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MANILA BULLETIN:

Negros Occidental reports P11-M damage from armyworms

BY

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By GLAZYL MASCULINO

BACOLOD CITY – The province of Negros Occidental reported P10.8 million in damage to corn by fall armyworm in 38 barangays in one month.



THE province of Negros Occidental sustained P11 million in damage from armyworms. (Photo courtesy of Atty. Dino Yulo Facebook)

The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist said 1,117 farmers and 753.38 hectares of cornfield were affected by the infestation from June 1 to July 1.

Himamaylan City registered P3.1 million in damage, affecting 295 farmers and 177.36 hectares in Barangays III-Poblacion, 3, Buenavista, Carabalan, Caradio-an, Libacao, Mahalang, Mambagaton, San Antonio, and Talaban.

Moises Padilla had P2.4 million in damage, affecting 201 farmers and 166.25 hectares in Barangays Crossing Magallon, Inolingan, Macagahay, and Quintin Remo.

La Castellana reported P1.6-million crop damage in 70.91 in Barangays Biak na Bato, Cabacungan, Cabagnaan, Manghanoy, Puso, Robles, and Sag-ang. One-hundred seventy-four farmers were affected.

In Isabela town, damage was pegged at P1.6 million covering 182.12 hectares and affecting 262 farmers from Barangays 9, Camang-Camang, Cansalongon, Makilignit, Mansablay, San Agustin, and Sebuawan.

Murcia reported losses of P1.5 million, affecting 140 farmers and covering 121.54 hectares in Barangays Amayco, Canlandog, Buenavista, Minoyan, San Miguel, Pandanon, and Caliban.

Hinoba-an has the lowest crop damage at P439,485, affecting 45 farmers and 35.20 hectares in Barangays Bacuyangan, Culipapa, and Sangke.

The province is awaiting the official report and recommendations of a team of experts from the National Crop Protection Center of the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (NCPC-UPLB) which studied affected areas, particularly corn and sugarcane plantations in central Negros Occidental.

The team arrived last week and seeks to help farmers contain the fall armyworm infestation in affected local government units.

<https://mb.com.ph/2024/7/12/negros-occidental-reports-p11-m-damage-from-armyworms>

MANILA BULLETIN:

Gov't prepares Central Luzon for La Niña

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AT A GLANCE

Following the declaration of the official start of La Niña in the country, President Marcos said the government is taking measures to mitigate the effects of the rainy season on the people in Central Luzon.



President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. (Ryan Baldemor/PPA Pool)

In a speech in San Fernando, Pampanga on Friday, July 12, the President ensured that the government is prepared to address the effects of the rains expected to hit the country later this year.

“Batid din po namin na matapos ang labis na tag-init, ang malakas na ulan at baha naman ang [kakaharapin] natin na suliranin sa susunod na ilang buwan (We are aware that after the extreme heat, we will face heavy rains and floods in the coming months),” he said.

“Kaya po pinaghahandaan na natin ang pagdating ng tag-ulan (That's why we are now preparing for the rainy season),” he added.

According to Marcos, a standby fund worth P5 million has been allocated for disaster preparation for the region in the coming months.

In addition, a total of 204,577 family food packs and over P23 million worth of non-food items are already prepositioned in the region.

President Marcos said the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) finished in December the Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Measures for low-lying areas in Pampanga.

“Ito ay naglalayong mapabuti ang drainage system [at] mga daluyang [lumalagos sa] mga ilog, lalo na kapag umuulan nang malakas (This aims to improve the drainage systems and those leading to the rivers especially when its raining),” he said.

The DPWH has also completed two key projects in Lubao and Floridablanca to ensure the safety of residents against landslides.

The President was in Pampanga to personally distribute the presidential assistance to farmers, fisherfolk, and their families that were affected by El Niño during the first half of the year.

<https://mb.com.ph/2024/7/13/gov-t-prepares-central-luzon-for-la-nina>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

P183 million La Niña relief aid set for Central Luzon

[Helen Flores](#) - The Philippine Star

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Of the figure, P5 million will serve as a standby fund, P155.2 million for 204,577 food packs and P23.1 million for non-food items, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said in a statement.

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MANILA, Philippines — The government has readied P183.41 million in assistance to those likely to be affected by the looming La Niña in Central Luzon, considered the country’s rice granary, President Marcos announced yesterday.

“And now that the rainy season (has) arrived, your government is prepared for any impact it may have,” the President said during the distribution of assistance to El Niño-hit farmers and fisherfolk in Baler, Aurora.

“We already have pre-positioned relief supplies worth over P180 million for the entire Region 3,” Marcos said.

Of the figure, P5 million will serve as a standby fund, P155.2 million for 204,577 food packs and P23.1 million for non-food items, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said in a statement.

La Niña, a weather phenomenon associated with above normal rainfall, is expected to follow El Niño, which had caused drought in many parts of the country in the past several past months.

State climatologists said there is a 55 percent probability that La Niña may emerge in the last quarter of this year and persist until the first quarter of 2025.

With the President at the event held at Senator Edgardo J. Angara Convention Center in Baler were incoming education secretary Sen. Sonny Angara, who hails from Aurora; Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr., Social Welfare Secretary Rex Gatchalian and Special Assistant to the President Anton Lagdameo.

Marcos distributed a total of P147.6 million in assistance to affected farmers and fisherfolk in Aurora.

In his remarks, the President also cited the construction of the Aguang River Flood Control Structure Project in Baler, which could prevent flooding during heavy rains.

From Baler, the President also distributed government aid to farmers and fisherfolk in other parts of Central Luzon at an event in San Fernando City, Pampanga yesterday.

