



**THE PHILIPPINES**

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**LA UNION**

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**NDPBA PROVINCE PROFILE**

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## LA UNION

### CAPITAL: CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Area: 1,499 km<sup>2</sup>

La Union is a province in the Philippines located in the Ilocos Region in the island of Luzon. Its capital is San Fernando, which also serves as the regional center of the whole Ilocos Region. It is bordered by Ilocos Sur to the north, Benguet to the east, Pangasinan to the south and to the west by the shores of the South China Sea. The economy is primarily tourism based along with a small amount of manufacturing.



## RISK AND VULNERABILITY COMPONENT SCORE



**MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR) - Very Low**  
Score: 0.455 • Rank: 72/84



**RESILIENCE (R) - Very High**  
Score: 0.646 • Rank: 9/84



**MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE) - High**  
Score: 0.657 • Rank: 30/84



**VULNERABILITY (V) - Very Low**  
Score: 0.357 • Rank: 68/84



**COPING CAPACITY (CC) - Very High**  
Score: 0.649 • Rank: 8/84



Population (2018)  
**774,794**



Population in Poverty  
**2.9%**



Literate population  
**99.2%**



Access to improved water  
**92.6%**



Average life expectancy  
**69.3 years**

\*For more information on data and components please visit: <https://bit.ly/2LqVoUO>



## MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE)

RANK: 30 / 84 PROVINCES  
SCORE: 0.657



MHE  
0.657

Raw MHE  
0.634

Relative MHE  
0.68

### ESTIMATED POPULATION AND CAPITAL EXPOSED TO EACH HAZARD:



Earthquake

**85%**

**657,076**  
**\$3.8 Billion**



Tsunami

**<1%**

**1,943**  
**\$2.4 Million**



Flood

**53%**

**414,075**  
**\$2.7 Billion**



Liquefaction

**60%**

**463,376**  
**\$3 Billion**



Landslide

**14%**

**108,773**  
**\$332 Million**



Volcano

**-**

**-**  
**-**



Drought

**-**

**-**  
**-**



Wildfire

**4%**

**30,686**  
**\$184.2 Million**



Storm Surge

**22%**

**171,657**  
**\$1.2 Billion**



Typhoon Winds

**100%**

**774,641**  
**\$4.4 Billion**




## VULNERABILITY (V)

**RANK: 68 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.357**

Vulnerability in La Union is primarily driven by Environmental Stress and Vulnerable Health Status. The bar chart indicates the socioeconomic themes contributing to the province's overall Vulnerability score.



### Environmental Stress

0  1 **SCORE: 0.603** **RANK: 16/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

**6.27** Livestock density  
**91.84** Barren land (per 10k hectares)  
**5.57%** Forest cover change



### Vulnerable Health Status

0  1 **SCORE: 0.447** **RANK: 39/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

**9.1%** Malnutrition among children (0 to 5 years old)  
**8.69** Infant mortality rate (per 1k live births)  
**122.6** Maternal mortality rate (per 100k live births)  
**69.34** Life expectancy  
**259** Disability (per 100k persons)

**26.7** Tuberculosis mortality rate (per 100k persons)  
**0.4** HIV mortality rate (per 100k persons)  
**5** Intestinal disease mortality rate (per 100k persons)  
**1** Other arthropod-borne viral fevers and viral hemorrhagic fever mortality rate (per 100k persons)



### Clean Water Vulnerability

0  1 **SCORE: 0.343** **RANK: 55/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

**92.6%** Households with improved safe water source  
**92.2%** Households with sanitary toilet facility



### Information Access Vulnerability

0  1 **SCORE: 0.351** **RANK: 66/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

**99.15%** Literacy rate (age 10 and older)  
**104.71%** Gross primary school enrollment rate  
**7.58%** Internet Access  
**72.28%** Households with radio  
**79.00%** Households with television



### Economic Constraints



SCORE: 0.137

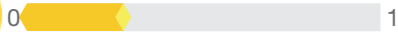
RANK: 77/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED

**0.54**  
Economic  
dependency  
ratio

**2.88%**  
Poverty  
incidence



### Gender Inequality



SCORE: 0.28

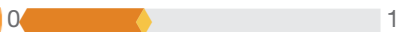
RANK: 71/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED

**1.04**  
Female to male  
secondary school  
enrollment Rate

**0.55**  
Labor force  
participation ratio



### Population Pressures



SCORE: 0.34

RANK: 64/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED

**1.12**  
Population  
growth rate  
(2010-2015)

**11.98**  
Average annual  
urban population  
growth rate

**1.0%**  
Informal settlers



# COPING CAPACITY (CC)

**RANK: 8 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.649**

La Union exhibits weaker Coping Capacity in the areas of Emergency Services Capacity and Transportation Capacity. The bar chart indicates the socioeconomic themes contributing to the province's overall Coping Capacity score.



