



Regional Advisory No. 146, s. 2021
December 13, 2021

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PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY FOR TROPICAL DEPRESSION "ODETTE"

Per Advisory from the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), be informed of the following weather forecast:

- The tropical depression is forecast to move general west northwestward and will likely enter the PAR region as a severe tropical storm on Tuesday (14 December) evening. Once inside PAR, the domestic name "**ODETTE**" will be assigned to this tropical cyclone. The west northwestward movement is forecast to continue until Wednesday morning. Afterwards, the tropical cyclone will turn westward and may make landfall in the vicinity of Eastern Visayas or Caraga by Thursday afternoon or evening.
- This tropical cyclone is forecast to gradually intensify within the forecast period and may typhoon category by Wednesday. A peak intensity of around 150 km/h may be reached prior to landfall.
- Current track and intensity forecast shows that there is a high likelihood that Tropical Cyclone Wind Signals will be hoisted for Visayas, large portions of Mindanao, and several provinces in Southern Luzon due to the threat of strong to typhoon-force winds. The highest possible wind signal that may be hoisted is TCWS #3. Localities situated in the eastern portions of Visayas, and Mindanao may be placed under TCWS #1 as early as Tuesday afternoon or evening.
- The passage of this tropical cyclone over the central portion of the archipelago may bring heavy rainfall over Visayas, large portions of Mindanao, and several provinces in Southern Luzon. Coastal inundation due to high waves near the coast and storm surge are also possible for low-lying localities near and along the path of the typhoon.

PAGASA Recommendations on ODETTE for Caraga region:

1. Watch for PAGASA updates (*Severe Weather Bulletins, thunderstorms and heavy rainfall advisories, and Flood Advisories*). Latest information on TC is issued every 3-6 hours.
2. Monitor respective river(s) and Early Warning Signs (EWS) sensors/devices (rain gauges, water level monitoring). Heavy rains may be experienced over upstream areas, mountainous areas, and tributaries of your river(s) which will cause serious flooding in the downstream community.

3. Be mindful of the history of the location. Identify the areas with history of flooding and landslides. History may repeat itself especially now that a tropical cyclone is approaching. Refer to the list of barangays susceptible to floods and landslides.
4. Pay attention to the soil moisture content in the areas. Actual rainfall for Caraga in the past months is above normal. Flooding is more likely to happen due to surface runoff.
5. Impact of LPA/Odette over Caraga is expected beginning December 15, Wednesday afternoon or evening. Hazards to be expected are flooding, landslides, strong winds, and storm surges. All are advised to take precautionary measures against the impact associated with hydro-meteorological hazards which include flash floods, landslides, strong winds and storm surges.

For information and immediate dissemination to all DepEd Offices and schools.

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