Among those present at the distribution of aid at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center were Pampanga Second District Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Tiu Laurel, Gatchalian, Lagdameo and local officials of Central Luzon.

The President handed over assistance to the provinces of Pampanga, Bataan, Bulacan, Tarlac, Zambales and Nueva Ecija, totaling P311.16 million.

The financial aid was received by select beneficiaries and Governors Dennis Pineda (Pampanga), Jose Enrique Garcia (Bataan), Dan Fernando (Bulacan), Susan Yap (Tarlac), Hermogenes Ebdane (Zambales) and Vice Gov. Emmanuel Antonio Umali (Nueva Ecija).

Marcos likewise assured the residents of Pampanga that the government is taking measures to mitigate the effects of the rainy season and the La Niña.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), he said, has completed the “Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption Measures” for low-lying areas in Pampanga.

The DPWH has also completed two key projects in Lubao and Floridablanca towns to ensure the safety of residents against landslides, Marcos added.

In her brief remarks, Arroyo thanked Marcos for the assistance extended to agricultural workers in Central Luzon, particularly on irrigation as she vowed Pampanga's support for the administration's rice self-sufficiency program.

Arroyo noted that Pampanga has 160 percent rice self-sufficiency, of which 60 percent goes to the National Capital Region and other areas in Luzon.

“So, with this huge support for Central Luzon, we can commit to add more assistance to other areas in the Philippines for your rice self-sufficiency program,” she said in Filipino.

El Niño caused P367.54 million in agricultural losses in Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Zambales and Tarlac, affecting 4,402 farmers based on government data.

Central Luzon remained the top producer of palay in the country, with 3.64 million metric tons or 18.1 percent share in the total palay production in 2023, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority.

<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2024/07/13/2369819/p183-million-la-nia-relief-aid-set-central-luzon>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

DA forms task force for salt industry R&D

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A salt farmer collects dried salt from the remaining salt beds of Barangay Sta. Isabel in Kawit, Cavite on August 24, 2022.

STAR / Edd Gumban

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Agriculture (DA) has formed a technical working group (TWG) to oversee research development and promotion of modern farming techniques in the salt industry in preparation for the implementation of the Philippine Salt Industry Development Act.

The TWG was formed through Special Order (SO) 1012 issued by Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr.

The TWG was created pursuant to Section 16 of Republic Act 11985 that mandates concerned DA agencies to develop the latest technology in salt production,

particularly those that would allow year-round output of the commodity even under erratic weather conditions.

The law also stipulated that the government must encourage the mechanization of salt production from pre- to post-harvest.

President Marcos signed the law last March with the goal of strengthening and revitalizing the country's domestic salt industry.

Tiu Laurel tasked the TWG to prepare the government's strategic research and development plan, including the necessary budgetary requirements, in compliance with the law.

The TWG shall also conduct a benchmarking on existing state-of-the-art salt technologies as well as develop, validate and verify latest salt production technologies.

Furthermore, the group would encourage the mechanization of various processes across the salt value chain.

It will also develop technologies that would promote alternative methods and cost-effective techniques on salt production.

The TWG will recommend to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) that required annual appropriations to implement the identified research and development and mechanization efforts aimed at developing the domestic salt industry.

Based on the SO, the TWG would be chaired by Ulysses Montojo, the chief of the Fisheries Postharvest Research and Development Division of the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI).

The co-chairperson would be Andres Tuates Jr. who heads the bioprocess engineering division of the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech).

Both the heads of NFRDI and PhilMech would serve as advisers of the TWG.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2024/07/13/2369724/da-forms-task-force-salt-industry-rd>

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FIRST PERSON - **Alex Magno** - The Philippine Star

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The Northern Davao Electric Cooperative (Nordeco) promised to install a submarine cable to stabilize power supply in the Samal Island by June 30, 2024. We are half a month past that self-imposed deadline and no cable exists.

Last May 23, Nordeco promised Sen. Raffy Tulfo, during a public hearing on the country's energy situation, that Samal would have an improved power situation in a month's time. The electric cooperative failed on that promise, too.

Nordeco, it seems, has been making promises simply to deflect criticism of its spotty performance. There have been calls in Congress to revoke the electric cooperative's franchise for all its failures.

Nordeco's failure to deliver reliable power supplies to its customers has been costly. Samal Mayor Al David Uy reported that his local government alone incurred P120 to P150 million in economic losses annually because of Nordeco's sloppy service.

In addition, the mayor estimates the tourism sector is losing P50 million every year. Local businesses report annual losses of P30 million. Homes sustained P50 million in damaged appliances due to sustained blackouts. Public services and infrastructure incurred P10 million in losses. Agriculture and fisheries suffered an additional P20 million in losses.

Because of Nordeco's failures, the constituency it serves has become an economic black hole in an otherwise progressive part of the country. This particular electric cooperative has the most egregious record for failure even in a country where inefficient electric coops are the norm.

Rather than work on improving the quality of its service and on fulfilling its mandate to properly serve its customers, Nordeco has used its franchise as a shield and its political clout as a weapon to quell valid complaints. The coop filed complaints against local leaders, such as Davao del Norte Gov. Edwin Jubahib, for seeking relief for harried consumers.

Instead of making the hard investments that will improve the reliability of power supply for the communities it is supposed to serve, Nordeco has delivered only failed promises. It has single-handedly quashed the tourism potential of Samal Island even as the national government is considering investing in a costly bridge to improve access.

In the face of utter failure, Congress has had political difficulty revoking Nordeco's franchise. The National Electrification Authority seems unwilling or unable to do anything about a failed electric coop, condemning the most promising part of an otherwise progressive region to darkness.

In many ways, the ugly situation Nordeco has created is a microcosm of how our problematic energy situation since the late 80s hollowed out our manufacturing, curtailed our economic growth and inflicted poverty on millions of Filipinos.