## Economic Capacity



**SCORE: 0.657** **RANK: 17/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

**0.93**

Purchasing power of the peso

**62.22%**

Labor force participation rate

**2448.7**

Local government annual regular income per capita (Philippine Peso)



## Governance



**SCORE: 0.715** **RANK: 17/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

**86.4%**

Voter participation

**6.89**

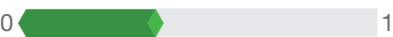
Organized violence (per 100k persons)

**22.60%**

Garbage pickup



## Environmental Capacity



**SCORE: 0.377** **RANK: 43/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

**77.5**

Protected areas (per 1k ha)

**0.3%**

Forest reserves



### Infrastructure Capacity

0  1 **SCORE: 0.664 RANK: 18/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**



### Health Care Capacity **SCORE: 0.554 RANK: 28/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

|                                  |                                 |                         |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>10.97</b>                     | <b>2.98</b>                     | <b>53.97%</b>           | <b>2.66</b>                                  |
| Hopital beds<br>(per 10k people) | Physicians per<br>10,000 people | Vaccination<br>coverage | Average distance to nearest<br>hospital (km) |



### Transportation Capacity **SCORE: 0.57 RANK: 30/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>1.67</b>                     | <b>23.52</b>                             |
| Road density<br>(km per sq. km) | Average distance to<br>nearest port (km) |



### Communications Capacity **SCORE: 0.861 RANK: 11/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>6.8%</b>                | <b>99.7%</b>    |
| Households with a landline | Mobile coverage |



### Energy Capacity **SCORE: 0.844 RANK: 16/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>91.2%</b>                | <b>37.1%</b>        |
| Households with electricity | Households with gas |



### Emergency Services Capacity **SCORE: 0.475 RANK: 37/84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**

|  |                                     |                                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>27.49</b>                             | <b>1.99</b>                         | <b>2.49</b>                       |
| Evacuation centers<br>(per 100k persons) | Fire Stations<br>(per 100k persons) | Fire Trucks<br>(per 100k persons) |



## RESILIENCE (R)

**RANK: 9 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.646**

La Union's score and ranking are due to Very Low Vulnerability combined with Very High Coping Capacity scores.

**Below are the four thematic areas with the weakest relative scores:**



**Environmental Stress**



**Vulnerable Health Status**



**Emergency Services Capacity**



**Transportation Capacity**



## HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK (HSR)



**Earthquake**

**RANK: 68 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.192**



**Tsunami**

**RANK: 39 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.072**



**Flood**

**RANK: 42 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.181**



**Liquefaction**

**RANK: 31 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.211**



**Landslide**

**RANK: 57 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.177**



**Volcano**

**RANK: 68 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0**

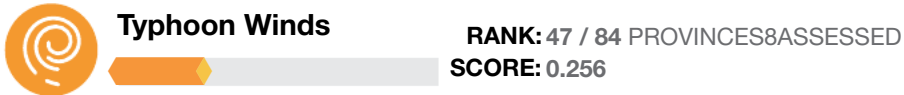
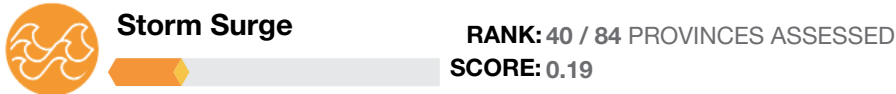
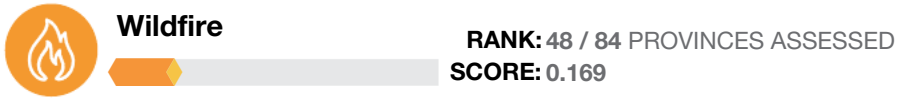


**Drought**

**RANK: 58 / 84 PROVINCES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.000**



**(HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK CONTINUED)**



**MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR)**

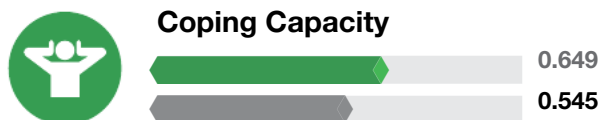
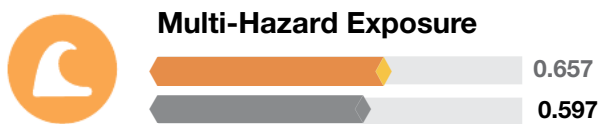
**72 / 84**  
RANK WITHIN PROVINCES  
Score: 0.455



La Union's score and ranking are due to High Multi-hazard exposure combined with Very Low Vulnerability and Very High Coping Capacity scores.

**Multi-hazard risk component scores compared to overall average country scores:**

PROVINCE SCORE  
COUNTRY SCORE



# LA UNION RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1

### Environmental Stress

- Vulnerable health status is also a major driver of vulnerabilities in La Union. Efforts to enhance the natural and built environment can improve health outcomes by decreasing runoff, mitigating the impacts of climate change and enhancing other ecosystem services. Focus efforts on increasing forest cover, decreasing areas classified as barren land and promoting sustainable agriculture.

## 2

### Vulnerable Health Status

- In La Union, vulnerable health status is a major driver of vulnerability. Work toward increasing the health of the population through community outreach, increased access to health care and other public health interventions. Continue monitoring for and providing care for those suffering from communicable diseases.

## 3

### Emergency Services Capacity

- Continue work with partners such as the Philippines Red Cross to expand and enhance emergency service capacity. Increase the number of evacuation centers, fire stations and fire trucks to serve the population and increase emergency service capacity.
- Continue to support evidence-based preparedness and response coordination, including the provision of emergency equipment and supplies. Additionally, increase efforts to have a central database that makes sub-national data on disaster management capabilities and resources more accessible. Increasing transparency through sharing data will ensure efficient and effective coordination at all levels of government, as well as with partners.

# 4

## Transportation Capacity

- The average distance between ports and populated places in La Union is 23.52 kilometers. Continue seaport, airport and road enhancement projects through private-public partnerships. Advocate for transportation network projects through the Department of Public Works to increase evacuation and resource distribution routes, increase access to markets and enhance social connectivity.
- Civil planners should work with risk assessors to establish resilient transportation network plans. Incorporating environmental mitigation plans, equitable access for the population and hazard exposures.
- Ensure that emergency evacuation routes and plans include all transportation projects. Work with partners including HOTOSM and others to ensure mapping of new routes and resources are readily available in the event of a disaster.

**Better solutions.  
Fewer disasters.**

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