

# SERVE THE PEOPLE BRIGADE

## CORDILLERA DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK

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#### **Serve the People Brigade Extends Relief to 600 families in Baguio, Tublay, Itogon Other towns, provinces still needing urgent aid**

BAGUIO CITY—The Serve the People Brigade-Cordillera Disaster Response, through your generosity, was able to serve **388 families in Baguio City and 281 families in Tublay and Itogon, Benguet** as of October 15, 2009. Affected families in other areas of Baguio and Benguet and in other parts of the Cordillera especially Tadian, Mt. Province still need our help. They are in need food supplies especially rice, medicines and housing materials. We hope to deliver relief assistance to other parts of the region as soon as roads permit.



Donations have been pouring in since October 10, and as of this update report, the total estimated amount of goods collected is **P1,048, 219.50** and the total cash donations is **P168, 373.25**.

Relief operations were carried out today in Labilab, Loacan, Itogon, benefiting 20 families; 170 families in Gumatdang, 70 families in Dalicno, 35 families in Ampucao all in the same municipality. In Mines View Baguio City, 15 families benefited from the relief operations. They also claimed that the Brigade's mission is the first that came to them after Typhoon Pepeng.



Meanwhile, we share the following reports from Mountain Province and Kalinga:

***Dangerous road disaster in Labilab, Loacan, Itogon; the Brigade lets off relief goods at the farmers' cooperative***



***Family members and community pay their last respects to a family of six on their burial in Ucab, Itogon***

In Tadian, Mountain Province, latest LGU reports say that 53 persons in Kayan East and Bunga communities were retrieved. Twenty families or 120 individuals are directly affected by the disaster, with another 100 families indirectly affected. The retrieval operations ended just yesterday, where burial and necessary rituals were carried out. The people in Kayan East and Bunga have practically nothing to return to. Twelve households were totally wrecked in Betwagan municipality, 1 in Capinitan, and Sabangan municipality.

CPA Kalinga has reported that a total of 1,067 families are affected by the typhoon in Barangays Dupag, Nambaran and San

Juan in Tabuk municipality; Brgy. Tanglag in Lubuagan, Brgys. Gawaan and Poswoy in Balbalan; Brgys. Apatan and Baay in Pinukpuk, Brgy. Taluctoc in Tanudan, and Brgy. Bagtayan in Pasil.

The Brigade will now plan for the relief missions in Mankayan and Tadian, Mountain Province.

The serve the People Brigade-Cordillera Disaster Response is a joint project of the Center for Development Projects in the Cordillera (CDPC) and Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA). The Serve the People Brigade-Cordillera Disaster Response is accepting donations at #55 Ferguson Rd, Baguio City. For more information. Inquiries and interviews on the relief operations contact Santos Mero at 3044239, 09189199007, or 09209286370. # *With reports from CPA Kalinga, CPA Mountain Province, Itogon Inter Barangay Alliance*



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