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

SUBJECT : CALAMITY RESPONSE PROTOCOLS AND ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

The Mandate of Law

Every Provincial Governor, City Mayor, Municipal Mayor and Punong Barangay is responsible for the carrying out of emergency measures, as appropriate, during and in the aftermath of natural disasters and calamities.

Purpose of this Circular

To provide protocols for the guidance of local authorities in the event of disastrous situations such as typhoons, floods and landslides.

As used in this Circular, protocol refers to rules or procedure.

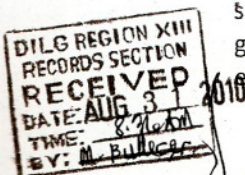
Coverage

Flood and landslide-prone provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays

Calamity Response Protocols

Within 12 hours from the broadcast of a typhoon signal in a given area by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, the concerned Local Chief Executive must:

1. Activate all Disaster Command and Auxiliary Command Centers in the locality, and mobilize the members of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council to man such Centers on a 24-hour basis;
2. Activate the area-wide warning and alarm system, whether stationary or portable;
3. Deploy the Emergency Response, Rescue and Medical Teams, as well as evacuation and rescue equipment in staging or in assigned deployment areas;
4. (a) Activate the designated Evacuation Center(s),
(b) Deploy personnel who are trained in food handling and in orderly distribution of relief goods, in medical and counseling services, in law enforcement, and in settling interpersonal conflicts, and
(c) See to it that basic and essential needs such as, but not limited to, water supply, power supply, food, medicines, sleeping mats, blankets, pillows and gender-sensitive sanitary facilities are available at the Center prior to actual evacuation; and



5. Enforce pre-emptive, or forced evacuation of affected families.

After- Calamity Protocols

1. See to it that affected areas are no longer dangerous to evacuees prior to their return ;
2. Provide continuing relief assistance, including medical and psycho-social counseling services to families or individuals-in-need;
3. Cause the collection of garbage and the total clean-up in the locality within 24 hours after the calamity; and
4. Conduct a damage assessment on: (a) local government-owned facilities, buildings and infrastructure; and (b) agriculture, i.e., crops, livestock, fisheries, and link damage assessment information to reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Other Guides to Actions

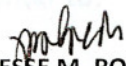
During and in the aftermath of a calamity:

1. Adopt measures such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Regular inspection of public and private markets, as well as rice warehouses;
 - (b) Activation of Consumer Complaint Desk; and
 - (c) Deployment of local government personnel to monitor prices,

in order to forestall hoarding or unreasonable price increases of essential and prime commodities; and

2. Cause the generation of reports as may be required by higher authorities;

All DILG Regional Directors and the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao are hereby directed to immediately disseminate this Memorandum Circular to all local authorities within their regional assignments, and to ensure an active local government compliance on this Issuance.


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