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Incessant rains brought about by Typhoon Karding and southwest monsoon rains battered Cordillera for almost two weeks and left three persons dead, one missing, and caused millions worth of damage on infrastructure and agriculture products.

As of Aug. 17, three deaths were recorded based from the consolidated report of the Office of the Civil Defense from the various government agencies.

One of the victims was named as Krystel Marlin, 19, a resident of Loakan, Baguio City, who was swept by the strong current on the open box culvert along Marcos Highway on the evening of Aug. 13.

Her body was retrieved the next morning at the Badiwan River in Tuba, Benguet.

Another casualty due to
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accidental fall was Mencio Abol Amitem, 57, of Poblacion, Tuba, who lost his balance and fell in the canal in Lower Dontogan, Baguio City.

He was carrying a baggage when the incident happened and was swept by strong current of water on Aug. 11.

His body was retrieved the next day at the Badiwan Creek in Tuba.

In Atok, Benguet, Rodrigo Maon, 51, of Buguias, Benguet died when a landslide hit a vehicle at Barangay Cattubo and fell off a 20-meter deep ravine.

In Mankayan, Benguet, rescuers and volunteers are not giving up in retrieving the body of Luvina Kidkid, as barangay secretary, who was buried in a landslide at Barangay Bedbed on Aug. 13.

OCD-Cordillera reported there were 38 monitored landslides and rockslides in Abra, Benguet, Mountain Province and Baguio City while five roadcuts occurred also in Benguet and Mountain Province. Also, there are four cases of flashfloods in Abra and Baguio.

Three barangays in Lagangilang, Abra are now isolated due

to swelling of a river forcing 214 families to evacuate on Aug. 13.

Also, 32 families representing 134 individuals are currently staying in the evacuation centers in Abra, Baguio City, Benguet and Mountain Province while 90 families or 505 persons are staying with their relatives or friends.

The Department of Agriculture-Cordillera has initially validated crop damage in the provinces of Abra, Benguet, and Mountain Province amounting to more than P28 million.

In Benguet, the provincial agriculturist reported that there are 542 affected farmers whose crops were partially and totally damaged.

The damage to public infrastructures have yet to be submitted by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Only Lacub, Abra issued a resolution declaring a state of calamity on Aug. 14 due to the damage the town incurred and flashfloods happening in the area.

Newly installed OCD-Cordillera Director Ruben Carandang has reminded the public to follow pre-emptive instructions from their respective LGUs to avoid untoward incidents during typhoon.
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