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NEA: Power restored in parts of Bicol region; damage to power facilities due to 'Rolly' reaches P370 million

Power has been restored in some areas in the Bicol region, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) said Monday, as the estimated cost of damage to power distribution facilities from Typhoon 'Rolly' has increased to P370 million.

As of 3 p.m. Monday (November 09), the NEA Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (DRRMD) reported that more than 1.39 million households in Bicol and other provinces ravaged by the typhoon now have electricity. This translates to 66.49 percent of the 2,091,796 affected consumers.

Electric cooperatives (ECs) in these affected areas and the 'Power Restoration Rapid Deployment' Task Force Kapatid remain focused on restoring power to 700,948 households that are still without electricity.

Last week, NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong traveled to Bicol to check on the operations of the ECs there. The NEA chief also spoke with the members of Task Force Kapatid and thanked them for their services to speed up the restoration activities in calamity-stricken areas.

Based on the latest monitoring of NEA DRRMD, power supply in 12 municipalities of Camarines Norte covered by Camarines Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CANORECO) is now fully restored. Power situation in the province of Masbate, including Ticao Island, is also back to normal.

In Catanduanes, the entire coverage area of the First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FICELCO) is still for restoration.

In Camarines Sur, the Camarines Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CASURECO II) reported power has partially returned to Naga City and the municipalities of Pili, Milaor and Minalabac; while restoration is ongoing to the remaining six towns.

The Camarines Sur III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CASURECO III) has also partially restored power distribution services to the municipalities of Bula and Baao, while Iriga City and other areas within its franchise are still for restoration.

The Camarines Sur IV Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CASURECO IV), meanwhile, reported it has partially reconnected the municipalities of Ocampo, Garchitorena, Goa, Lagonoy, Sagnay, San Jose, and Tigaon; while the remaining two towns are undergoing restoration.

Electricity is also partially restored in Legazpi City and the municipalities of Daraga, Rapu-Rapu, and Santo Domingo under the coverage area of the Albay Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ALECO/APEC).

For Sorsogon, the Sorsogon II Electric Cooperative (SORECO II) said power is fully restored to Castilla, Barcelona, Gubat, and Prieto Diaz; and partially restored to Sorsogon City, Donsol, and Pilar.

In CALABARZON area, the Quezon II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO II), First Laguna Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FLECO), and Batangas I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BATELEC I) are already back to normal operations.

The Quezon I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO I), on the other hand, has restored power to 77.42 percent of consumers, while the Batangas II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BATELEC II) has attained 99.42 percent restoration level.

In MIMAROPA, Romblon Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ROMELCO) has fully restored power to all affected households; while the Marinduque Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MARELCO) reported restoration is 68 percent complete.

In Eastern Visayas, power situation in areas covered by the Samar II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SAMELCO II) is also normal; while the Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORSAMELCO) is 99.92 percent energized. ###

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