Labs

Our poor rating in human capital is due to a number of staggeringly difficult institutional failures.

We have a learning deficit. We have a serious malnutrition problem leading to intolerably high incidence of stunting among young Filipinos. Large swathes of our population have no access to quality health care.

These manifold problems limit the ability of our population to thrive in a competitive world. Each of these institutional problems require painstaking solutions and we will need some time to finally resolve them. Abundant focus and tenacity are needed.

During the 90s, the much-loved Juan Flavier, then secretary of health, launched an effective program to bring medical care to the remotest and poorest communities. He deployed medical students as "barefoot doctors" to serve communities unreached by available medical services. He urged young doctors to work in rural areas and disseminate know-how to the grassroots.

Flavier was so loved for his effort to disperse health care, he was tapped to run for the Senate. He hardly campaigned but won handily – although a Senate seat might not have been the best use of the man's talents.

Recently, Flavio's health care dispersal program "Doctors to the Barrios" has been resurrected, supported jointly by the Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare and Development. First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos has been very active in encouraging the rebirth of "Doctors to the Barrios" as the "Lab for All" program.

Instead of just deploying health workers, "Lab for All" deploys mobile clinics to bridge the gap in health care access. These mobile clinics are equipped with diagnostic tools and medical staff and are deployed to the underserved communities.

A staggering number of Filipinos have no access to doctors, much less to modern diagnostic technologies. The deployment of mobile clinics sidesteps the shortages in medical facilities we endure. Modern mobile diagnostics will help poor families get quality medical assessments before they become serious illnesses.

There are now mobile clinics operating in Baguio City, Subic, Bacolod and Zamboanga. They offer the full range of services, from basic medical checkups to specialized diagnostics. Over the next few months and years, the number of mobile clinics deployed is expected to grow dramatically.

"Lab for All" involves some commendable out-of-the-box thinking. Since we do not have enough grassroots medical facilities to serve the needs of all, health care and diagnostics can be brought to the remotest communities through mobile labs.

The deployment of mobile diagnostic labs must be understood, however, as an interim solution. Eventually, we must rebuild our health care system from the bottom up, establishing community-based clinics with primary care facilities accessible to all. It will, of course, take many years and substantial public investment to build a world-class health care system for our people.

In the meantime, the mobile labs will bring basic health care to the grassroots.

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

P29/kilo rice a ‘justifiable subsidy’

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This is to clarify certain items in the article “29/kilo rice giving false hope to the poor” published last July 8, 2024.

The Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food, Inc. (PCAFI) did not say that “by selling rice at P29 per kilo in Kadiwa outlets, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is giving false hope to the poor.”

First, I said that I spoke in my personal capacity, and not in behalf of PCAFI. Second, I do not believe that selling rice at P29 per kilo is giving false hope to the “poor,” unless claims are exaggerated.

Let me explain this in its proper context. When I was asked about this issue, I stated that this program is a good one. It gives a valid subsidy to the poor, which most governments throughout the world do. But if the government does not provide the required resources to sustain the program, this may lead to much disappointment from the poor.

The PCAFI and I fully support Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. and the Department of Agriculture in their efforts for true agriculture transformation. I have personally seen our Agriculture Secretary take bold and wise moves, despite strong opposition from vested interests.

In conclusion, I believe the P29 per kilo rice program he advocates gives the poor a justifiable subsidy that should be sustained as long as it needed. — **Danilo Fausto, Pcafi President**

<https://www.philstar.com/other-sections/letters-to-the-editor/2024/07/13/2369765/p29kilo-rice-justifiable-subsidy>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

In Central Luzon, El Niño-hit farmers, fishers get P313 million aid

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Pampanga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Friday distributed P313.6 million worth of assistance to Central Luzon farmers and fishermen who suffered from the dry spell and drought brought about by the El Niño weather phenomenon.

Over 4,000 farmers and fishermen reported incurring P64 million in losses, the President said in a speech at Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center in this Pampanga capital.

Of the P313.6 million in aid, P100 million from the Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk and Families-Ayuda sa Kapos ang Kita Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development was given in checks to seven provincial governments in the rice-producing region.

In Pampanga's case, the President handed P10,000 each to 10,000 farmers in the province, while the provincial government distributed food packs consisting of 5 kilos of rice and canned goods to them.

The Department of Agriculture extended P205.9 million worth of farm machinery, tools, fertilizer discount vouchers, and fuel subsidies, while the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority provided P3.3 million in organic agricultural production tool kits, training, and scholarships.

A livelihood support worth P705,000 was distributed by the Department of Labor and Employment, and P3.7 million in fishing equipment, boats, fish vending equipment, and smoked fish production packages was given by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

Former president and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo thanked Mr. Marcos for supporting irrigation development, saying the region's 160-percent rice sufficiency benefits Metro Manila.

Bracing for floods

Mr. Marcos said that around P183.41 million worth of relief supplies were already in place in Central Luzon as part of the government's efforts to brace for the impact of La Niña's rains on the region.

"We know that after the extreme drought, strong rains and floods will be coming in the next few months. This is why we are preparing for the onset of heavy rains," he said.

Mr. Marcos made a similar reassurance in Baler, Aurora, earlier in the day: "Now that the rainy season is coming, the government is ready for whatever effect that it may bring."

Of the P183.41 million relief supplies, P155.2 million is for 204,577 food packs, P23.1 million for nonfood items, and P5 million in standby funds.

“Although we pray that the rains and floods will not bring too much devastation, we have already set aside P5 million in standby funds for your region should you need it,” Mr. Marcos said.

He also assured residents of Central Luzon, considered to be the country’s food basket, that flood control measures are already in place to minimize floods in low-lying areas.

