Pangasinan Plain including the major city/municipalities of Dagupan, Lingayen, Bugallon, Sta. Barbara, Bayambang and Rosales ➤ Central part of Tarlac province including the municipalities of Gerona, Tarlac, Paniqui and Moncada



Target (warning areas)

RIVER CENTERS	TARGET AREAS
Bicol River FFWC	- Provinces of Camarines and Albay ➤ Central part of the basin, from Lake Baao to Lake Bato ➤ Alluvial plain extending around Naga City ➤ Sipocot river basin downstream from Sipocot
Cagayan River FFWC.	- Provinces of Cagayan and Isabela ➤ Areas along the lower reaches from Tuguegarao to Aparri ➤ Alluvial plain along the river course from Ilagan to Tumauini, Isabela



Meteorological variables/indices used for criteria/threshol ds for warnings/advisor ies Real-time hydrometeorological data (hourly) such as <u>rainfall</u> and <u>water level</u> records are transmitted automatically to the RFFWC of the relevant river basin by telemetry system. The real-time data are also transmitted to the HMD-FFWS simultaneously by telecommunication system and/or other communication systems. The real-time data shall be used for flood forecasting and processed primarily for database.

In addition to the hydrometeorological data, other information and forecasting tools such as <u>satellite images</u>, <u>radar</u> <u>observations</u>, <u>weather forecast</u>, etc. shall be collected and referred to the flood forecaster.



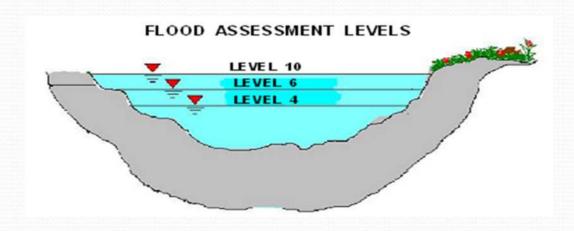
Certain water levels at the gauging station are utilized as reference to warn the people in the flood prone areas on the severity of the flood. Known as flood warning water levels (FWWLs), these of the PAGASA's FFW system are specified by the water levels equivalent to the specified percentage of the river capacity. The following table gives the definitions and the respective operational and forecasting significance of the FWWLs.

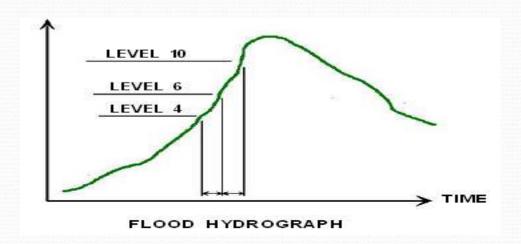
Contents of Warning/ Advisory Message

FLOOD WATER LEVELS

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Alert Level	The water level at the gauging station when the channel reach/lake/swamp the station representing, is estimated to be 40% full on the average.		
Alarm Level	The water level at the gauging station when the channel reach/lake/swamp the station representing, is estimated to be 60% full on the average.		
Critical Level	The water level at the gauging station when the channel reach/lake/swamp the station representing, is estimated to be 100% full.		









Sample Warning/Advisory Message People living near the mountain slopes of the above mentioned places are advised to be alert for possible occurrence of flash floods and landslides. Likewise, people living near or along the river course and those in the flood-prone/low-lying areas near the above mentioned river systems are advised to be alert for possible flooding. The local risk reduction and management councils are advised to take appropriate actions.





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Pampanga River Flood Forecasting and Warning Center, Hydro-Meteorology Division/NCR-PRSD
Brgy.Maimpis, San Fernando, Pampanga (Gov.Site) http://www.prffwc.webs.com

