

The flashfloods caused by Tropical Storm Basyang brought much devastation to Barangay Tubod in Iligan City.

Tropical Storm Basyang (Penha)

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Days after Tropical Storm Basyang passed, receding floodwaters in Barangay Palao revealed the extent of the damages.

Situational Overview

On 05 February 2026, **Tropical Storm Basyang (international name: Penha)** unleashed extremely intense and sustained rainfall over Iligan City, triggering the rapid rise and overflow of the Iligan and Puga-an Rivers. The prolonged downpour resulted in widespread flash floods across low-lying and riverside communities and caused landslides in upland barangays, particularly those with steep terrain and previously saturated soil conditions. Water levels rose quickly within hours, leaving little time for some households to secure belongings or evacuate safely.

The 24-hour **rainfall reached 383mm**, levels described by DOST as historic and comparable to extreme rainfall events associated with major flood disasters in Northern Mindanao. The intensity and concentration of rainfall within a short period overwhelmed natural drainage systems and urban waterways. Floodwaters submerged entire residential blocks, inundated Iligan's commercial center, and rendered key roads impassable. Public schools, barangay halls, health facilities, and small businesses were heavily affected. Thick layers of mud and debris clogged drainage canals and roads, compounding the difficulty of response and early recovery operations.

While the **Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)** and other national agencies activated prepositioning and quick response measures nationwide, the scale and suddenness of rainfall-induced flooding in Iligan exceeded localized coping capacity during the first 48 hours.

The disaster affected both densely populated urban barangays and geographically isolated upland communities, creating a complex emergency characterized by simultaneous needs: evacuation support, search and rescue, debris clearing, emergency health response, restoration of utilities, and protection of vulnerable groups. Many families were displaced overnight, seeking refuge in evacuation centers and makeshift shelters, while others opted to remain home-based despite damaged structures due to limited evacuation space, livelihood concerns or the desire to protect what is left of their devastated properties. Others took refuge with relatives which holds true to a number of families with totally damaged houses or still uninhabitable, one month after the disaster.

Critical lifelines - including water supply systems, electricity distribution in selected areas, transportation routes, and communication lines - were temporarily disrupted. The accumulation of mud and debris not only hampered mobility but also posed secondary public health risks, including leptospirosis and waterborne diseases.

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The coordination efforts led by the local government unit of Iligan through its ICDRRM Office, concerned departments and agencies, is aimed to effectively bring the needed relief assistance of the affected communities while already starting the planning process for recovery and rehabilitation. The Iligan City People's Council (ICPC), where ECOWEB is a member, also partners with the Iligan LGU in facilitating humanitarian actions to ensure that the unreached, especially those home-based are reached by the relief operation of the government. This is apart from the initiatives of the ICPC members and other private sector groups to directly provide assistance to the affected communities receiving less support and attention from the government and complementing support for other unmet needs of the affected.



A resident of Barangay Mahayahay starts cleaning up the mud and debris that filled the streets.



Tropical Storm Basyang inundated Barangay Mahayahay with thick mud and debris causing rendering access to many neighborhoods difficult.

Impact

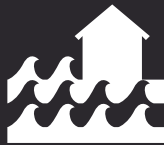


A. Affected Population

- Total Affected Families: 29,223–29,235 (ongoing validation)
- Total Affected Individuals (based on consolidated barangay data): 45,224
- Percentage of Iligan City Population Affected (CBMS 2024): 14.9%

Breakdown of Damaged / Flooded Houses

- Totally Damaged: 1,390
- Partially Damaged: 8,114
- Flooded Houses: 19,638



- **Total Recorded Impacted Households: 29,235**

Barangays Affected

38 barangays affected (updated from initial 33–34)

Highest concentrations of affected families recorded in:

- Tambacan – 3,962
- Mahayahay – 3,403
- Tubod – 2,881
- Ubaldo Laya – 1,523
- Abuno – 1,914
- Hinaplanon – 1,893



B. Casualties

- 5 reported deaths
 - 157 injured
- 15 confirmed leptospirosis cases (home-based)

- 1 moderate case admitted (pre-existing exposure)
- Emerging skin disease cases reported
- Ongoing house-to-house case finding by CHO

C. Infrastructure and Services

Road Access

- 3 major roads initially impassable
- Mahayahay: 60% cleared (small roads and Purok Sampaguita inaccessible)
 - Tubod: 70% cleared
- Ubaldo Laya & Tipanoy: 80% cleared
 - Poblacion: 98% cleared



Water Supply

With no or low water pressure:

- Hinaplanon
- Tambo
- Bagong Silang (select puroks)
- Luinab (select puroks)
- Del Carmen (select puroks)
- Target repair completion: February 16.



