

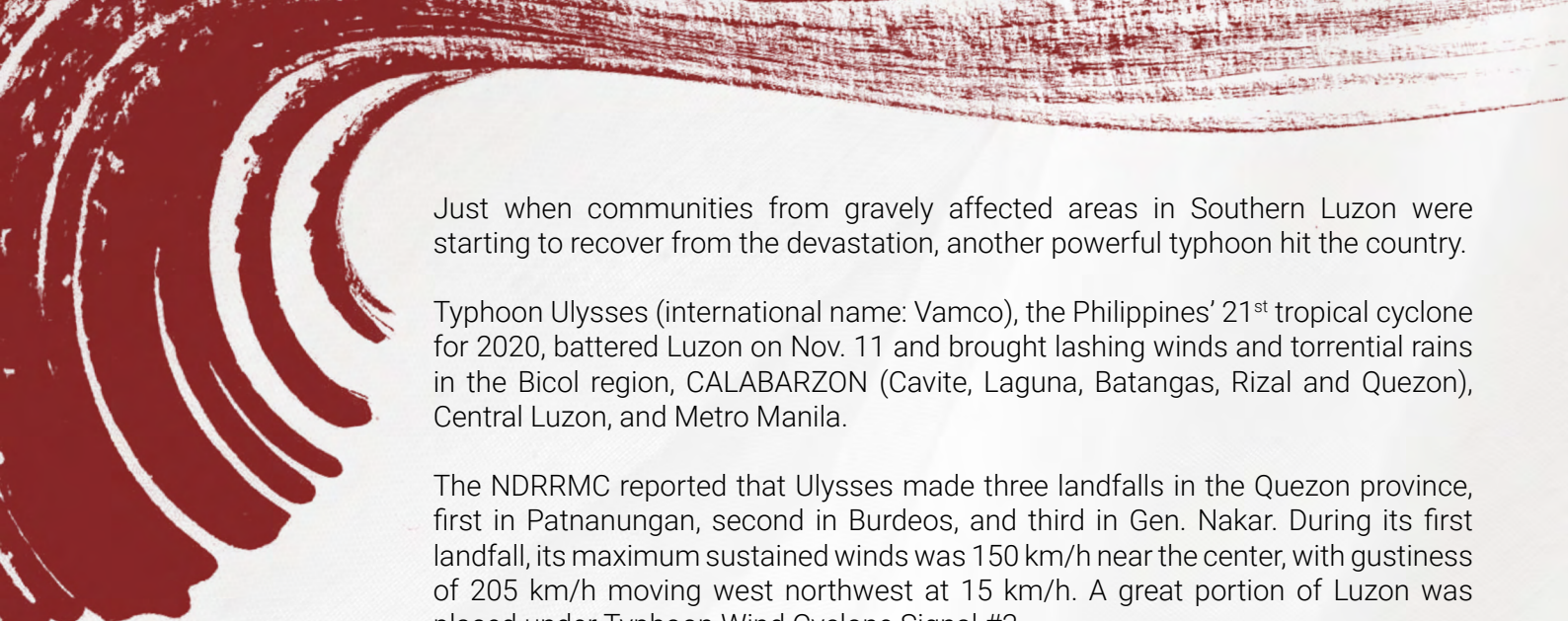


#Burunyoglsko

On Nov. 1, Super Typhoon Goni, thus far the world's most powerful tropical cyclone this year, brought torrential rains, violent winds, mudslides, and storm surges to Luzon, the Philippines' largest island. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the typhoon, locally known as Rolly, left extensive destruction and damage in its path, killing at least 24 people, injuring 399 and displacing 130,266 people as of Nov. 9. The typhoon affected 1.9 million people in eight of the country's 17 regions, leaving an estimated 845,000 people in need of assistance.

Typhoon Rolly made four landfalls in southern Luzon, with the Bicol Region bearing the brunt of its impact. Bato, a municipality in the eastern island province of Catanduanes, was first hit with maximum winds of 225 km/h. The Philippine Red Cross reported that 80-90 percent of the houses in the provincial capital Virac have been damaged. Communication and power lines were cut off, isolating 11 towns.

