



NEPA LAUNCHES RESCUE AND RELIEF DRIVE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

The country's pioneer non-government organization advocating economic nationalism, the National Economic Protectionism Association (NEPA), has launched a rescue and relief mission for victims of the torrential monsoon rains that hit the country recently.

Together with partner organizations like the Malay Democrats of the Philippines, the Tau Gamma Fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Rho Fraternity, NEPA launched relief operations in various parts of the country, particularly Quezon City, Marikina, CAMANAVA and Montalban.

The rescue missions began last Monday, August 6 as NEPA, together with approximately a hundred members of the Tau Gamma Phi Fraternity rescued several scores

of residents in submerged barangays in Montalban, Rizal. The rescue mission assisted residents of Brgy. Burgos, San Jose, Litex, Tibag, Madrigal, Santander, Marigold, Doña Maria and Kasiglahan who were all trapped within their houses as the floodwaters rose quickly. The rescue mission extended until the next day.

In cooperation with the UP Student Catholic Action (UPSCA) that provided food and other basic necessities, the third day was spent distributing relief goods and food packs for 300 affected residents in Montalban.

By August 9, NEPA mobilized volunteers to distribute 500 packs of relief goods from the office of Congressman Erin Tañada, still for flood victims in Montalban. The Association also assisted in the field investigation efforts done by OXFAM in affected areas. NEPA, in cooperation with the Alpha Kappa Rho Fraternity, also facilitated the distribution of 7,000 food packages provided by the Ateneo de Manila High School. The food packages were distributed in various evacuation centers in Quezon City, Pasig, Caloocan, Malabon and Navotas.

August 10, Day 5 of the relief operations, was spent coordinating with peasant communities in Pangasinan who were also devastated by the heavy rains. NEPA sent approximately 10 sacks of rice, along with 40 boxes of instant noodles, to farmer-victims in Calasiao and Binmaley, Pangasinan. NEPA President Bayan dela Cruz also spearheaded a feeding program for flood victims in South Triangle, QC.

According to NEPA President Bayan dela Cruz, the rescue and relief mission, dubbed Tulong Bayan, was the Association's way to help rebuild communities by channeling the spirit of Tangkilikan and Bayanihan among Filipinos.

"Amidst the tragedy wrought upon us by the heavy rains, the resilient spirit of the Filipino shines through. Now more than ever, we see the spirit of Tangkilikan and Bayanihan among our fellowmen as we join hands to rescue, lives, repair communities and rebuild the nation," dela Cruz said.

Dela Cruz also appealed to nationalist entrepreneurs, businessmen and concerned organizations to take part in the aforementioned relief efforts.

"There are still many things to be done. The Association is currently engaged in facilitating relief drives for communities in Pasig, Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela, while our fellowmen from Montalban and Quezon City still require our help and assistance. We are also planning a special relief drive for our

Dumagat brothers and other indigenous groups residing in Brgy. Macabod, Montalban. We are calling upon fellow entrepreneurs, industrialists, manufacturers, businessmen and like-minded organizations to lend a helping hand and join us in this worthwhile activity," he concluded.

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Tulong Bayan Rescue and Relief Operations

Timeline of Events

DATE	ACTIVITY	PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS	BENEFICIARIES
Day 1: August 6	Rescue Operations	Tau Gamma Phi Fraternity	Brgy. Burgos, San Jose, Litex, Tibag, Madrigal, Santander, Marigold, Doña Maria and Kasiglahan, Montalban
Day 2: August 7	Rescue Operations	Tau Gamma Phi Fraternity	Brgy. Burgos, San Jose, Litex, Tibag, Madrigal, Santander, Marigold, Doña Maria and Kasiglahan, Montalban
Day 3: August 8	Relief Operations Distribution of 300 food packages	Tau Gamma Phi Fraternity and the UP Student Catholic Action	Montalban
Day 4: August 9	Relief Operations Distribution of 500 packs of relief goods	Office of Congressman Erin Tañada	Montalban
	Distribution of 7,000 food packs	Alpha Kappa Rho Fraternity and Ateneo de Manila High School	Quezon City, Pasig, Malabon
	Feeding Program	Alpha Kappa Rho Fraternity	Brgy. South Triangle, Quezon City
	Field Investigation	OXFAM	
Day 5: August 10	Relief Operations Transport of 10 sacks of rice and 40 boxes of noodles		Peasant communities in Calasiao and Binmaley, Pangasinan
Ongoing	Facilitation of Relief Drive		Pasig, Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela
	Special Relief Operations		Indigenous peoples in Brgy. Macabod, Montalban