The President said the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) already completed its Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Measures in low-lying areas in Pampanga.

“This aims to improve drainage systems and waterways like rivers, especially in times of heavy rains. The DPWH also completed two projects in Lubao and Floridablanca to ensure that your farms are safe from landslides,” he said.

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1960577/in-central-luzon-el-nino-hit-farmers-fishers-get-p313-m-aid>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Illegally imported PH food products subject to USDA public health alert

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Philippine products subject to the USDA public health alert | PHOTOS: SDC Global Food Choice, Official Facebook page of Purefoods corned beef, ShopMetro, and Lady's Choice website

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MANILA, Philippines — A public health alert for illegally imported Filipino ready-to-eat food products was issued by the US Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) on Thursday (Manila time).

FSIS, in an announcement posted on its website dated July 10, 2024, said there have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consuming these products. However, the warning was only issued as the products do not bear any producing establishment information.

“The Philippines is a country not eligible to export meat and poultry products to the United States. FSIS is continuing to investigate how these products entered the country,” the department said in its alert.

The products subject to the public health alert include:

- **150-gram (g). can of Argentina Brand Corned Beef**
- **175-g. can of Argentina Brand Corned Beef**
- **260-g. can of Argentina Brand Corned Beef**
- **150-g. can of Purefoods Corned Beef**
- **210-g. can of Purefoods Corned Beef**
- **150-g. can of Chunkee Corned Beef**
- **190-g. can of Chunkee Corned Beef**
- **7.43-ounce Jar of Lady's Choice Chicken Spread**

The FSIS found these illegally imported products during routine surveillance activities at a retailer where these items were being sold.

These were discovered to be shipped to restaurants and retail locations in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Virginia.

“FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers’ and restaurants’ pantries and on retailers’ shelves. Retailers who have purchased the products are urged not to sell them,” the FSIS said.

It also said that “consumers and restaurants who have purchased these products are urged not to consume or serve them.”

They were also advised to “double bag the product when discarding it to reduce the possibility of animals accessing the product because USDA cannot confirm whether the products were properly heated to control pathogens of concern to domestic livestock and poultry.”

In the Philippines, these products have been approved by the Bureau of Food and Drugs Administration.

Last May, the FSIS also recalled over 16,000 pounds of raw ground beef possibly contaminated by the E-coli bacteria being sold at Walmart.

The bacteria is said to cause dehydration, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and possibly kidney failure, according to the FSIS.

Personal consumption items allowed

Sought for comment, the head of the Department of Trade and Industry's Export Marketing Bureau (DTI-EMB) said that the Philippines did not have market access for meat in the United States.

"These are likely parallel or gray market imports," DTI-EMB director Bianca Sykimte said in a message sent to the Inquirer.

Sykimte also mentioned that there were separate rules on the importation of meat in US for personal consumption, referring, for example, to those brought in by overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

According to FSIS rules, the entry of small quantities of meat, poultry, and egg products for personal consumption is permitted subject to its regulatory requirements.

Among others, this includes personal consumption consignments not exceeding 50 pounds for meat, poultry, or egg products, and having these limited to personal use cannot be sold or distributed.

Century Pacific reacts

For its part, Century Pacific Food Inc., which owns the mentioned Argentina products, confirmed the importation restrictions on its products in some countries.

“Certain markets, such as the USA, restricts the importation of meat and poultry products from several countries, including the Philippines,” the multinational food company said in a statement.

“As such, we source well-loved Argentina canned meat products from countries qualified by the USDA, such as Brazil and Australia and within the United States,” the company added.

—FELICE NAFARRETE (INTERNS)

<https://business.inquirer.net/468352/illegally-imported-filipino-food-products-subject-to-usda-public-health-alert>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Over P350-M aid given to farmers, fisherfolk in Central Luzon

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MANILA, Philippines — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. personally handed cash aid and other modes of assistance to farmers and fisherfolk from Central Luzon, particularly Aurora and Pampanga, whose livelihoods were affected by the El Niño phenomenon.

During his visits to Baler, Aurora and San Fernando, Pampanga on Friday, Marcos said he understands the problems that El Niño caused to agricultural workers in Central Luzon, hence the P205.5 million aid for those in Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, and Zambales, as well as the P147.6 million for Aurora.

“Upang makatulong sa inyong pagbangon at bilang pasasalamat sa inyong araw-araw na pagsisikap, kami po ay mamamahagi sa inyo ng ilang tulong pandagdag sa inyong kabuhayan,” he said to attendees in San Fernando, Pampanga.

(To help you recover and show our gratitude for your unwavering efforts, we are distributing some items that can assist your livelihood.)

“Bilang pambungad, masaya ko pong ibinabalita sa inyo na magbibigay ang [aking] tanggapan—ang Office of the President—ng [tig-sampung] libong piso para sa bawat benepisyaryong magsasaka, mangingisda, at mga pamilya na naapektuhan ng krisis,” he said, this time to farmers and fisherfolk in Baler, Aurora.

(To start things off, I am happy to announce that my office, the Office of the President, will give P10,000 aid to each fisherfolk, farmer, and their families affected by the crisis.)

Marcos also distributed a P10,000 cash aid for 10,000 beneficiaries in the Pampanga program and 10,000 others in Baler under the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Ayuda sa Kapos ang Kita (AKAP) program.

According to Marcos, the government is not only concerned about El Niño's effects, but also about the possibility of floods in the coming months due to a high chance of La Niña.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) characterizes El Niño as the unusual rise in average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, resulting in warmer waters.

El Niño was felt in several areas in the country, resulting in dry spells. However, Pagasa said that there is also a chance of La Niña — the opposite of El Niño, where SSTs decrease, leading to a higher chance of stronger storms.

