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Three persons in Baguio and Abra were killed while two areas with more than 3,000 population were isolated as continued rains triggered by typhoons Chedeng and Dodong hit the Cordilleras last week.

A much updated report released by the regional Office of Civil Defense stated that the first casualty at the height of Typhoon Chedeng was Leonardo Sagudang, 35 years old from Luba, Abra, who was believed to have been swept away by the strong current of the Abra River last August 6. His body was recovered at the Riang-Abra River on Aug. 8.

In Baguio, two persons died due to the rains while three houses were reported to have been partially damaged.

The OCD reported that nine-year-old Renielle Renon died while being rushed to the hospital due to fatal injuries after their rented house at 49 Purok Ayala-A, Slaughter Compound was partially damaged by a landslide early morning of Aug. 8.

Two big houses are also in

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LANDSLIDES become common after heavy and prolonged downpours, the result of man's persistence to carve his niche in our fragile mountainsides. At right, CDCC action officer city administrator Peter Fianza and his team inspect damaged residential houses caused by landslides in different parts of the city. - Harley Palangchao & Bong Cayabyab

City Hall seeks complete



danger if no engineering measures will be done to prevent further landslides in the same area.

The OCD also reported the death of 17-year-old Remedios Mamaradlo, who died when she was accidentally hit by a flying G.I. sheet on the night of Aug. 9 in Barangay Camp 8.

In Benguet, around 713 families or 3,230 individuals in Barangay Loacan, Itogon have been isolated after a huge landslide damaged the main road connecting Sitio Luneta and Barangay Loacan to the provincial highway. A bulldozer is presently opening a diversion road.

The OCD said that the total number of families affected by the twin typhoons in the entire region counts to 720 representing around 3,272 individuals.

Only one house in Loacan, Itogon was totally damaged while a total of 13 houses in the entire region were partially damaged.

The Cordillera Disaster Coordinating Council reported that P46,885 worth of monetized relief items and P5,000 cash assistance were extended to the affected families.

As of press time, there were no reported damages on agriculture and livestock from the provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, and Mountain Province but news reports have it that some farms in the La Trinidad Valley were affected by the continuous rains. --

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