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NURSES JOIN EFFORTS TO HELP "SENDONG" VICTIMS

Nurses under the banner of the Philippine Nurses Association Marawi City, Lanao del Sur Chapter, immediately joined collective efforts last December 20 to provide emergency relief and assistance to affected families in Iligan, worse-hit by typhoon "Sendong". Working in coordination with the Divisions Office Medical Team Department in Saduc, the nurses' contingent led by Governor Mindamora U. Mutin and Nur-Haipa B. Sampal and Ms. Sobaida Panara-ag Alumpong distributed relief goods to some of the affected areas after making a courtesy call on the wife of the Iligan mayor. Likewise, the Cagayan De Oro Chapter headed by Gov. Neil N. Martin and Dumaguete City Chapter led by Ma. Irene Jane L. Pueyo performed the same on their own locality.

The group plans to do follow up missions to help in the debriefing and post-trauma management of the victims, especially the most affected like children who lost parent/s and kin. Rehabilitation and psycho-social support activities will also be undertaken to help facilitate the recovery of devastated communities toward normalcy.

The Philippine Nurses Association national office donated cash for the flood victims and will convene its Disaster Preparedness Committee on January 14-16 to map out a more comprehensive program of assistance for "Sendong" victims.

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