Electricity

- 97% households re-energized
- 1,119 customers in Mahayahay and Tubod still affected

Economic Impact (RDANA baseline)

- ₱94.56M infrastructure damages
- ₱22.28M agricultural losses
- ₱47.29M MSME losses (371 enterprises affected)
- Livelihood paralysis remains widespread among vendors, tricycle drivers, fishers, farmers, and micro-entrepreneurs.

Preparedness and Response Actions

Government Response

The Iligan City Local Government Unit activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and declared a City-wide State of Calamity.

Key actions:

- RDANA conducted and presented
- Encoding of DSWD intake forms (29,223 families recorded)

Relief Assistance:

- LGU reported to have almost covered all affected in their first wave of food relief assistance with support from DSWD, other LGUs and private partners
- Note that affected families still in demand of food relief and other forms of assistance to meet their basic needs

Cash Assistance:

- DSWD thru the CSWD, LGU and local partners support, is on the process of providing cash assistance to affected households prioritizing the households validated to be severely affected (to receive PHP 10,000) and slightly affected (PhP 5,000). It started in Barangay Tubod and targets to complete the distribution of emergency cash assistance to the rest of the affected in Barangays Mahayahay and Tambacan. Other affected barangays will follow.
- The Iligan City People's Council members, including ECOWEB, with LGUs' CSWD, Gender and Development (GAD) Office and Barangay Affairs Office (BAO) also provided support to the DSWD in the validation of the enlisted affected families to ensure that there is no duplication in on household, exclusion and inclusion errors are corrected, and that the truly affected families are provided with the needed emergency cash assistance.
- Planned Cash for Work/TUPAD program of DOLE for at least 3,000 families affected and another 9.

Health and Management of the Dead:

- Burial assistance provided to casualties by LGU
- Coordination with private hospitals
- Psychosocial kits procurement

Shelter Assistance

- Shelter assistance coordination with DHSUD, for IDSAP program
- Planned DHSUD Shelter Assistance:
 - ₱50,000 – Totally damaged homes
 - ₱20,000 – Partially damaged homes
- Criteria prioritizing vulnerable household



ECOWEB staff and volunteers, ICPC members and volunteers, and LGU representatives during the distribution of relief assistance to residents of Barangay Tambacan.

Humanitarian Coordination

The **Iligan City Peoples Council (ICPC)** leads the Humanitarian Cluster, with EcoWEB as Vice Chair of ICPC, leading the coordination with LGU in the Basyang humanitarian response operations.

ICPC humanitarian actions include:

- Providing support in the debris mud and clean-up
- Providing support to CSWD in the camp management, particularly in organizing participation of the IDPs in the camp management
- Engaging the affected families remaining home-based and facilitated reach of humanitarian services by the LGU and other agencies apart from direct assistance provided by NGOs, CSOs and private sector
- Collaboration with the LGU through the CSWD, BAO and GAD personnel in conducting validation of profiled affected of the disaster supporting DSWD emergency cash assistance – on-going in badly hit 3 barangays (house-to-house validation and community participatory validation): Tubod, Mahayahay and Tambacan

Validation Issues that surfaced:

- Duplication of names and errors in the data especially in Barangay Mahayahay
- Some non-affected recipients were included in the list while others affected were not found in the list (inclusion-exclusion errors)
- Relief distribution of some ICPC members
- Coordination and oversight of distribution of some relief operations such as of the LGU, DSWD, and those assisted by other government partners (LGU of General Santos City and Office of Senator Risa Hontiveros)
- Facilitation of proposal submission and organizing of targeted beneficiaries for the DOLE TUPAD/cash-for-work assistance benefiting 811 families and another 9,504 families to benefit from DSWD cash-for-work program.



ECOWEB staff during an Appreciative Inquiry session in Barangay Tubod.