Rolly then made landfall near the town of Tiwi in Albay province, where rivers overflowed and coastal towns and low-lying areas were flooded. Volcanic mudflows from the active Mount Mayon buried at least 300 houses in Guinobatan municipality.



Just when communities from gravely affected areas in Southern Luzon were starting to recover from the devastation, another powerful typhoon hit the country.

Typhoon Ulysses (international name: Vamco), the Philippines' 21st tropical cyclone for 2020, battered Luzon on Nov. 11 and brought lashing winds and torrential rains in the Bicol region, CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon), Central Luzon, and Metro Manila.

The NDRRMC reported that Ulysses made three landfalls in the Quezon province, first in Patnanungan, second in Burdeos, and third in Gen. Nakar. During its first landfall, its maximum sustained winds was 150 km/h near the center, with gustiness of 205 km/h moving west northwest at 15 km/h. A great portion of Luzon was placed under Typhoon Wind Cyclone Signal #3.



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The heavy rainfall and powerful winds triggered massive floods, power interruptions and other damages in the National Capital Region and neighboring provinces.

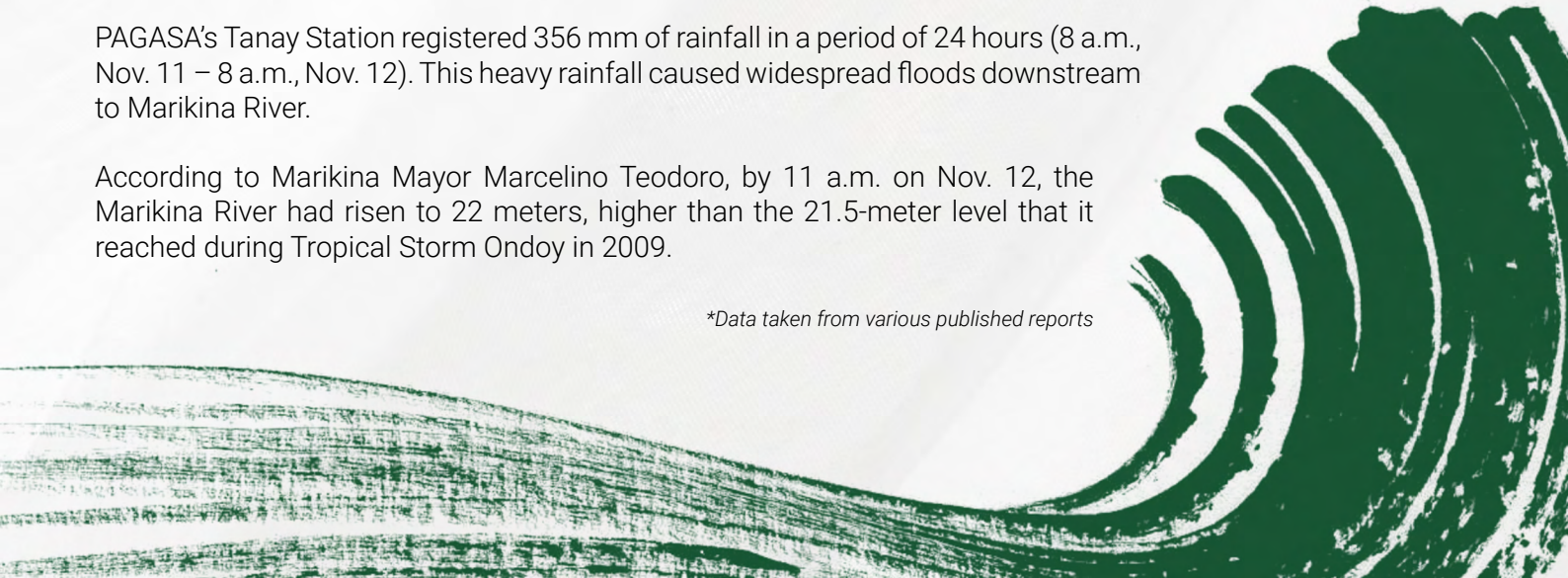
Thousands of families from flooded areas were evacuated while others sought refuge on rooftops while waiting for aid and rescue.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said Typhoon Ulysses dumped more rains in Luzon compared to Typhoon Rolly.

