

**PRESIDENT FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.'s
PRESS BRIEFING**

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PRESIDENT FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR. : Hi, good morning. Yeah, nandoon naman – you were there in the meeting that we had with the NDRRMC and other representatives just to get an assessment ng yung naging effects ng typhoon ‘Karding’ dahil nga were very worried na malakas eh, nag-signal number five kaagad. But I think that we were able to prepare. Pag-uwi ko galing sa airport kahapon ng umaga, I started already talking to our NDRRMC, DILG, DSWD, DOST to find out what the situation is.

And so we started preparing at talaga if there’s one lesson I learned pag bagyo o pag-disaster kung pwede mong i-forecast is to plan well, mag-pre-position ng gamit, ng asset, paghanda mo na – Alam naman ninyo iyan eh. Ang kailangan diyan iyong may ire-rescue. Ang susunod diyan kailangan ng tubig, kailangan ng pagkain, kailangan ng shelter, tapos kailangan lang ng support, etcetera, alam naman natin ‘yan. Communication is essential; balik iyong kuryente.

So those are the things that we all know that we need to do kaya’t inunahan na namin. And so far, naging effective naman iyong aming response. Binabantayan pa rin natin. Ang inaalala ko na baka matagalan ay yung pagbalik ng kuryente because that always takes the most time. Anyway, that’s what we more or less assessed pero tuloy tuloy pa naman iyan, we still have to continue to assess, okay?

And then now we are going to fly and to see talaga. I wanted to see the level of the water — what the level of the water is. Tingnan natin how far we can go para ma – iba iyong nakikita mo eh.

So, I will not land in any place because from my experience, pagka nasa local government ka lalo na just after a typhoon marami silang trabaho. Pag bumaba ako kailangan nila akong i-welcome, kailangan nila ng iyong pulis sa akin, kailangan kukunin ko yung mga sasakyan nila so — eh ang dami nilang dapat gawin, so makaka-istorbo lang ako. Time will come, we’ll go, we’ll talk to them and see what else they need after the immediate emergency support, alright? Yes?

Moderator: Mr. President, we have a question from Ms. Sherrie Ann Torres of ABS-CBN.

Sherrie Ann Torres (ABS-CBN): Hi sir, good morning [inaudible] especially those in Polillo, in Polillo, Quezon. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARCOS: Well, presently what we are organizing is the airlift for food materials, food packs, water to Polillo because sabi nila iyon ang talagang – right now those were the first areas – iyon na muna ang tinamaan.

Then, after we get – after we attend to the basics again, food, water, shelter, they need clothes, all of these things. And then the DSWD is also prepared to provide AICS for them, for those that are going – that will need assistance. So, the whole range of assistance is prepared, is ready to go. But right now, having cash is really not very useful for them, so unahin natin yung mga immediate needs nila, and then when the time comes na magagamit na nila yung AICS, ibibigay natin sa kanila.

Moderator: Thank you very much, His Excellency. President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR. : Thank you.

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