

Task force sent to help restore power in Eastern, Northern Samar

Electric cooperatives (ECs) in Eastern Visayas sent a 'Power Restoration Rapid Deployment' (PRRD) Task Force Kapatid to help re-establish electricity services in Eastern and Northern Samar provinces following the onslaught of Typhoon 'Ambo', (international name: 'Vongfong'), the country's first tropical cyclone this year.



Two separate teams assisted the Eastern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ESAMELCO) and Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORSAMELCO) with the power restoration activities.

The work included repair, rehabilitation, and comprehensive assessment of damage to power distribution facilities in the affected ECs according to Administrator Masongsong.

The PRRD Task Force Kapatid 'Ambo' was composed of 67 line workers and support personnel equipped with boom trucks and utility vehicles from nine participating power co-ops in Leyte, Southern Leyte, Samar and Biliran Island

The initial cost of damage incurred by ECs from Typhoon "Ambo" has reached PhP170 million.

Based on the reports received by the NEA Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (DRRMD), the typhoon caused an initial estimate of PhP170.215 million in damages to ECs operating in the provinces of Quezon, Marinduque, Sorsogon, Masbate, Western Samar, Eastern Samar, and Northern Samar.

NORSAMELCO suffered the most with an estimated damage at PhP72.944 million, followed by ESAMELCO at PhP55 million, Quezon I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO I) at PhP23.729 million, and Samar I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SAMELCO I) at PhP6.476 million.

Initial cost of damage to Masbate Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MASELCO) was pegged at PhP6.379 million; Quezon II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO II) at PhP3.375 million; Sorsogon I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SORECO I) at PhP1.340 million; Marinduque Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MARELCO) at PhP614,383; and Samar II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SAMELCO II) at PhP356,199. ###

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