

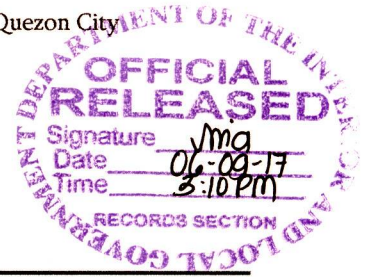


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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**2017 LA NIÑA ADVISORY**

Memorandum Circular No. 2017-75

June 9, 2017

**1.0 Background**

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA) is closely monitoring the development of La Niña as the tropical Pacific continues to exhibit cooler than average sea surface temperatures.

According to PAG-ASA's Seasonal Climate Outlook, the periods between April-June 2017 covers the gradual shift of the season from Northeast (NE) monsoon to Southwest (SW) monsoon. The weather systems that may affect the country are the easterlies, ridge of high pressure area (HPA), Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), Low Pressure Areas (LPAs), SW monsoon and two to four tropical cyclones. Warmer than average surface air temperatures are also expected during the season. The month of April signals the transition towards the SW monsoon season. Significant changes in rainfall pattern will be observed as the normal onset of the rainy season is expected to commence by the second half of May to early June for areas under Climate Type I (Western section of the country).

**2.0 Purpose**

The purpose of the Circular is to provide updates on the developing La Niña currently being experienced in the country; and to advise all concerned of necessary actions in preparation for La Niña.

**3.0 Scope/Coverage**

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Governor, and all others concerned

**4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines**

4.1 In view of the above-mentioned occurrences, the Department enjoins all concerned to perform the following preparatory actions in preparations for the La Niña 2017

4.1.1 For Local Chief Executives

4.1.1.1 Convene their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils and conduct Pre-Disaster Risk Assessments (PDRA), especially for flood-and landslide high-risk areas;

- 4.1.1.2 Prepare/Review their current La Niña Action Plans/OPLAN Tag-ulan Plans (submitted to the DILG Field Offices) and evaluate if local preparedness measures are adequate based on PAG-ASA's La Niña Forecast;
- 4.1.1.3 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 their respective areas of responsibility; and
- 4.1.1.4 Establish early preparedness actions for La Niña, with reference to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-76, dated July 21, 2016, "Early Preparedness Actions to Reduce Disaster Risks".

#### 4.1.2 For DILG Regional Offices

- 4.1.2.1 To convene a Disaster Preparedness Committee Meeting for La Niña of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and prepare/evaluate the La Niña Regional Action Plan;
- 4.1.2.2 Closely coordinate with PAG-ASA for the Regional and Provincial Rainfall Forecast, and with the DENR-MGB for LGUs with high to very high susceptibility to floods and landslides within their respective areas of responsibility; and
- 4.1.2.3 Cause the widest dissemination of the Memorandum Circular as well as to assist the LCEs in the coordination and convening of the LDRRMCs.


## 5.0 References

- 5.1 PAG-ASA Seasonal Climate Outlook: January-June 2017 and Rainfall Forecast (April-September 2017)
- 5.2 DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-76, dated July 21, 2015, titled, "Early Preparedness Actions to Reduce Disaster Risk"

## 6.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

## 7.0 Approving Authority

  
**CATALINO S. CUY**  
Officer-in-Charge

## 8.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact the Central Office Disaster Information Coordinating Center (CODIX) at Tel. No. (02) 928-7281 or thru e-mail address: [dilgcodix@gmail.com](mailto:dilgcodix@gmail.com), or concerned RDRRMC.