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NEA: Power restored to most areas hit by Tropical Depression Vicky

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) on Tuesday said work continues to restore electricity to the remaining areas serviced by three electric cooperatives (ECs) affected by the onslaught of Tropical Depression Vicky.

Based on the monitoring report of the NEA Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (DRRMD) as of Monday (December 21), power has been fully restored in many areas in the provinces of Surigao del Sur, Agusan del Sur, and Cagayan, days after Tropical Depression Vicky hit the country.

In Surigao del Sur, the Surigao del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO I) reported that power in the municipalities of Hinatuan and Barobo had been fully restored; while Bislig City, and the towns of Lingig and Tagbina were partially restored.

In the province of Agusan del Sur, the Agusan del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ASELCO) has completely restored power distribution services in Bayugan City, Esperanza, La Paz, Loreto, Prosperidad, Rosario, San Francisco, San Luis, Santa Josefa, Sibagat, Talacogon, Trento, and Veruela; and partially restored in Bunawan.

Meanwhile, in Cagayan, the Cagayan I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAGELCO I) reported that it has fully restored electricity in Baggao, Piat, Rizal, Santo Niño, Iguig, Peñablanca and Tuao; and partially restored in Tuguegarao City, and the towns of Alcala, Amulung, Enrile, and Solana.

The NEA DRRMD report also showed that SURSECO I suffered P1.524 million worth of damage due to the weather disturbance.

Tropical Depression Vicky, the 22nd tropical cyclone to enter the country this year and the first for December, left the Philippine area of responsibility on Sunday (December 20), according to state weather bureau PAGASA. ###

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