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DepEd mobilizes employees for relief work

The Department of Education has mobilized its personnel and emergency employees in the Central Office to promptly respond to the needs of its teachers, non-teaching personnel and pupils who suffered the brunt of Typhoon Ondoy.

“The spirit is alive and well at the department where various school divisions not affected by the devastation were quick to launch and send relief goods to the National Capital Region,” Education Secretary Jesli Lapus said.

“The devastation of this magnitude demands that we also exert extra effort to fully and urgently respond to the needs of those who are in need,” Lapus stressed.

Earlier, the DepEd regional office in the Cordillera Administrative Region sent sacks of assorted vegetables and blankets as a show of its solidarity with its Manila co-workers affected by the unprecedented flooding in the metropolis.

The Baguio City National High School staff and students headed by its principal Dr. Elma Donaal also sent 300 sacks of clothes, food items and blankets. “We express our appreciation to our colleagues in Baguio who left at 2am just to make sure that the relief goods are in Manila in the morning,” Lapus added.

Meanwhile, DepEd Region IV-A has distributed relief goods to evacuees staying in Exodus Elementary School in San Juan, Cainta and Angono High School, Angono, Rizal. Another 500 families in Karangalan Elementary School in Cainta, Rizal and affected personnel in Calamba and Sta. Rosa in Laguna also benefited from this effort.

“This is “bayanihan” or sense of community that we are talking about inside the classroom. Now we are seeing its concrete expression through these various expressions of compassion,” Lapus noted.

Lapus also ordered that communication lines be kept open between the head office and regional offices specifically in the NCR, IV-A and III to check on the status of schools being used as evacuation centers. Likewise, the damages wrought by Typhoon Pepeng in Regions II and I are being closely monitored by DepEd.

DepEd is currently preparing some 10,000 bags of relief goods consisting of rice, milk, coffee, canned goods and basic toiletries. Since Monday, DepEd personnel continue to work round-the-clock in packing relief goods which are promptly picked up and brought to distribution centers.

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DepEd is also tapping its private sector partners for possible donation of basic necessities. One of these is Colgate Palmolive Philippines which signified its intention to donate 10,000 pieces of 100 gram-toothpaste and toothbrush.

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