“Batid din po namin na matapos ang labis na tag-init, ang malakas na ulan at baha naman ang [kakaharapin] natin na suliranin sa susunod na ilang buwan,” Marcos said.

(We also understand that with the waning heat comes strong rains and flooding, possibly in the next months.)

“Kaya po pinaghahandaan na natin ang pagdating ng tag-ulan,” he added.

(That's why we are preparing for the rainy season.)

Aside from the cash assistance, Marcos also led the distribution of the following farming and fishing equipment:

- **Machinery**
- **Boats**
- **Aid to beneficiaries of the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced (TUPAD) workers**

- Training support, scholarship grants, and starter tool kits to beneficiaries of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1960657/over-p350-m-aid-given-to-farmers-fisherfolk-in-central-luzon>

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Solon thanks Marcos for helping farmers in provinces, not for politics

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MANILA, Philippines — Senior Deputy Speaker Aurelio Gonzales Jr. has thanked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for continuing to visit provinces to hand assistance to farmers and other sectors, even if it is not for a political campaign.

Gonzales, who represents the 3rd District of Pampanga, said on Friday that what Marcos is doing is a campaign to better the lives of agricultural sector workers.

Marcos attended three events on Friday, including two separate distributions of cash aid and other modes of assistance to farmers and fisherfolk from Aurora and Pampanga, to help workers recover from the El Niño phenomenon's effects.

“Mr. President, nagpapasalamat po kami na this is not a political campaign, ang sabi nga po ang aking Speaker, Speaker Martin Romualdez [...] this is not a campaign, but this is a campaign para sa ating mga magsasaka kung paano maiangat ang kanilang kabuhayan,” Gonzales said in his speech before Marcos was introduced to the people in San Fernando, Pampanga.

(Mr. President, we thank you as this is not a political campaign, like what Speaker Martin Romualdez said [...] this is not a campaign, but this is a campaign for our farmers to improve the state of their livelihood.)

“Kampanya [ito] para [sa pagtatapos ng] sa kahirapan ng bawat Pilipino. Mabuhay ang Bagong Pilipinas,” he added.

(This is a campaign to end the suffering of Filipinos. Long live the New Philippines.)

Gonzales, who previously attended other aid distribution programs like those under the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair, said that Mindanao-based governors have been amazed by how Marcos has brought government services closer to the people.

“Ang sinasabi ng mga gobernador sa Mindanao, ang sinasabi po, ito lang ang pangulo na nilalapit niya ang mga national na tulong, ‘yong mga ayuda sa ating mga kababayan,” he said.

(Governors from Mindanao say that this is the only time they saw a President who has exerted effort to bring assistance like cash aid and services closer to the people.)

“Walang kalamidad, pero nandyan po ang ating pangulo, walang sawang tumutulong sa araw araw, sa pag-iikot niya. And I am witness to that,” he added.

(There’s no calamity, but the President is there, working tirelessly to help people when he visits different areas every day. And I am witness to that.)

Former president and now Pampanga 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo also thanked Marcos for helping not only her hometown but also the entire Central Luzon.

According to Arroyo, helping Central Luzon would go a long way because the products from the region will be sent to different parts of the country.

“Mahal na Pangulo, sa inyong permiso po, ako ay magpapasalamat hindi lamang sa ngalan ng mga kapwa ko Kapampangan, kung hindi na rin [para] sa mga buong Central Luzon, sa iyong tulong sa aming magsasaka,” she said.

(Dear President, with your permission, I would also like to thank you not only on behalf of Pampanga residents, but also on behalf of the entire Central Luzon, for helping our farmers.)

“Itong tulong po ninyo dito na dinala, pati na rin ‘yong inutos niyo na maglaan ng malaking pondo sa aming irrigation, ay ‘yon ay talagang makakatulong, hindi lamang po sa Central Luzon kung di na rin sa ibang bahagi ng Pilipinas dahil ang Central

Luzon ay nagpapakain sa ibang bahagi ng Pilipinas. Halimbawa po sa Pampanga, ang aming rice self-sufficiency ay 160%, so 60% ng aming ani ay pinapadala sa NCR at ibang bahagi ng Luzon,” she added.

(The assistance you brought here today, including your directive to place a big fund for irrigation here, will help not only Central Luzon but other parts of the country because it is Central Luzon that provides food for other parts of the country. For example, in Pampanga, our rice self-sufficiency rate is at 160%, so the extra 60% is being brought to NCR and other parts of Luzon.)

Marcos led the distribution of P205.5 million worth of aid to Pampanga, which will benefit farmers and fisherfolk from the province and its neighbors Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, and Zambales. Aurora, on the other hand, got an aid worth P147.6 million.

Marcos said the assistance is given not only to help farmers and fisherfolk recover after the El Niño episode but also as recognition of their hard work.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) characterizes El Niño as the unusual rise in average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, resulting in warmer waters.

But aside from El Niño, Marcos also raised concerns over the possible effects of La Niña — the opposite of El Niño, where SSTs decrease, leading to a higher chance of stronger storms — as Pagasa sees a high probability of the phenomenon existing. — *With reports from Moss Laygo, trainee*

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1960694/gonzales-thanks-marcos-for-visiting-provinces-even-if-its-not-a-political-campaign>

REMATE:

Nationwide rice price monitoring inilunsad ng gobyerno

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MANILA, Philippines – INILUNSAAD ng gobyerno ang nationwide rice price monitoring para i-assess ang epekto ng rice tariff reduction sa buong supply chain, mula importers hanggang retailers.

