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**2019 QUARTERLY NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL**

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-06

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**1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Rule 6, Section 7 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10121 states that public awareness shall be undertaken through the conduct of drills by the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (LDRRMO) on a regular basis, which was supplemented by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) by highlighting the importance of developing and implementing a comprehensive national and local preparedness and response policies, plan, and system through the establishment, enhancement, and simulation of scenario-based preparedness and response plans.
- 1.2 In relation, the National Disaster Preparedness Plan's policy framework called for the promotion of regular disaster preparedness, response and recovery exercises and the conduct of trainings, simulations, drills, other capacity building and sustaining education, research and publication in DRRM and CCA to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and systems that reduce vulnerabilities and help various stakeholders to cope with hazards
- 1.3 Further, considering that LGUs also have their own respective operational plans and manuals for disaster response, it is deemed necessary to determine the coherence, effectiveness, and efficiency of all these plans through the periodic conduct of response exercises, as contained in Memorandum Circular Number 140-2018 issued by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) for the conduct of the CY 2019 Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED).

**2.0 Purpose**

The purpose of the policy is to test the overall efficiency and usefulness of the preparedness, response and recovery plans, systems of existing policy and protocols in their respective localities/offices by enjoining them to conduct the quarterly NSED.

**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 The Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill is scheduled on the following dates and pilot areas:

Quarter	Date	Location
1 <sup>st</sup>	21 February 2019	Iloilo City
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 June 2019	Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur
3 <sup>rd</sup>	08 August 2019	Ormoc City, Leyte
4 <sup>th</sup>	14 November 2019	Calapan City, Mindoro

- 4.2 The Department encourages all local chief executives (LCEs) to perform the following:

- 4.2.1 Coordinate with the PHIVOLCS Field Offices for the local earthquake scenario;
- 4.2.2 Conduct and/or join the Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill on the abovementioned dates within their locality/office;
- 4.2.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of various contingency plans in relation to the earthquake scenario and other similar events;
- 4.2.4 Test coordination and communication mechanism during response operations; and
- 4.2.5 Understand the command and control mechanism in emergency and disaster operation at the LDRRMC.

- 4.3 All LGUs may utilize part of their 70% preparedness fund out of the five per cent (5%) Local DRRM Budget for the expenses, subject to the availability thereof and to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

- 4.4 All DILG Regional and Provincial Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular and assist the LCEs in the coordination and conduct of the NSED.

- 4.5 For proper documentation, all activities should be documented and attached in the final report to be submitted to the Municipal/City/Provincial/Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council for consolidation.

## 5.0 Approving Authority

  
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Secretary



## 6.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact your respective Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (RDRRMC).