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DepEd: “Frank’s” school building damages reached P303 million

In its latest update on the extent of damage brought by Typhoon Frank, the Department of Education reported that the estimated cost of damages in school buildings has reached over P303 million involving 458 damaged schools.

Region 8 (Eastern Visayas) is the hardest hit with 116 damaged schools. The cost of damage is estimated at P118 million.

To start immediate rehabilitation work, DepEd has submitted a request to the National Disaster Coordinating Council through the Department of National Defense for the release of initial funding amounting to P300 million for the replacement/repair/ rehabilitation of classrooms affected by typhoon Frank.

Aside from the National Capital Region which has 21 affected school buildings with damages placed at almost P38 million, the other region heavily affected by typhoon “Frank” was Region 6 which reported a total of 141 damaged schools with an estimated cost of some P30.3 million.

Region 4-B suffered from damages worth some P29 million arising from 56 destroyed schools while Region 4A has 30 affected schools whose estimated cost of damage amounted to P26.4 million.

Region 1 reported 42 damaged schools with estimated cost of damage at P24.5 million while Region 3 has 36 schools needing immediate rehabilitation. Damage estimate is placed at P20.7 million.

Lapus ordered immediate rehabilitation work to lessen impact on the holding of classes. “Repair and rehabilitation works should proceed promptly so as to minimize disruption in classes,” Lapus added.

Lapus reported that some 133 schools in the affected regions are being used as evacuation centers by some 1,291 families.

DepEd has set up a Calamity Information Center at its central office in Pasig City where updates and damage reports from the regions affected by typhoon “Frank” are consolidated for appropriate action.

“We continue to do onsite assessment and validation of reported damages,” Lapus said.

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