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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, BARMM CHIEF MINISTER, BARMM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT (DRRM)

The recent results of the National Disability Prevalence Survey (NDPS) show that around 12% of Filipinos aged 15 years and older experienced severe disability. While there are 47% who experienced moderate disability and 23% with mild disability.

Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta provides for the rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the Philippines, as well as their integration into the mainstream of society. They also enjoy the same rights as other people to take place in the society.

Thus, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2017-119, on the *Guidelines for the Establishment of Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) and the Conduct of the Persons with Disabilities General Assembly*, is hereby reiterated for all local government units (LGUs). The Persons with Disabilities' rights to participation and engagement, through their inclusion in the local planning, implementation, and monitoring processes should be more realized, through the PDAOs,

In the realm of disaster preparedness and management, the LGUs are encouraged to review the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) plans, to include, such as but not limited to, the updating of existing Early Warning Systems (EWSs), and disaster operations and protocols to become more inclusive to all sectors (physical, mental, or sensory impairments) of the Persons with Disabilities. The PDAOs also have a vital role in coordinating with other LGU departments, such as the Local Disaster Reduction and Management Officers (LDRRMOs), before, during, and after disasters.

All DILG Regional Directors and the BARMM Minister for Local Government are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this issuance to the concerned authorities within their areas of jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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