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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2019-47

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONDUCT OF NATIONWIDE IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN AND OTHER ACTIONS TO ADDRESS THE MEASLES OUTBREAK

1.0 Background

The Department of Health (DOH) has reported an alarming increase in measles cases in the Philippines. Measles – a vaccine-preventable disease – is a viral, highly-contagious respiratory disease which can be transferred from person to person by sneezing, coughing, and close personal contact. It may also cause complications such as pneumonia and diarrhea leading to death if left untreated.

06 February 2019, the DOH announced a measles outbreak in the National Capital Region, and expanded the said measles outbreak declaration on February 7, 2019 to include Region IV-A (CALABARZON), Region III, Region VI and Region VII. As per agreement reached during the 11 February 2019 meeting of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), an issuance of this Memorandum Circular is necessary to outline LGU actions to support the DOH's quick mass immunization campaign and other activities to address the measles outbreak.

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum Circular is to encourage all concerned to support the conduct of the Nationwide Immunization Campaign.

3.0 Legal Compliance

- 3.1. Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991 provides:

Section 16. General Welfare. xxx . . . within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, **promote health and safety** xxx . . . and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.” (emphasis supplied)

3.2. Pursuant to Section 3(e) of Executive Order No. 82, series of 2012, entitled, “*Operationalizing the Practical Guide for National Crisis Managers and the National Crisis Management Core Manual; Establishing National and Local Crisis Management Organizations; and Providing Funds Therefor,*” the Secretary of Health is designated as the Cabinet-Officer Primarily Responsible (C-OPR) for emerging and current threats to public health.

3.3. The National Crisis Management Core Manual (2012) defines **Disaster** as a “*serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources...*” Said Manual also defines **Crisis** as “*an emergency and threatening condition that requires urgent action or response*”. As a matter of urgency, government institutions including local government units, must operate and utilize its capacities and resources to cope up with the hazards and mitigate the level of damages the current outbreak might cause.

3.4. Section 21 of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 provides:

“...not less than five percent (5%) of the estimated revenue from regular sources shall be set aside as the LDRRMF to support disaster risk management activities. xxx... Of the amount appropriated for LDRRMF, thirty percent (30%) shall be allocated as Quick Response Fund (QRF) or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs in order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas **stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible.**” (emphasis supplied)

4.0 Policy Contents and Guidelines

4.1 All Local Chief Executives (LCEs) are hereby directed to ensure the following:

- a. Provision of necessary logistical, administrative and technical support to the DOH’s quick mass immunization campaign and related activities to ensure the successful conduct and implementation of the said activity;
- b. Active participation of provincial, city, municipal and barangay health office and other its personnel in the conduct of the immunization campaigns;
- c. Close monitoring of suspected measles cases and immediate reporting of cases the nearest health facility for treatment and proper case management;

- d. Coordination with the DOH Center for Health Development (Regional Offices) and other concerned agencies to ensure timely, responsive, and cultural and religious-sensitive information dissemination down to the communities and households; and
 - e. Documentation of all activities and submit monthly report to the Municipal/City/Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices for consolidation, copy furnished the DILG Municipal/City Local Government Operations Officer or DILG Provincial Director, as the case may be.
- 4.2 LGUs may utilize the seventy percent (70%) of the five percent (5%) LDRRMF for the expenses relative to the immunization campaign and other actions to address the measles outbreak, subject to availability thereof, and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations, provided that there is a certification from the DOH that the LGU concerned has a measles outbreak.
- 4.3 All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to:
- a. Cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their respective jurisdictions;
 - b. Direct DILG Field personnel to provide necessary technical assistance to LCEs; and
 - c. Submit monthly status reports on the implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum Circular to the Central Office Disaster Information Coordinating Center (CODIX) through email at dilgcodix@gmail.com.

5.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

6.0 Approving Authority


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Secretary





7.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact Mr. Edgar Allan B. Tabell of CODIX at Tel Nos. 9394269 or 876-3454 loc. 6102, or at email address at dilgcodix@gmail.com