Community-led Initiatives

Through the facilitation of ECOWEB and partners: LGU (GAD Iligan, CSWD, ICDRRMO) and CLEARNet members (BDEV and ICCW); facilitated micro-grant support to an initial of 11 community groups in the badly affected communities. From the co-funding support (ECOWEB 2M from ECOWEB and 2M from Iligan City LGU which formal partnership started in 2025), following were provided to support community-led initiatives:

The micro-grants enabled community organizations—particularly women’s groups and local associations—to implement immediate actions addressing urgent post-flood needs. These initiatives focused on **debris and mud clearing, drainage restoration, household clean-up, provision of basic items, and early livelihood and dignity support**, allowing communities themselves to lead the recovery of their neighborhoods.



The Purok Uno Mangga Women's Association clean up their neighborhood after receiving their microgrant to purchase cleaning materials.



ECOWEB staff and residents of Barangay Mahayahay during the turnover of their microgrant.



Barangay Mahayahay is still covered in mud. Here ECOWEB staff inform residents what to do next now that they have received their microgrant.



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Community-led Initiatives

The following community groups received micro-grants:

Community Group	Location	Proposed Action	Amount Provided (PHP)
Bagong Lipunan Canal Warriors	Mahayahay	Canal cleaning and debris removal	89,498
Mangga Uno Women's Association	Mangga 1, Tubod	Community clean-up drive and provision of	92,590
Sto. Niño Women's Association	Tambacan	Community-led clean-up initiative ("Komunidad	62,500
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Zone 8 Cocogrove Community	Poblacion	Community clean-up and recovery action	56,240
Alamanda Women's Association	Tambacan	Community clean-up and restoration activities	49,000
Purok 2 Mangga Women's Urban	Tubod	Emergency cleaning materials for	128,480
Task Force Kalinisan	Tambacan	Provision of cleaning materials for organized	52,150
Women's Association – Shower of Blessings	Tambacan	Community clean-up drive	12,635
Ubaldo Manuang Community Association	Ubaldo Laya	Provision of clothing and dignity items for affected	32,780

Priority Needs

1. Debris, mud and solid waste clearing in heavily affected barangays and landslide clearing in the hinterlands
2. Flexible household recovery grants and cash assistance
3. Food and hygiene support for unreached home-based families
4. WASH: water purification, declogging of toilets in both evacuation and houses flooded with mud, sanitation kits
5. Household kits: kitchen kits, sleeping kits, hygiene kits, and dignity kits (including underwears for thousands affected)
6. Support for learners affected of the disasters (uniform, learning materials, clothing) and school clean-up and repair for the affected schools including Day Care Centers, and Madrasahs
7. Shelter repair materials (tarpaulins, lumber, toolkits), temporary shelters and relocation support or those in the affected declared danger zones
8. Livelihood restart capital for MSMEs and informal workers
9. Psychosocial support (including volunteers and responders)
10. Access of communities with roads and bridges damage



The flashfloods in Barangay Tubod washed away houses and flattened many trees.



Barangay Mahayahay was covered in trash after floodwaters receded.



ECOWEB staff during an Appreciative Inquiry session in Barangay Tubod.

References:

- Iligan City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (ICDRRMO) – RDANA Final Presentation (Feb 9, 2026)
- CSWD Encoding Update (Feb 15, 2026)
- Emergency Operations Center Meeting Minutes (Feb 6–15, 2026) and Updates in the Coordination Meetings
- Iligan City Peoples Council (ICPC) Humanitarian Cluster Updates
- ECOWEB Survivor and Community-led Response Documentation



Donation QR Code



Children in Purok 10, Barangay Palao play near the river that destroyed their homes just a few days prior.

Call to Action

Empower People. Build Resilience. Leave No One Behind.

We invite our donor partners, humanitarian actors, and allies to join us in **putting communities at the center** of response and recovery. Let us **fund their leadership, trust their capacity, and amplify their solutions.**

Donate to our Community-Led Tropical Storm Penha (Basyang) Appeal — empower affected families to rebuild their homes and livelihoods with dignity and hope.

DONATE NOW

ECOWEB expresses its sincere gratitude to the individuals, families, organizations, and community groups who extended cash and in-kind support for communities affected by Tropical Storm Basyang (Penha) in Iligan City. Their generosity helped sustain relief and early recovery efforts for affected families.

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