



Kilusang Mayo Uno- Cordillera

August 2, 2012,

Dear Friends,

The rainy season in the Philippines starts from the month of June and lasts up to December, practically half of the year. This is also the season when many disasters happen. In the Cordillera region, year in and year out, heavy rains coupled with strong storms are to be blamed for loss of properties and lives. This is not to mention the destructive effects of large-scale mining operations and indiscriminate logging of big mining companies.

Since June this year, strong and heavy rains battered the Cordillera Region including Baguio City. Typhoon "Gener" (international codename Saola) brought heavy rains measuring to 246.4 millimeters of rain in a day. As the storm is exiting out, it left fatalities, injuries and more than a thousand numbers of families evacuated to safer places, houses either partially or fully damaged and big loss of agricultural farm products. School classes were suspended at all levels for several days. Some provinces are isolated due to landslides and floods. Farmers are stranded in the roads and main highways not until clearing operations are completed. Thousands of small scale miners and informal workers cannot work for several days due to the storm and continuous heavy rains.

Government agencies warned the residents of possible flashfloods and landslides. The weather bureau also said that stronger rains are expected as more low pressure areas and typhoons are coming.

The Kilusang Mayo Uno- Cordillera, appeals to your generous hearts to provide our brothers and sisters with much needed assistance from the wrath of Typhoon Gener.

The *TULONG ANAKPAWIS (Help from and for the toiling masses)* once again is leading a donation drive to help the victims of the typhoon. This is again a crucial time to let the needy feel the spirit of helping and sharing.

Food, bottled water, clothes, blankets, bed mats, sanitation and hygiene supplies (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disinfectant, alcohol) and financial assistance are the immediate needs of the victims.

Let us help in any way and every way we can and continue praying for strength and comfort of the victims. *Tulong Anakpawis* assures everyone that your donations are acknowledged and reach the people in need.

For your donations, please send them to our relief center at:

1st Floor CPA Building, # 55 Andress Bonifacio Brgy,
Ferguson Road, Baguio City 2600

For your cash donations please send it through:

CORDILLERA LABOUR CENTER
Peso Savings Account number 0940012774
Banco De Oro Universal Bank
Baguio- Legarda Branch, Legarda Road
2600 Baguio City, Philippines

We are hoping for your positive response. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cristina F. Torafing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Cristina F. Torafing