


NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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NDRRMC UPDATE

**Preparedness Measures Undertaken by National Agencies and RDRRMCs
Re: Tropical Storm “CHEDENG” (SONGDA)**

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I. NATIONAL AGENCIES' PREPAREDNESS MEASURES

DSWD

- Pre-positioning of standby funds and stockpile of relief commodities (food and non-food items) for augmentation assistance to Local Government Units (LGUs) likely to be affected; activation and mobilization of Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Teams at the regional and provincial levels for emergency management

DOH

- Stockpiling of medicines and medical supplies and Code “White Alert” in all CHDs is activated

DPWH

- Pre-positioning of all its available assets (equipment and manpower) in areas likely to be affected

PIA

- Enhancement of information dissemination and communications component of current Early Warning System (EWS) which has 4 elements: risk knowledge; technical monitoring and warning service; dissemination and communication warning; and response capability and preparedness

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- Activation of all Quick Response Teams (QRTs) in the 17 regions to closely coordinate with local DRRMCs; maintenance of an open communication line during emergency situations; and identify school buildings that are structurally fit for use as temporary holding centers

AFP

- Pre-positioning and rationalization of DRRO assets and equipment in disaster-prone areas; placing OPCON DRTUs to CENTCOM, NOLCOM, SOLCOM and NCRCOM; and alerting of AFP local Commands (PA, PAF, PN) on standby

PCG

- Placed on heightened alert all Coast Guard Districts, stations, and detachments in Central and Eastern Visayas, Southern Tagalog, and Bicol Region and Deployable Response Group of respective CGDBCL stations/detachments to ensure preparedness and readiness; and placed on standby all floating, air and land mobility assets, ready to undertake mission if necessary

BFP

- Issuance of memorandum to all Regional Directors in regions likely to be affected and directing all BFP units personnel to be on standby

PNP

- