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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, THE REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM), AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** LA NIÑA ADVISORY

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According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA), the current El Niño is already in its decaying stage. Meanwhile, there is a developing possibility of La Niña during the second half of 2016. PAG-ASA particularly warned **Isabela Province, Quezon Province, Samar Provinces, Leyte Provinces, Surigao Provinces, Agusan Provinces and Bicol Provinces** of the developing La Niña.

Relative thereto, all concerned are advised to **take precautionary measures in their respective areas of responsibility** through the following:

- Local government units are encouraged to:
  1. Convene their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils to prepare a La Niña Action Plan;
  2. Consider the activation of existing or construction of new rainwater catchment facilities to store rainwater for future use;
  3. Closely coordinate with PAG-ASA for timely weather updates and with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau for adequate information on the threat of flooding and rainfall-induced landslides within the respective LGU;
  4. Regularly submit a status report to the DILG, through its Field and Regional Offices all La Niña related incidents, including planning, preparations and general assessments, using a reporting template that shall be provided by DILG-CODIX through an advisory; and
  5. Refer to the following publications of this Department, through its Operation Listo program, for the minimum actions to take in relation to disaster preparedness measures for hydro-meteorological hazards:
    - a. LGU Disaster Preparedness Manual – Checklist of Early Preparations for Mayors

- b. LGU Disaster Preparedness Manual – Checklist of Minimum Critical Preparations for Mayors
  - c. LGU Disaster Preparedness Manual – Checklist for MLGOOs, COPs, and FMs
- DILG Field Offices (P/C/M) are directed to:
    1. Recommend the convening of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils to discuss the impending threat of La Niña therein, and to formulate a La Niña Action Plan; and
    2. Ensure the timely reporting of respective LGUs to the DILG, of all La Niña related incidents, including planning, preparations and general assessments, using the reporting template.
  - DILG Regional Offices are directed to:
    1. Recommend the convening of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils to discuss the impending threat of La Niña therein, and to formulate a La Niña Regional Action Plan; and
    2. Consolidate and submit to DILG CODIX, through the prescribed format, the status report of LGUs on all La Niña related incidents, including planning, preparations and general assessments.

A copy of the La Niña Watch is available for downloading at the official website of PAG-ASA, <http://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/>.

All DILG Regional Directors and the Office of the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular, within their respective jurisdictions.

For strict compliance.

  
**MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO**  
Secretary 