Sa katunayan, ang Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), sa pakikipagtulungan sa Department of Agriculture (DA), ay naglunsad ng ‘extensive price monitoring initiative’ sakop ang malawak na saklaw ng retail markets, kabilang na ang supermarkets, hypermarkets, at grocery stores sa ilalim ng hurisdiksyon ng DTI at maging ang wet markets sa ilalim ng DA.

Nauna rito, ipinalabas ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. ang Executive Order (EO) 62, noong nakaraang buwan, layon na bawasan ang taripa sa bigas mula 35% ay gawing 15% at taripa sa ibang agricultural products.

Sinabi naman ni Trade Secretary Alfredo Pascual, chairman ng National Price Coordinating Council (NPCC) na nananatili namang matatag ang departamento sa mahigpit na monitoring at analysis sa pagbabago-bago ng presyo ng bigas.

“These data-driven reports will inform policymakers’ decisions to ensure stable rice supply, distribution, and pricing,” ayon kay Pascual.

Binubuo ng mga Kalihim ng departamento ng kalakalan at agrikultura, at maging kinatawan ng ‘consumer, agricultural, trading, at manufacturing sectors’, ang NPCC ay may mahalagang papel sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa pagsisikap ng pamahalaan para patatagin at kontrolin ang presyo ng mahahalagang kalakal at pangunahing bilihin.

Samantala, pinuri naman ni Pascual ang mga miyembro ng Kongreso sa pagtiyak ng price stability at pagprotekta sa interest ng mga mamimili sa pamamagitan ng paglaban sa ‘hoarding, profiteering, at smuggling.’

“We at the DTI deeply appreciate the tireless work of these legislators in holding price manipulators and violators accountable. Their actions align perfectly with our mission to empower and care for consumers while fostering fair competition for legitimate businesses,” ani Pascual. *Kris Jose*

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REMATE:

Toxic red tide naitala sa Bohol, 3 iba pang lugar

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MANILA, Philippines – Naitala sa ilang bahagi ng Bohol at tatlo iba pang lugar ang toxic red tide, ayon sa Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) nitong Biyernes, Hulyo 12.

Sa shellfish bulletin ng ahensya, nagpositibo sa paralytic shellfish poison o toxic red tide na higit sa regulatory limit ang mga lamang-dagat mula sa coastal waters ng Dauis at Tagbilaran City sa Bohol; Dumanquillas Bay sa Zamboanga del Sur; coastal waters ng San Benito sa Surigao del Norte; at Honda Bay sa Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

Nagbabala ang BFAR sa publiko sa pagharvest, pagbebenta, pagbili at pagkain ng mga shellfish na nakuha mula sa mga nabanggit na lugar.

“All types of shellfish and Acetes sp. or alamang gathered from the areas shown above are NOT SAFE for human consumption,” ayon sa BFAR.

Samantala, ang mga “fish, squids, shrimps, and crabs are SAFE for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking,” dagdag pa. *RNT/JGC*

<https://remate.ph/toxic-red-tide-naitala-sa-bohol-3-iba-pang-lugar/>

REMATE:

P11M pinsala sa agrikultura sa Negros naitala sa armyworms

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MANILA, Philippines – Iniulat ng probinsya ng Negros Occidental ang P10.8 milyong halaga ng pinsala sa mga tanim na mais dahil sa armyworm sa 38 barangay sa loob lamang ng isang buwan.

Sinabi ng Office of the Provincial Agriculturist na nasa 1,117 magsasaka at 753.38 ektarya ng maisan ang apektado ng pamemeste ng armyworm mula Hunyo 1 hanggang Hulyo 1.

Naitala sa Himamaylan City ang P3.1 milyong halaga ng pinsala kung saan apektado ang 295 magsasaka at 177.36 ektarya sa mga barangay ng Barangay III-Poblacion, 3, Buenavista, Carabalan, Caradio-an, Libacao, Mahalang, Mambagaton, San Antonio, at Talaban.

Naitala naman sa Moises Padilla ang P2.4 million halaga ng pinsala sa 201 magsasaka at 166.25 ektarya sa Barangays Crossing Magallon, Inolingan, Macagahay, at Quintin Remo.

Samantala, iniulat sa La Castellana ang P1.6-million pinsala sa mga pananim sa 70.91 ektarya sa Barangays Biak na Bato, Cabacungan, Cabagnaan, Manghanoy, Puso, Robles, at Sag-ang. Isandaan at pitumpit apat na magsasaka ang apektado rito.

Habang sa bayan ng Isabela, umabot sa P1.6 milyon ang pinsala sakop ang 182.12 ektarya at 262 magsasaka mula Barangays 9, Camang-Camang, Cansalongon, Makilignit, Mansablay, San Agustin, at Sebuawan.

Naitala naman sa Murcia ang pinsalang P1.5 million, apektado ang 140 magsasaka at 121.54 ektarya sa Barangays Amayco, Canlandog, Buenavista, Minoyan, San Miguel, Pandanon, at Caliban.

May pinakamababang crop damage naman ang Hinoba-an sa P439,485, apektado ang 45 magsasaka at 35.20 ektarya sa Barangays Bacuyangan, Culipapa, at Sangke.

Naghihintay pa ang probinsya ng official report at rekomendasyon kasunod ng pag-aaral ng team of experts mula sa National Crop Protection Center ng University of the Philippines-Los Baños (NCPC-UPLB) sa mga apektadong lugar. *RNT/JGC*

<https://remate.ph/p11m-pinsala-sa-agrikultura-sa-negros-naitala-sa-armyworms/>

P183m allocated vs. La Niña—PBBM



TIMELY AID. President Marcos distributes financial assistance to beneficiaries from San Fernando, Pampanga. A total of P205.58 million in financial aid was delivered to the Central Luzon province. PPA Pool

By Charles Dantes & Rio N. Araja
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Around P183.41 million in relief supplies have been prepared by the government to ready Central Luzon for possible La Niña impact, according to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

This includes P5 million in standby funds, P155.2 million for 204,577 food packs, and P23.1 million for non-food items.

