

Massive Floods in Bulacan, victims need potable water

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An aerial shot from a Philippine Air Force helicopter show the vast area flooded in Calumpit, Bulacan as dusk sets in.. *Photo by Rem Zamora for abs-cbnNEWS.com*

Technical Sergeant Estacio, Team Leader of Water Purification, with its Team and the Water purification System

Manila, Philippines - Massive flooding occurred after the Typhoon Pedring hits Bulacan and some areas in Central Luzon. Hundreds of families affected by the devastating flood awaited the relief from the LGU and different NGOs. Their primary concern is potable drinking water.

After the damage to property and livelihood, another challenge awaited the victims for survival. The need for safe and potable water for drinking and cooking, becomes difficult for the residents.

It was very timely that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) National Development Support Command (NADESCOM) sent a team together with the Latest Water Purification System in Hagonoy, Bulacan last Saturday (October 1, 2011) to provide a clean and safe drinking water for the residents. According to Technical Sergeant Edward Estacio PA, Water Purification Team leader, the machine is the latest and the most advanced Water Purification System the AFP has today. He added that it can produce up to 2000 gallons of clean and safe drinking water a day.

TSgt Estacio: (“Pagdating namin dito hanggang dibdib ang baha. Parang dagat ang palibot. Ang daming residente ang nangangailangan ng tubig. Kaya alas singko pa lang pina-paandar na namin itong makina at hanggang alas diyos sa gabi nag ooperate pa din kami.”).” When we arrived here, the flood was up to chest level and the area looked similar to a sea. Residents really needed potable water at this moment. So as early as 5am, we already start running the machine and still operates it even until 10pm.”