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UNITED STATES PROVIDES IMMEDIATE DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS FOR FAMILIES DISPLACED BY MAYON VOLCANO

In order to provide assistance to families facing prolonged stays in evacuation centers in the vicinity of Mount Mayon Volcano, U.S. Ambassador Kristie A. Kenney has authorized \$100,000 in immediate disaster relief assistance through the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The funds will support the purchase and distribution of food, shelter, water, and sanitation assistance for up to 47,000 beneficiaries affected in Albay Province. In coordination with the Philippine Government, the assistance is being delivered to the Philippine National Red Cross and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) by USAID.

“As a proud adopted daughter of Albay, I am particularly concerned about the well-being and health of the thousands of people in evacuation centers,” said U.S. Ambassador Kristie A. Kenney. “We want to do all we can to help make sure relief agencies have vital resources to help serve those in need,” she added.

“I have spoken with Governor Salceda of Albay and Senator Gordon of the Red Cross, and my Embassy team is in constant contact with Philippine officials and NGO representatives to determine how we can help local residents at this difficult time,” said Ambassador Kenney.

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