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LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Forty one persons died while eight others were reported missing following the two-day wrath of killer typhoon *Goring* before it exited to the south China sea.

More than 1,600 families were reported rendered homeless as their houses were

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buried under or swept down by big landslides, 68 of them at the Loo Valley in Buguias, Benguet.

Benguet officials led by governor Andres Bugnosen sought help for the victims from the various government and private agencies at the same time that Bugnosen and the provincial officials asked for the declaration of the province as a calamity area.

Buguias and Kapangan towns recorded the highest death toll, with Kapangan listing 15 while Buguias reported 11 deaths. Atok listed three dead with La Trinidad, Kibungan, Bakun and Mankayan registering two deaths each. Two deaths were also reported in Baguio.

As of yesterday, officials of Benguet reported a partial total of about P99 million in

damages to public and private property and crops.

The Benguet Electric Cooperative (Beneco) reported damages of close to P1 million worth of

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equipment.

Baguio and Benguet were temporarily isolated from the other provinces due to the closure of Kennon Road, Naguilian road and Halsema Road where big slides and road-cuts were reported Sunday. Commuters along the Halsema road as of yesterday had to transfer from one bus to another to make it to Baguio.

A 15-meter washout along the Buga-Bauko sector in Mt. Province was reported.

The partial list of casualties as reported by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) follows: Buguias - Bernabe Cayapen, Theresa Dupingay, Francis Ogoget, Satur Bacyasen, Lumiquid Dompag, Luis Dompag, Palansi Cadap, Jorhen Cayudan, Palud Caladan, Jona Basilio, Jocelyn Basilio, Jeffrey Basilio, Shirley Basilio, Ruben Basilio and Bogan Buyucan;

La Trinidad - Sammy Boy Telino and Lito Abiadew; Kibungan - Jane Ligmayo and Riogy Tio-adan; Bakun - Juana Caticat and Peter Sagayo; Atok - Mugal Bakkog, Bogan Bakkog and Josephine Bakkog;

Kapangan - Oliver Bagtang, Elsie Bagtang, John Bagtang, Ling-an Sacpa, Honorio Bacasen, Jane Palacsa, Mailyn Palacsa, Rosenda Palacsa, Napoleon Palacsa, Lorna Palacsa and Joey Palacsa. Bokod, with Ms. Shirley Badival albas, an accident victim.

Identities of those missing were still being verified. (Related stories on page 11, Highlands.)

