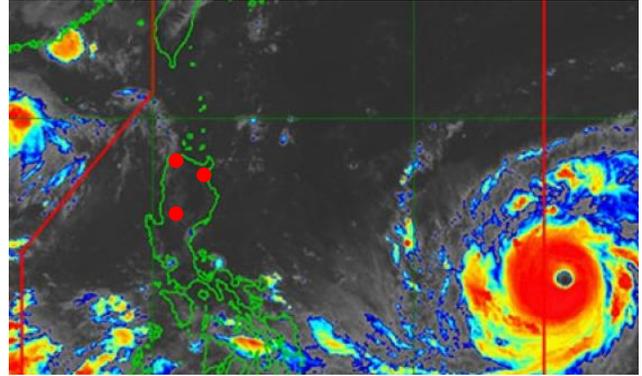


**ZONTIANS OF
DISTRICT 17 AREA 4
NORTHERN LUZON, PHILS.
SURVIVE AND RISE FROM
WRATH OF TYPHOON
MANGKHUT
September 15, 2018**



Area 4 has 7 Zonta Clubs. In the northeast tip are 3 Zonta Clubs: ZC Central Tuguegarao, ZC of Tuguegarao Foundation, and ZC Aparri. In the northwest tip is ZC of Ilocos Norte and at the southeast base are 3 clubs: ZC of Baguio, ZC of La Trinidad, and ZC of San Fernando La Union. Fortunately, there have been no negative reports about Zonta members though some may have experienced some damages to their homes and business units.

Typhoon's path directly hit Tuguegarao, Aparri, and Ilocos Norte causing damages to homes, flooding, and uprooting of trees. Zontians of Central Tuguegarao have prepared ahead of time food supplies for typhoon evacuees and were out feeding rescue volunteers and evacuees day after the typhoon.



ZC Central Tuguegarao have embarked on a new project of identifying and assisting 100 single moms who are in need of funds to repair their damaged homes headed by Past Area Director Mila Lauigan and Club President Dariegrace Mamuric. The club has some proceeds from a prior calamity fund but PAD Mila Lauigan has posted on Facebook appeal for additional funds for this project keeping 100 in mind for Zonta's Centennial Celebration.

All Zonta Clubs in Area 4 have been approached by civic organization for donations to the typhoon victims. ZC of Ilocos Norte currently asking for more donations for clothes and household items. Zonta San Fernando La Union has been approached to donate cash for purchase of roofing materials to repair damaged homes. ZC Aparri and ZC Tuguegarao Foundation have provided assistance to the

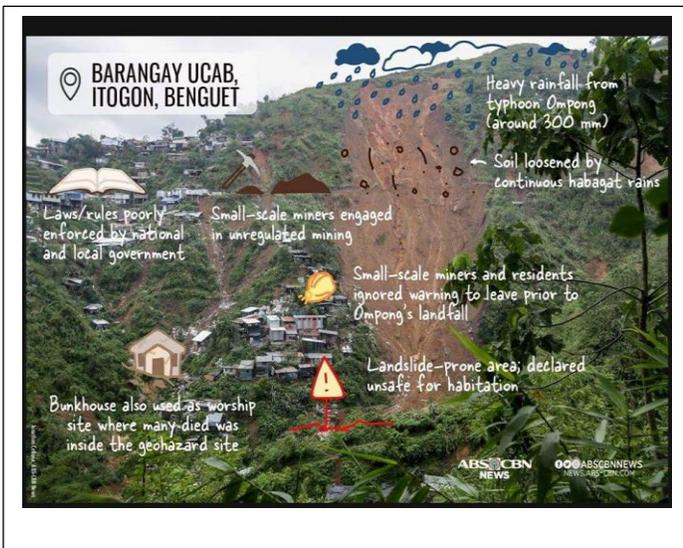
typhoon victims and will continue to monitor what additional assistance the typhoon victims in their immediate neighborhoods may need.

In Baguio and La Trinidad (a mountainous area) it had been raining for the past 2 months that it had softened the soil and with the strength of Typhoon Mangkhut it had caused devastating landslides , loss of lives, and uprooting of trees and bamboos.

In Baguio, there were landslides close to homes of Zontians as experienced by past Baguio President Angelita Dela Cruz and her staff who helped and rescued their neighbors /victims who were trapped inside their homes after a mud flow toppled and covered their homes. Despite the strong winds and rain, PP Angie brought the injured to the hospitals. There were a lot of landslides , damaged roads, and even flooding in Baguio City and La Trinidad.



Current Zonta Club of Baguio President Jennifer Balatian was approached by the military rescue units for donations to the landslide victims in Ucab, Itogon, about a 30 minute drive from Baguio. Baguio and La Trinidad Zontians were called upon to donate clothes and food for the victims and rescue workers. Zonta Baguio and La Trinidad will continue to monitor what other donations will be needed by the victims in the coming weeks and months.



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