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BASIN EXPECTED RESPON		ONEONO! 24-110-010 ID IIII	
WATER LEVEL STATION (STN)	RIVER/ SWAMP WATER LEVEL (WL) TREND AT STATION	FLOOD SITUATION MESSAGE	PARTICULAR LOW- LYING AREAS
PAMPANGA RIVER (R.) SAPANG BUHO	NOW AT 6.65 M./ GRADUAL RECESSION TO REACH BELOW 6.50 M. CRITICAL WL	FLOODING IS NO LONGER EXPECTED TO PERSIST. A FINAL MESSAGE	PALAYAN CITY, NATIVIDAD, LLANERA
 MAYAPYAP 	NOW AT 4.55 M./ LEVELING OFF ABOVE 4.50 M. CRITICAL WL	FLOODING IS EXPECTED TO PERSIST UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON	STA. ROSA, SAN LEONARDO
SAN ISIDRO NOW AT 4.27 M./ RAPID RISI REACH ABOVE 6.00 M. CRIT WL		FLOODING IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR BEGINNING BEFORE SUNDOWN	SAN ISIDRO, CABIAC
NOW AT 5.30 M / GRADUAL RIS TO REACH ABOVE 6.00 M. ALA WL		FLOODING IS THREATENING BEGINNING EARLY AFTERNOON	CANDABA, SAN LUIS ARAYAT, SAN SIMON
Pampanga/ Trib. Angat R.: • Sulipan	NGAT R.: NOW AT 3.52 M / SLOW RISE TO		APALIT, CALUMPIT, SAN RAFAEL, PULILAN
TRIBUTARY RIVER: PEÑARANDA R. PEÑARANDA M. ALERT WL		(822	177
RIO CHICO R. ZARAGOZA RECESSION TO REACH BEL 12.50 M. ALARM WL		FLOODING IS NO LONGER EXPECTED TO OCCUR, A FINAL MESSAGE	SAN ANTONIO
SWAMP: NOW AT 3.90 M,/ GRADUAL F CANDABA TO REACH ABOVE 4.50 M. A WL		FLOODING IS THREATENING BEGINNING LATE AFTERNOON	SAN MIGUEL, SAN ILDEFONSO, PULILAN
ALLIED RIVER: ABACAN R. TO REACH BELOWM. ALE WL		FLOODING IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE. A FINAL MESSAGE	MEXICO, STA. ANA
GUAGUA R. • SASMUAN	NOW ATM/ STILL ABOVEM. ALERT WL	FLOODING IS POSSIBLE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING	SASMUAN, LUBAO, GUAGUA
COASTAL FLOODING IN	THE LOW-LYING SEASHORE AREAS	·	HAGONOY, PAOMBONG

THE RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS CONCERNED ARE ADVISED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION





4.2.5 Storm Surge

Warnings/Advisories and corresponding emergency responses	•	STORM SURGE WARNING – Evacuation of affected coastal areas.
Potential Disaster Risks	•	Possible loss of lives especially in coastal towns without storm surge resilient evacuation centers Damage to coastal infrastructure due to big waves and inundation.
Target (warning areas)	•	Provincial coastal areas
Meteorological variables/indices used for criteria/thresholds for warnings/advisories	 Estimated MSLP Forecast position of the TC Radius of maximum winds Contents/Information: The warning is included in the Weather Bulletin Warning and states the areas affected and the possible wave height of the storm surge in meters.	
Contents of Warning/Advisory Message		



4.2.5 Storm Surge

Sample Warning/Advisory Message

Residents in coastal areas under Public Storm Warning Signals #4, #3 and #2 are alerted against storm surges which may reach up to 7-meter wave height.



4.3 Supporting Meteorological Information for Warning/Advisory Messages

Name of Information	Potential Disaster Risks	Target (areas)	Issuance (update) Time	Contents
Lanslide Information	Landslides	Provinces	Incorporated in the TC Warning/Alert	Areas likely to be affected are warned about the threat of landslides



4.4 Institutional Coordination 4.4.1 Coordination with Disaster Management Authorities

Warning Coordination	PAGASA is a member of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) a body mandated to do disaster preparedness, response and rehabilitation.	
Needs from Disaster Management Authorities	Weather warning/advisories and information that is laymanized and can reach up to the barangay level.	



4.4.2 Partnership and Coordination with Media

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Broadcast, television and print media as well as the social media are actively involved in the dissemination of our warning/ advisories. Once a TC enters or develops inside the PAR, the Agency together with the NDRRMC immediately conducts a Press Conference and repeatedly do these until such time that the TC no longer poses a threat to the country. The PTV 4, a television channel owned by the government has set-up a studio right inside the premises of the Agency and airs hourly updates regarding the TC.

Needs from Media

Laymanized warnings/advisories



4.5 Challenges (and Future Plan)

A Tropical Cyclone Workstation and computing platform and better NWP products are much to be desired. Laymanized warnings/advisories that the general public as well as the Disaster Managers can easily understand and can receive on time so that they can carry out appropriate actions to mitigate the adverse effects brought about by a TC.





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