“And now, with the rainy season coming, your government is also prepared for whatever effects it may bring,” Mr. Marcos said during aid distribution to farmers and fisherfolk in Aurora.

He also highlighted the Aguang River Flood Control Structure Project in Baler, which aims to protect lives and properties from flooding during heavy rains.

Aurora and Nueva Ecija will see near-normal rainfall this month, with below-normal levels in other provinces. By August and September, near-normal rainfall is expected across Central Luzon, with above-normal levels projected in Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, and Zambales by November.

The entire region is forecasted to experience above-normal rainfall from October to December.

The President addressed the impact of El Niño, which caused P367.54 million in agricultural losses for 4,402 farmers in Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Zambales, and Tarlac.

Meanwhile, Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Loyzaga pledged on Friday to address the impacts of climate change not only in the Philippines but globally. This announcement follows the Philippines' selection as the host nation for the Loss and Damage Fund (LDF) board.

Loyzaga said this is a welcome development for the Philippines as one of the countries most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

“The Loss and Damage Fund is a long-fought struggle to directly assist those who bear the greatest impact of climate-induced losses and damage to recover and build. We take on this responsibility in solidarity with all countries vulnerable to the impacts of climate change,” she said.

Loyzaga emphasized the unique challenges faced by the Philippines, citing its geography within the Pacific Ring of Fire and the Typhoon Belt, which exposes it to frequent and severe natural disasters.

“Our large growing population and our steady economic growth are factors resulting in the singular distinction of being among the world’s countries at highest risk for several years running,” according to Loyzaga.

“While this distinction is by no means enviable, it also highlights the reality that climate hazards are a fact of life for all Filipinos,” she added.

Loyzaga suggested that these challenges are why the Philippines has become a strong advocate for climate-vulnerable countries.

The LDF Board was established to support countries struggling to cope with the impacts of climate change, particularly those unable to meet the demands of the Paris Agreement.

“This is an essential step for us to take, especially for those climate vulnerable countries in the world,” Loyzaga said.

“Our being chosen as the host of the Loss and Damage Fund Board is a choice really for all climate vulnerable countries. The Philippines has always been and will continue to be in firm solidarity with all climate vulnerable and developing countries on this issue,” she noted.

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<https://www.manilastandard.net/news/314470653/govt-readies-p183-m-relief-supplies-for-possible-la-nina-impact-in-central-luzon.html>

NCR food distribution system to be improved

By Janine Alexis Miguel

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THE government aims to decongest food distribution in Metro Manila by redirecting some deliveries through Clark and other potential hubs, a Department of Trade (DoTr) official said.

During an interview with The Manila Times, Trade Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco said the three-year food logistics plan could revolutionize the country's food distribution system.

Pacheco said consumers worry about high food prices "because there's inefficiency in the system."



TRADE TALK Trade Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco (right) talks about the Internet Transactions Act and the government's three-year food logistics agenda with The Manila Times Business columnist Ben Kritz and trade reporter Janine Alexis Miguel inside the TMT Newsroom on July 12, 2024. PHOTO BY RENE H. DILAN

The plan includes the digitalization of food terminals, streamlining the process, and reducing costs by linking buyers directly to suppliers through information technology solutions.

Pacheco said food deliveries pass through reaching the market.

"Once you get it from the farm, how many traders you're passing it on? So that part is what we're trying to do under the food logistics agenda by making it more efficient," she said.

The plan incorporates six strategies, with the primary focus on reducing wastage and high food prices.

Pacheco said one of the initiatives is the establishment of a national food hub in Clark, Pampanga, that will serve as a central point for produce from various regions like Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija, Benguet and Quezon.

"It will decongest Manila, [and] let's just do it in Clark, so all the buyers can go to Clark," she said.

On Friday, a memorandum of agreement was signed between the Clark International Airport Corp., Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the Public Private Partnership Center for technical advisory services to set up the National Food Hub.

The ADB will provide market-facing transaction advisory services and technical assistance.

Pacheco said there also are plans to expand the food hub to include Cebu and Davao.

The three-year agenda forms part of a broader 10-year food logistics strategy developed by the Department of Agriculture.

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2024/07/13/news/national/ncr-food-distribution-system-to-be-improved/1956989>

4,700 Cavite farmers get cash aid

By Dennis Abrina

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DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. led the distribution of P26.87 million in financial assistance to the local governments of Cavite and Rizal to help farmers and fisherfolk affected by the El Niño phenomenon on Thursday at Dasmariñas Arena in Barangay Burol Main here.

Marcos handed P12.36 million check to Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla and P14.51 million to Rizal Gov. Nina Ynares.



CASH AID President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. (3rd from right) with beneficiaries during the delivery of assistance to farmers, fishers, and families affected by El Niño in Cavite and Rizal provinces in a ceremony held in Dasmariñas City, Cavite, on July 11, 2024. PHOTO BY DENNIS ABRINA

"Kung [kaya't] kami ay naririto upang magbigay ng tulong pinansyal at iba pang suporta sa mga naapektuhan [nating] mga magsasaka, na

mga mangingisda, at kasama din po ryan ang kanilang mga pamilya (We are here to provide financial assistance and support to our farmers and fishermen affected by El Niño)," the President said in his speech.

Over 4,700 farmers and fisherfolk were affected by El Niño in the Southern Tagalog region.

Thousands of fishermen and farmers in Cavite attended the distribution where they received P10,000 worth of financial assistance from the Chief Executive under the Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolks and their Families or PAFFF program.



