

DSWD DROMIC Final Preparedness for Response Report on the Mayon Volcano Seismic Activity

27 October 2022, 6PM

I. Brief Background on Mayon Volcano

- Mayon Volcano, called the world's most perfect volcanic cone because of the symmetry of its shape, has a base 80 miles (130 km) in circumference and rises to 8,077 feet (2,462 meters) from the shores of Albay Gulf.¹
- A highly active stratovolcano with recorded historical eruptions dating back to 1616. The most recent eruptive episode began in early January 2018 that consisted of phreatic explosions, steam-and-ash plumes, lava fountaining, and pyroclastic flows (BGVN 43:04). The previous report noted small but distinct thermal anomalies, gas-and-steam plumes, and slight inflation (BGVN 44:05) that continued to occur from May into mid-October 2019.
- Between May and October 2019, white gas-and-steam plumes rose to a maximum altitude of 800 m on 17 May 2019. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) reported that faint summit incandescence was frequently observed at night from May-July and Sentinel-2 thermal satellite imagery showed weaker thermal anomalies in September and October; the last anomaly was identified on 12 October. Average sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions as measured by PHIVOLCS generally varied between 469-774 tons/day; the high value of the period was on 25 July 2022 with 1,171 tons/day. Small SO₂ plumes were detected by the TROPOMI satellite instrument a few times during May-September 2019.²

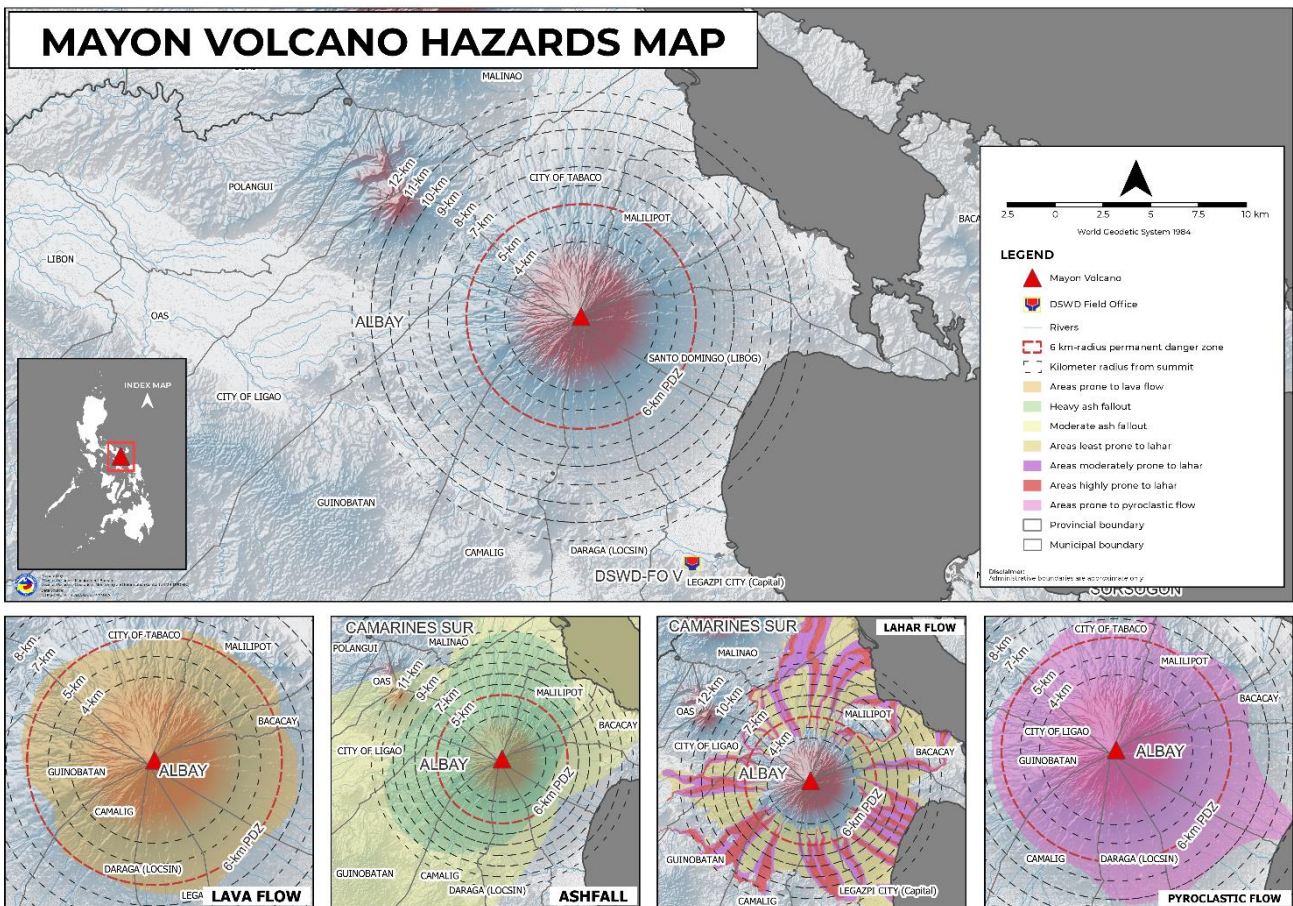
II. Situation Overview

- On 07 October 2022 at 3PM, the status of Mayon Volcano was raised from Alert Level 1 (Low-Level Unrest) to Alert Level 2 (Increasing Unrest).
- As of 27 October 2022, the Mayon Volcano Network did not detect any volcanic earthquake. Moderate emission of white steam-laden plumes that drifted to the general west was observed. Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission was last measured at an average of 260 tonnes/day on 13 October 2022. Based on ground deformation parameters from EDM, Precise Leveling, electronic tilt and continuous GPS monitoring, Mayon Volcano has been slightly inflated since 2020.
- Alert Level 2 (Increased Unrest) prevails over Mayon Volcano. The public is reminded that there is current unrest driven by shallow magmatic processes that could eventually lead to phreatic eruptions or even precede hazardous magmatic eruption. Entry into the six (6) kilometer-radius Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) is strictly prohibited to minimize risks from sudden explosions, rockfall and landslides. In case of ash fall events that may affect communities downwind of Mayon's crater, people should cover their nose and

