OPLAN TAG-ULAN: PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON CY 2019

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-94

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1.0 Background

The Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) has released climate information for the months covering June to August 2019. According to the Seasonal Climate Outlook, the country will experience the gradual shift from Northeast (NE) monsoon to Southwest (SW) monsoon. The weather system that may affect the country are the easterlies, ridge high pressure area (HPA), Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), Low Pressure Area (LPA), SW monsoon (HABAGAT) and from eight (8) to Twelve (12) Tropical Cyclones. Moreover, near average to slightly warmer than average surface temperature is expected over the coming months over most parts of the country.

2.0 Purpose

The Purpose of this Circular is to enjoin all concerned to undertake necessary actions in preparation for the rainy season.

3.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs), Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers (LDRRMOs), the Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Minister of Ministry of Local Government (MLG), DILG Regional Directors, and all others concerned.

4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

4.1. In keeping with the country's vision to have "Safer, adaptive and disaster resilient Filipino communities towards sustainable development", the Department enjoins all concerned to perform the following actions in preparation for the rainy season.

4.1.1. For Local Chief Executives

4.1.1.1. Convene their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils and conduct Pre-Disaster Risk Assessments (PDRA), especially for areas with high to very high susceptibility to floods, flash floods, rain-induced landslides and debris flow asides by the scaled geo-hazard maps of Department of Environment and Natural-Resources - Mines and Geoscience Bureau (DENR-MGB) and other high-risk areas;

- 4.1.1.2. Cause the preparation and/or updating of the LGU's Contingency Plans for Hydro-meteorological Hazards (*copy furnished the respective DILG Field Office*) and evaluate if the established local preparedness measures are adequate;
- 4.1.1.3. Closely coordinate with DOST-PAGASA for timely weather updates, and with the DENR-MGB for adequate information on the threat of flooding and rainfall-induced landslides within their respective areas of responsibility;
- 4.1.1.4. Conduct monthly assessment and check the functionality, in collaboration with DOST Regional Offices, of all established Early Warning System (EWS) such as Automated Rain Gauges (ARG), Water Level Stations and other EWS within your Area of Responsibility (AOR);
- 4.1.1.5 Establish early preparedness actions for the rainy season with reference to Operation L!STO's Disaster Preparedness Manual for City and Municipal LGUs, and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-76, dated 21 July 2015, on "Early Preparedness Action to Reduce Disaster Risks": and
- 4.1.1.6 Utilize the 70% component of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) for disaster preparedness and risk management activities with reference to NDRRMC, DBM and DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, dated 25 March 2013, on "Allocation and Utilization of the LDRRMF".

4.1.2. For DILG Regional Offices and MLG-BARMM:

- 4.1.2.1. Convene a Disaster Preparedness Committee Meeting of the Regional Disaster Risk and Management Council, for the rainy season and prepare/evaluate/update the Regional Contingency Plans for Hydro-meteorological Hazards;
- 4.1.2.2. Closely coordinate with PAGASA for the Regional and Provincial Rainfall Forecasts, and with the DENR-MGB for LGUs with high to very high susceptibility to floods and landslides within their respective areas of responsibility;
- 4.1.2.3. Monitor the preparedness actions of all Local Government Units using the template (please see Annex) thru a cloud-based reporting and monitoring with the link: http://bit.ly/TagUlan_2019 (you may download it) and shall be updated every 1st Monday of the month until December 2019; and
- 4.1.2.5 Cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular.

5.0 References

- 5.1 DOST-PAGASA's Seasonal Climate Outlook for the period, June to August 2019;
- 5.2 Operation L!STO Manual Checklist of Early Preparation for Mayors;

- 5.3 DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-76, dated 21 July 2015, titled, "Early Preparedness Action to Reduce Disaster Risks", and;
- 5.4 NDRRMC, DBM and DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2013-13, dated 25 March 2013, titled "Allocation and Utilization of the Local Disaster RIsk Reduction and Management Fund".

6.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately.

7.0 Approving Authority

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Secretary

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8.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact the Central Office Disaster Information Coordinating Center (CODIX) at email dilgopcen@gmail.com or through the concerned DILG Regional Offices and/or RDRRMC.

