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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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FOR : LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SANGGUNIANG MEMBERS
OF PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

SUBJECT : ENJOINING SUPPORT FOR THE ADOPTION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LGU RESILIENCE READINESS
MONITORING FRAMEWORK (LRRMF)

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1. BACKGROUND

In line with the Department's mandate to exercise general supervision over local government units (LGUs), the DILG implements performance management programs with the aim to monitor, measure and facilitate development in local governance systems through a mix of capacity-building and incentives provision.

As Vice Chair for Disaster Preparedness under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) by virtue of Sec. 5 of RA 10121, the DILG recognizes its role in strengthening the integration and performance of disaster risk reduction and management and climate change adaptation (DRR-CCA) actions at all local government levels.

In view of this and the increasing complexities posed by escalating disaster risks, the DILG, in partnership with the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) has developed the Local Resilience Readiness Monitoring Framework (LRRMF). Through the LRRMF, the Disaster Preparedness Audit (DPA) component of the Local Governance Performance Management System – Seal of Good Local Governance (LGPMS-SGLG) program has been upgraded to expand current performance indicators to include measures taking into consideration LGUs' existing hazard profile and disaster risk.

As an adaptable assessment tool, the LRRMF assesses LGUs according to progressively higher levels of performance results, each suited to LGUs' current capacity. It broadens the scope of disaster preparedness expected from LGUs to prepare for long-term risk, imminent threats and recovery in the event of a disaster.

As a framework, it is a roadmap that LGUs can use to chart their own progress and which the DILG and other development partners can use to provide more focused interventions to address identified gaps and facilitate growth in local DRRM capacity. The LRRMF – for the DILG, development partners and LGUs – is an opportunity to recalibrate efforts nationwide to become more effective in resilience building, particularly in increasing the capacity of communities to cope, adjust, adapt and recover from adverse impacts of natural hazards.

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2. PURPOSE

This Circular encourages all local government units to support the adoption and implementation of the Local Disaster Resilience Readiness and Monitoring Framework.

3. SCOPE / COVERAGE

This policy shall cover:

- 3.1. All provinces, cities and municipalities;
- 3.2. DILG Regional Offices, BARMM Ministry of the Interior and Local Government, and Field Offices;
- 3.3. Bureau of Local Government Supervision – Local Governance Performance Management Division (BLGS-LGPMD); and
- 3.4. Concerned DILG Bureaus, Services and respective DRR-CCA Outcome Group Focal Persons.

4. POLICY CONTENT

4.1. Assessment Areas

The LRRMF advocates risk governance, which harmonizes key processes and strategies for disaster risk reduction and management, climate change adaptation, and the sustainable management of natural and built environments. It consists of five performance areas and select criteria drawn from national policies on DRRM.

LGU resilience readiness performance areas include:

- 4.1.1. *Organization functionality.* This refers to the combined capacity features of the Local DRRM council, office and its partner groups and organizations, namely: inclusiveness of the LDRRMC, competencies in DRRM, CCA, development planning and management, operational functionality of DRRMO and readiness of support groups in terms of skills and logistics.
- 4.1.2. *Reliable Risk Information and Communication.* This refers to the quality of risk information to various publics and stakeholders, namely: accuracy of hazard information in terms of scale and scope, completeness of hazard and vulnerability information, and relevance and accessibility of risk information.
- 4.1.3. *Safe built and natural environment.* This involves policy processes and strategies to mitigate long-term risk drivers such as integrity of private and public structures, unobstructed natural buffer zones, settlement upgrading or redevelopment, and the degree of integration of local policies and investments.
- 4.1.4. *Reliable emergency and response system.* This pertains to the pre-event and actual capacities mobilized to reduce imminent threats to life and property. This includes, adequacy of relief stock, quality of emergency protocols, reliability of early warning system, inclusiveness and functionality of evacuation facilities, quality of disaster operations center, and use of hazard-specific contingency plans.

4.1.5. *Resilient essential services and facilities.* This refers to prospective and actual measures to facilitate recovery following an impact focused mainly on the quality of utility and basic service infrastructure networks. It also includes financial protection measures for economic sectors such as micro-medium and small enterprises and agriculture.

4.2. Creation of LGU LRRMF Technical Teams

LGUs shall establish the LRRMF Technical Team, led by the Local Planning and Development Officer and the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer, with support from designated members from the following offices:

- Local Engineering Office;
- Local Environment and Natural Resource Management Office;
- Local Budget Office;
- Local Agriculture Office;
- Primary and Secondary Education sector representative;
- Business sector representative;
- Representative from the micro, small and medium enterprises;
- DPWH District Engineering Office;
- Utility and essential service providers such as but not limited to water supply, power supply, telecommunications; and
- Other agencies/ organizations as may be required.

4.3. Roles of the LGU LRRMF Technical Team

- Coordinate with the LDRRMC and other offices to gather support, documents, data, and inputs for the implementation of the LRRMF;
- Designate focal person/s responsible for gathering documents and data consolidation and entry;
- Facilitate field visits by DILG Assessment Teams;
- Utilize LRRMF results to inform the local planning process and the creation / updating of plans, i.e. Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan, Comprehensive Land Use Plans, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plans, Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans and other related plans, and to guide mobilization of resources.

Specific implementation guidelines shall be issued accordingly.

5. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

6. APPROVING AUTHORITY


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