¹ Britannica website (www.britannica.com)

² Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History – Global Volcanism Program (www.volcano.si.edu)

mouth with damp, clean cloth, or dust mask. Civil aviation authorities must also advise pilots to avoid flying close to the volcano’s summit as ash from any sudden eruption can be hazardous to aircraft. DOST-PHIVOLCS maintains close monitoring of Mayon Volcano and any new development will be communicated to all concerned stakeholders.³



III. Predictive Analytics for Humanitarian Response (PAHR)

A total of **15,734 families** or **78,692 persons** in **30 barangays** in **Region V** lying within the 6-kilometer (km) PDZ are at high risk on Mayon’s eruption. A massive eruption would directly affect **182,284 families** or **911,418 persons** spanning nine (9) municipalities in Province of Albay (see Table 1).

Table 1. Projected Affected Population

Affected Areas	6-km PDZ			Total Population (PSA 2022)		
	Barangays	Families	Persons	Barangays	Families	Persons
TOTAL	30	15,734	78,692	417	182,284	911,418
Bacacay	1	1,600	7,998	56	14,497	72,485
Camalig	4	1,567	7,833	50	14,408	72,042
City of Ligao	1	769	3,845	55	23,619	118,096

³ DOST-PHIVOLCS Mayon Volcano Bulletin issued on 27 October 2022, 8AM

Affected Areas	6-km PDZ			Total Population (PSA 2022)		
	Barangays	Families	Persons	Barangays	Families	Persons
City of Tabaco	5	2,856	14,281	47	28,192	140,961
Daraga	1	224	1,119	54	26,779	133,893
Guinobatan	4	1,951	9,755	44	17,157	85,786
Legazpi City	5	2,733	13,665	70	41,907	209,533
Malilipot	5	2,113	10,563	18	8,171	40,857
Santo Domingo	4	1,927	9,633	23	7,553	37,765

A total of **₱8,339,020.00** worth of **family food packs (FFPs)** is projected to be provided to **15,734 families** in the Province of Albay based on the 6-km PDZ. A massive eruption would require **182,284 FFPs** for the same number of families that would be directly affected, costing **₱96,610,520.00** for a two (2)-day food requirement for a family of five (5) members (see Table 2).

Table 2. Projected FFPs Requirement

Affected Areas	6-km PDZ		Total Population (PSA 2022)	
	Families	FFP Cost (₱)	Families	FFP Cost (₱)
TOTAL	15,734	8,339,020.00	182,284	96,610,520.00
Bacacay	1,600	848,000.00	14,497	7,683,410.00
Camalig	1,567	830,510.00	14,408	7,636,240.00
City of Ligao	769	407,570.00	23,619	12,518,070.00
City of Tabaco	2,856	1,513,680.00	28,192	14,192,870.00
Daraga	224	118,720.00	26,779	14,192,870.00
Guinobatan	1,951	1,034,030.00	17,157	9,093,210.00
Legazpi City	2,733	1,448,490.00	41,907	22,210,710.00
Malilipot	2,113	1,119,890.00	8,171	4,330,630.00
Santo Domingo	1,927	1,021,310.00	7,553	9,093,210.00

IV. Response Actions and Interventions

a. Standby Funds and Prepositioned Relief Stockpile

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS	STOCKPILE			TOTAL STANDBY FUNDS & STOCKPILE
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS		OTHER FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST		
TOTAL	450,291,995.05	562,252	353,548,615.38	680,643,113.52	1,484,483,723.95
DSWD CO	372,572,034.48	-	-	-	372,572,034.48
NRLMB NROC	-	45,031	34,410,860.00	143,995,298.06	178,406,158.06
NRLMB VDRC	-	31,329	19,725,765.00	30,590,360.00	50,316,125.00
DSWD FO V	5,000,000.00	34,483	20,182,493.12	40,064,577.87	65,247,070.99
Other FOs	72,719,960.57	451,409	279,229,497.26	465,992,877.59	817,942,335.42

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 27 October 2022, 4PM.

Sources: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱372.57 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5 million available at DSWD FO V.
- ₱72.72 million in other DSWD FOs which may support the relief needs through inter-FO augmentation.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 76,360 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 45,031 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 31,329 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 34,483 FFPs available at DSWD FO V.
- 451,409 FFPs in other DSWD FOs which may support the relief needs through inter-FO augmentation.
- ₱680.64 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO warehouses.

This is the final preparedness for response report on the Mayon Volcano Seismic Activity. The Disaster Response Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) of DSWD-DRMB continues to closely coordinate with DSWD FO V for the monitoring of Mayon Volcano and any request of Technical Assistance and Resource Augmentation (TARA).

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