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Update on Typhoon Karen:

Tally of damaged schools reaches 223

The Department of Education (DepEd) reports a total of 223 public schools damaged by Typhoon Karen, the effects of which were concentrated in Northern Luzon.

The total cost of the 223 schools amounted to PhP56.9 Million.

Records from the Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division, as of August 22, 2008 12 noon, show a total number of 100 schools damaged in the areas of Alaminos City, Vigan City, Ilocos Norte, and Laoag City in Region 1. The damages cost PhP15.22 Million for this region.

In Region 2, 54 schools in Nueva Vizcaya and eight (8) schools in Cagayan were damaged, amounting to PhP19.23 Million.

Damaged schools in Abra, a province in Cordillera Administrative Region, totaled 61, and cost PhP22.4 Million.

Education Chief Jesli Lopus ordered Undersecretary for Regional Operations Ramon Bacani to release an initial fund of PhP5 Million for every affected region.

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