LGU PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON 2019

Instructions:

For DILG Field Offices (C/MLGOOs)

- 1. Coordinate with your respective LCEs and L!STO Team for the preparation for the rainy season 2019;
- 2. Accomplish the attached form and submit it to your respective Provincial Offices thru the Cluster Leaders, if applicable;

	Monitoring LGU Preparedness Actions for Rainy Season 2019						
	LGU Information:						
	City or Municipality:						
	Province :						
	***Instruction: Check the boxes that apply						
	LGU Actions						
1	The mayor is within his/her AOR.						
2	C/MLGOO informed LGU on the Memorandum Circular for Preparation for the Rainy Season 2018 with Proof of Service						
	Get Organized:						
3	Gathered latest information and updated and completed the Contact Information/Directory Online Database (CIDO)						
4	Convened LDRRMC within 24 hours conduct Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA)						
5	Reviewed LDRRM Contingency Plans						
6	Reviewed LDRRM Hazard Risk Maps						
7	Drafted LDRRM Public Service Continuity Plan						
8	Assessed Evacuation Shelter/Centers						
9	Readied Pre-emptive Plans						
10	Readied Forced Evacuation Plans						
11	Estimated number of Possible Evacuees						
12	Organized Administrative Team						
13	Organized Logistical Support Team						

14	Organized Search, Rescue and Retrieval Teams (SRR)					
15	Organized Management of the Dead and Missing Person Team (MDM)					
16	Organized Security Teams					
17	Organized Medical Teams in Evacuation Shelters/Centers					
18	Organized Clearing Operations Team					
19	Organized Monitoring and Reporting Team					
20	Readied/Activated 24/7 Emergency Operations Center (EOC)					
21	Organized/Activated Incident Command System (ICS)					
22	Issued a standard guidelines on the accreditation of volunteers					
23	Conducted inventory of supplies, equipment and stockpile of goods					
24	Should be able to identify the designated warehouse for food and non-food items					
75	Issued an Executive Order establishing a Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding that involve emergency purchases					
26	Conducted clearing operations and assessed structures					
27	Placed adequate guide markers at strategic locations for evacuees and operations teams					
28	Should be able to identify temporary burial sites and morgues					
29	Developed and disseminated a community and family guide for disaster preparedness and response (Gabay at Mapa)					
	Alert Communities:					
30	Informed Punong Barangays of weather advisory (DOST-PAGASA Climate Outlook: June - August 2019)					
.3	Disseminated public warnings thru established warning systems and weather bulletins, especially families in identified danger zones					
32	Advised households to prepare survival kits/ secure roof, wall, power lines					
	Advised possible suspension of classes for appropriate levels and suspension of work for private and government offices during weather disturbances					
34	(For coastal and island barangays) Warned fisher-folks to take precautionary measures when going out to sea					
35	(For coastal and island barangays) Advised possible prohibitions for sea voyage and fishing (including rivers) and prevented people to cross in any body of water during weather disturbances					
	Execute Plans:					
36	Prepared Evacuation Shelters/Centers					

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37	Readied implementation/conduct of pre-emptive/forced evacuation					
38	Readied implementation/conduct mass feeding					
39	Possible cancellation of travel authorities for SAR and frontline personnel					
40	Repacked and prepositioned food packs and non-food items for evacuees					
41	Dispatched and prepositioned SAR/SRR, Medical, Security and Clearing Operations teams					
42	Advised Security Teams to maintain peace and order					
43	Secured communication, power and water supply lines					
44	Deployed brgy health workers/volunteers to provide medical, psycho-social, and spiritual counselling to the evacuees					
45	Coordinated with PNP and BFP for reporting of casualties (dead, missing, injured) and damage to structures, if any					
46	C/MHO coordinated with PNP and funeral parlors to manage dead, if any					
	***Additional					
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For DILG Regional and Provincial Offices and the MLG-BARMM:

- Access the DILG Online Reporting and Monitoring System (DORMs) with the link: http://bit.ly/DORMs_TagUlan_2019;
- 2. Please check the box that apply to the corresponding actions for the inputs in the DORMs Tag-Ulan 2019;
- 3. Do not use any characters; and
- Only the Regional and Provincial OPCEN emails can access the DBase of DORMs Tag-Ulan 2019;

LGU	Region	Province	City/ M un	Income Class	1		P		redne	ess	Estimated No. of Families of possible evacuees	Total No. of Identified Evacuation Shelters
Type						2	3	4	19	45		
Р	CAR	Abra									0	0
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