



## G'day Folks

You may or not be aware that we live and have our office in Barangay Sua, Bicol, on the lower slopes of Mount Mayon - a live volcano.

Well she is very much alive at the moment and has been for nearly 3 weeks.

As we are within 8 km's of the crater we are deemed to be in the danger zone and the whole population of our barangay and surrounding barangays have been evacuated to 'evacuation centres'. Over 70,000 people in all.

Our evacuation centre is a 15 room school already in disrepair and needing our attention.

When we got there, there were 3 working toilets for our 1,631 population. It stayed like that for one week before 4 portables arrived.

Statistics for the Barangay Sua citizens:

- 458** Families  
( that's 30 Families per room. Keeping illness from spreading a challenge.)
- 1,631** individuals
- 40** Infants under 12 months
- 258** Children 12 months to 71 months
- 22** Pregnant Women
- 36** Breast feeding Women
- 146** Folk over 60
- 32** People with disabilities

**They sleep on the concrete floor.**

**They are given 3kg of rice per family per day.**

**They are cut off from their normal activities, their source of income, and source of supply of food.**

**They don't have savings.**

**They are HUNGRY**

We are supplementing their diet out of the Tumpa School feeding fund but we are running out of funds fast.

We need A\$ 1.00 per head per week to get them basics of vegetables and sometimes some protein plus essentials like toothpaste, soap, ladies napkins, etc.

According to the authorities and backed up by local knowledge this can go on for 3 months.

Every \$100 you donate will feed 100 fellow humans for a week.

**THIS IS URGENT.**

Thank you in advance for your support

Very Best Wishes to you all for a healthy and happy new Year,

With Love and Compassion,

Bob