PAGASA's Tanay Station registered 356 mm of rainfall in a period of 24 hours (8 a.m., Nov. 11 – 8 a.m., Nov. 12). This heavy rainfall caused widespread floods downstream to Marikina River.

According to Marikina Mayor Marcelino Teodoro, by 11 a.m. on Nov. 12, the Marikina River had risen to 22 meters, higher than the 21.5-meter level that it reached during Tropical Storm Ondoy in 2009.

**Data taken from various published reports*





Message of Chancellor Fidel R. Nemenzo

In this season of storms, UP Diliman extends support and aid to our disaster-affected students and their communities in the wake of Typhoon Rolly (Goni) and Typhoon Ulysses (Vamco). Amid the relentless calamities, the UPD Administration, through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs, launches **#BurunyogIsko**, a fundraising initiative that calls for unity or “burunyog” among UPD students, faculty, REPS, staff, and students to come to the aid of disaster-affected students, fellow scholars, and communities in Bicol, Marinduque, and various areas in Manila.

We know that Bicol and nearby areas had been especially hard-hit by Typhoon Rolly, with torrential rains, mudslides, floods, and storm surges leaving 24 dead, 399 injured, an estimated 845,000 needing assistance and 260,000 in need of urgent relief—among them our own students and scholars. In Albay, over 300 houses were buried under volcanic ash and mudflow from the Mayon Volcano during the storm. Even so, they were not spared from the onslaught of Typhoon Ulysses.

Over 750 UPD students in Bicol and hundreds more in approximate areas have families who might be affected by the typhoons. To reach them and provide immediate aid, we are working with and through UPD student organizations, UP Ibalon (Bicol Peninsula), UP Sarô (Camarines Norte), UP Harong (Camarines Sur), UP Moriones (Marinduque), and UP Lawôd (Masbate)—so that despite the remote learning setup warranted by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, our students know that we are looking out for them and are not forgetting them or leaving them behind.

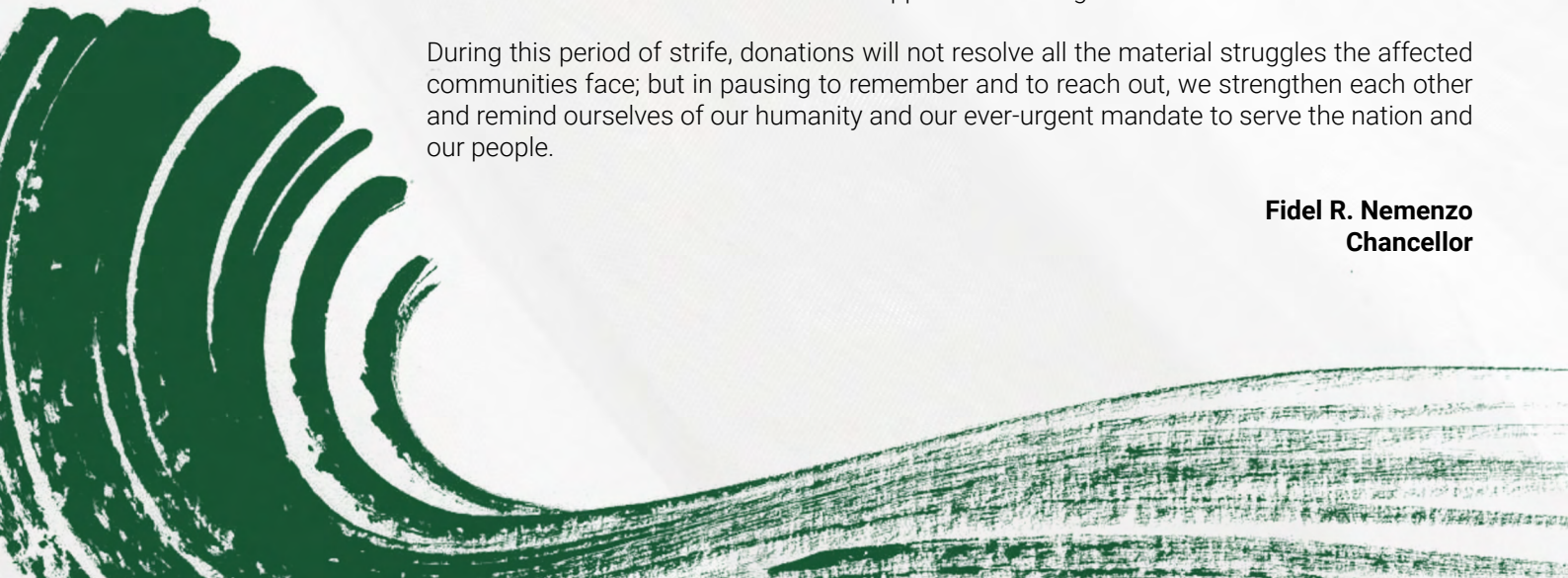
We have also partnered with Catanduanes State University to extend help to their own scholars in Virac and Panganiban in Catanduanes. Eighty to ninety percent of their students, numbering over 9,000 across the two campuses, come from low-income families of farmers and fisherfolk. In the spirit of oneness and solidarity, we ask for fellow Isko to help fellow Isko under these dire circumstances, knowing that recovery from such disasters is uneven and often more difficult for less visible communities beyond our own.

