



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2009-156

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
SANGGUNIAN PRESIDING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AND DILG
REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : CONCERTED ACTIONS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF
TYPHOON ONDOY

Pursuant to Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8185, five percent (5%) of the estimated revenue from regular sources of a local government unit shall be set aside as annual lump sum appropriations for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and other works or services in connection with calamities which may occur during the budget year.

On the other hand, Section 5 (a) of the Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 8185 states that local government units may also allocate or use a portion of the 5% calamity fund to other affected areas on condition that the said areas are declared as under state of calamity by the sanggunian concerned. In Section 5(b), it is so provided that: (a) the calamity fund shall be utilized for the relief, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and other works or services in connection with the calamities which may occur during the budget year; and (b) a portion of the calamity fund may also be authorized to be used by the local government unit concerned to provide financial assistance to other local government units whose area or portion thereof had been declared under the state of calamity by its sanggunian. (underscoring supplied)

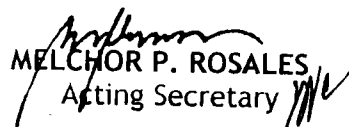
In the thinking of the Rules: (a) relief operations refer to activities undertaken to provide emergency assistance to victims of calamity usually through the provision of temporary shelter, relief goods or commodities; (b) rehabilitation means the restoration to the former living conditions of the community affected by the calamity; (c) reconstruction includes rebuilding, repair or replacement of public facilities, buildings and other infrastructure, or parts thereof, destroyed or damaged during the occurrence of calamity; and (d) other works and services undertaken in the course of rehabilitation or reconstruction such as but not limited to medical services, repair of equipment, financial assistance to calamity victims, and those essential to disaster control and management.

Under Section 321 of the Local Government Code, a supplemental budget may also be enacted in times of public calamity by way of budgetary realignment to set aside appropriations for the purchase of supplies and materials or the payment of services which are exceptionally urgent or absolutely indispensable to prevent imminent danger to, or loss of, life or property, in the jurisdiction of the local government unit or in other areas declared in a state of calamity by the President. (emphasis ours)

In support of continuing efforts to address the impacts of the devastation brought about by Typhoon Ondoy, all Local Chief Executives of local governments not affected by Typhoon Ondoy are strongly encouraged to extend financial assistance to concerned local government units in the calamity areas, to wit:

1. National Capital Region
2. Cordillera Autonomous Region - Mountain Province, Ifugao and Benguet
3. Region I - Pangasinan, La Union and Ilocos Sur
4. Region II - Isabela, Quirino and Nueva Vizcaya
5. Region III - Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Zambales, Pampanga, Bulacan, Tarlac and Bataan
6. Region IV-A - Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon
7. Region IV-B - Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro and Marinduque
8. Region V - Catanduanes, Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur

All DILG Regional Directors are directed to immediately disseminate this Memorandum Circular to all local governments within their regional assignments and to extend technical and appropriate assistance to local government units to effect such financial assistance to affected local governments. Further, all DILG Regional Directors are directed to submit a weekly report on the actions undertaken by that level and by the supporting local governments, starting on October 5, 2009, to the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, being the designated DILG Central Information Coordinating Center, and look for Ms. Maria Consolacion S. Buena or Ms. Rea S. Rojo at Telephone Number (02) 925-0377, Telefax Number (02) 928-9181 or email at dilg_blgs@yahoo.com.


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