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National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

NDRRMC UPDATE

Severe Weather Bulletin No. 7 re Tropical Storm "HELEN" (KAI-TAK)

Releasing Officer:

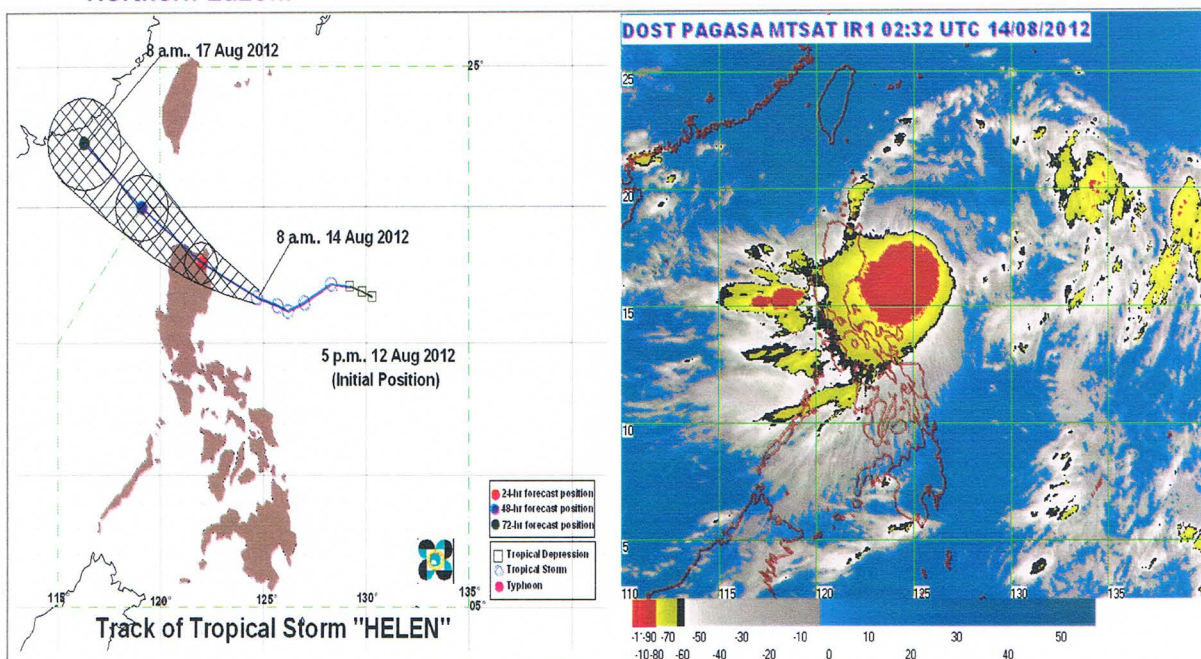

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Source: PAGASA-DOST

I. SITUATION OVERVIEW:

- Tropical Storm "HELEN" has maintained its strength as it continues to threaten Northern Luzon.



Location of Center: (as of 10:00 a.m.)	230 km East Northeast of Casiguran, Aurora
Coordinates:	16.8°N, 124.8°E
Strength:	Maximum sustained winds of 75 kph near the center and Gustiness of up to 90 kph
Movement:	West Northwest at 13 kph
Forecast Positions/Outlook:	Wednesday morning: 50 km North Northeast of Tuguegarao City

	Thursday morning: 270 km West Southwest of Basco, Batanes Friday morning: 550 km Northwest of Basco, Batanes
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Areas Having Public Storm Warning Signal

PSWS #	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
Signal No. 2 (61-100 kph winds is expected in at least 24 hours)	Cagayan including Calayan and Babuyan Group of Islands, Isabela, Apayao, Kalinga, and Batanes Group of Islands	None	None
Signal No. 1 (winds of 30-60 kph is expected within the next 36 hours)	Aurora, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Ifugao, Benguet, Mt. Province, Ilocos Sur, Abra, and Ilocos Norte	None	None

- Residents living in low lying and mountainous areas under public storm warning signal #2 and #1 are alerted against possible flashfloods and landslides. Likewise, those living in coastal areas under public storm warning #2 are alerted against big waves or storm surges generated by this tropical cyclone.
- Tropical Storm “Helen” will enhance the Southwest Monsoon that will bring rains over Luzon and Visayas especially over the western section.
- Estimated rainfall amount is from **15 - 25 mm per hour (heavy - intense)** within 500 km diameter of Tropical Storm.
- Intermittent light to moderate rains (2.5 - 7.5 mm/hr) are now affecting Central and Southern Luzon becoming more frequent moderate to heavy rains (7.5 - 10.0 mm/hr) today over Camarines provinces, Quezon province, Rizal, Bulacan, Pampanga, Laguna, Cavite, Batangas, Mindoro, Bataan, Zambales, Pangasinan, Tarlac and Metro Manila.
- Fishing boats and other small seacrafts are advised not to venture out into the Seaboards of Central and Southern Luzon and Visayas due to Tropical Storm “Helen” and the Southwest Monsoon.

II. ACTION/S TAKEN

NDRRMC–OPCEN

- Disseminated **Severe Weather Bulletin No. 7 on Tropical Storm “HELEN”** to all OCD Regional Centers through SMS and facsimile and uploaded same at the NDRRMC website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels
- Directed RDRRMCs concerned, through the OCD Regional Centers, to undertake precautionary measures in their Area of Responsibility (AOR) and subsequently advised local DRRMCs to initiate pre-emptive evacuation of families in low-lying and mountainous areas if situation warrants.