President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. leads the distribution of Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Families (PAFFF) from Central Luzon affected by El Niño on July 12, 2024, at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center in San Fernando, Pampanga. PPA POOL / JOHN RYAN BALDEMOR

Also present during the program were Caviteño Senators Bong Revilla and Francis Tolentino, Cavite lawmakers Jolo Revilla III (first district), Rep. Lani Mercado Revilla (second district), Rep. Adrian Jay Advincula (third district), Rep. Roy Loyola (fifth district), Rep. Antonio Ferrer (sixth district), Rep. Ping Remulla (seventh

district), Rep. Aniella Tolentino (eighth district) and Bryan Revilla (Agimat Partylist).

Cavite mayors present were Denver Chua of Cavite City, Angelo Aguinaldo of Kawit, Alex Advincula of Imus City, Jenny Barzaga of Dasmariñas City, Maricel Torres of GMA, Acting Mayor Ted Carranza, Abraham Tolentino of Tagaytay City, Umber Arca of Maragondon, Raffy Dualan of Naic and Dennis Glean of Bailen.

PAFFF is a great help to the 12,000 Caviteño farmers and fishermen who received financial assistance and equipment that they can use in their daily livelihood to recover from the effects of El Niño, said Rep. Jolo Revilla.

The Department of Agriculture distributed farm machinery and equipment including tractors, a combine harvester, multi-tillers, a rice thresher, hauling trucks, and pump and engine sets.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources distributed motorized bancas and various fishing equipment for fishermen in the coastal areas of the province of Cavite

The Department of Labor and Employment (DoLE) provided P2.17 million under its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (Tupad) program to support 418 beneficiaries.

Another P1.02 million was distributed by DoLE to 50 recipients through its Integrated Livelihood Program.

Meanwhile, P28.20 million in scholarship referrals was given by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority. The agency also distributed starter toolkits worth P251,696 and training support funds worth P141,000.

The Department of Trade and Industry will also provide assistance through its One Town One Product Next Gen Program, Coconut

Farmers Industry Development Fund, and Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

The agency will also provide aid through its Kapatid Mentor Me Program.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development will extend P10,000 in financial assistance to 12,000 beneficiaries in Cavite under its Ayuda sa Kapos ang Kita Program.

Each participant of the occasion received five kilos of rice from the Office of Speaker Martin Romualdez of the House of Representatives.

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2024/07/13/regions/4700-cavite-farmers-get-cash-aid/1956927>

ABANTE TONITE

DTI, DA babantayan epekto ng tapyas-taripa sa presyo ng bigas

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Magsasagawa ng nationwide rice price monitoring ang pamahalaan sa mga palengke at iba pang establisimiyento upang malaman ang epekto ng ipinatupad na tapyas-taripa sa imported na bigas.

Sa pahayag ng Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) nitong Sabado, Hulyo 13, partner sila ng Department of Agriculture (DA) sa price monitoring sa mga palengke, supermarket, hypermarket, at grocery stores.

Mula sa 35%, ibinaba sa 15% ang taripa sa imported na bigas at iba pang produktong agrikultural alinsunod sa Executive Order No. 62 na inilabas ng Malacañang noong buwan ng Hunyo.

Ayon kay DTI Secretary Alfredo Pascual, kailangang gawin ang nationwide monitoring matiyak na magiging matatag ang suplay at presyo ng bigas.

“These data-driven reports will inform policymakers’ decisions to ensure stable rice supply, distribution, and pricing,” aniya.

Bukod sa DTI at DA, kasama rin sa price monitoring ang mga kinatawan mula sa consumer, agricultural, trading at manufacturing sectors para sa layuning maging matatag at kontrolado ang presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihan sa bansa. (PNA)

<https://tonite.abante.com.ph/2024/07/13/dti-da-babantayan-epekto-ng-tapyas-taripa-sa-presyo-ng-bigas>

Pangulong Marcos: P183.4 milyong relief handa na sa Central Luzon vs La Niña

[Gemma Garcia](#)

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MANILA, Philippines — Naghanda na ng P183.4 milyong relief supplies ang pamahalaan para sa papasok na panahon ng tag-ulan o La Niña sa mga taga-Region 3 o Central Luzon.

Sa talumpati ni Pangulong Marcos sa pamamahagi ng Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk and Families sa Senator Edgardo Angara Convention Center sa Baler, Aurora, sinabi ni Pangulong Marcos na natapos na ang konstruksyon ng Aguang River Flood Control Structure Project sa Baler.

Malaking tulong aniya ito upang mapigilan ang matinding pagbaha at malaking pinsala na dulot ng pag-apaw ng Aguang River.

Bukod rito, ginagawa na rin aniya ang pagsemento ng daan na nag-uugnay sa mga taniman ng niyog mula sa bayan ng Dinalungan patungo sa iba't ibang pamilihan sa lalawigan ng Aurora.

Sinabi pa ni Pangulong Marcos na halos kalahati na rin ang natapos sa pagpapagawa ng Dingalan–Baler Road Project na nagkakahalaga ng mahigit P4 bilyon. Ito ay direktang mag-uugnay sa dalawang tanyag na bayan ng Aurora upang mas mapabilis pa ang daloy ng kalakal, transportasyon, at turismo sa lugar.

Hinahanapan na rin ng solusyon ni Pangulong Marcos ang mga inabandonang proyekto ng APECO na nagkakahalaga ng halos P800 milyon. Patuloy din aniya ang pagbabalangkas sa paggawa ng Baler Airport Development Project.

<https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/probinsiya/2024/07/13/2369798/pangulong-marcos-p1834-milyong-relief-handa-na-sa-central-luzon-vs-la-nia>