Typhoon Ulysses has also left vast areas of Manila flooded, major power lines cut, houses submerged and damaged, and telephone lines interrupted; our own campus in Diliman has not been spared. We are working with Tulong Kabataan UPD and the UPD University Student Council by providing space on campus for continuous relief operations, and assisting with the distribution of goods in coordination with the local government units. We have also prepared accommodations for affected UPD faculty, students and staff who may be in need of temporary shelter after the storm. #BurunyogIsko aims to reach and give aid especially to UPD constituents who need all the help they can get to get back on their feet.

Exhausted as we are by the unique challenges of remote learning, these hard times call upon all of us to seek strength by giving it and in passing it forward to others. Let us go out of our way to make sure our compassion reaches those among us in greatest need. Let us bolster our efforts toward providing relief to our students and fellow Isko. Let physical distancing and community quarantines remind us that only kindness breaks down borders and we will not be stopped from caring for those who need it most.

During this period of strife, donations will not resolve all the material struggles the affected communities face; but in pausing to remember and to reach out, we strengthen each other and remind ourselves of our humanity and our ever-urgent mandate to serve the nation and our people.

Fidel R. Nemenzo
Chancellor



In solidarity with our fellow Isko and Iska, and our fellow Filipinos in Catanduanes devastated by Typhoon Rolly as well as our colleagues in Metro Manila and Southern Luzon who have been affected by Typhoon Ulysses, we are knocking on the hearts of our alumni, present Isko and Iska and members of the UP Diliman community for a little help and support.

For those who want to help, you may deposit through cash transfer to the following:

UP Foundation, Inc.

Account Name	:	University of the Philippines Foundation, Inc.
Account Numbers	:	1086 6002 9835 (U.S. Dollar) 1086 1002 9829 (Philippine Peso)
Bank Name	:	Philippine National Bank
Swift Code	:	PNBMPHMM
Bank Address	:	3 Apacible Street, U. P. Campus, Diliman, Q. C., Philippines

GCash and PayMaya

Account Name	:	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs
Account Numbers	:	0917 300 9064

Please email ovcca.updiliman@up.edu.ph the receipt or proof of donation, and include **#BurunyogIsko** in the subject line.

To those who want to donate clothes, food, hygiene kits, toys and books for the children, and others that could help those who were devastated by Typhoons Rolly and Ulysses, you may contact the following organizations:



UP COVID-19 Response Volunteers

Ram Hernandez – 0975 134 3056



UP Catandugan

Jude Krisson Toledga – 0920 523 0033 / 0915 882 5978
(food, water, hygiene kits and medical supplies only)



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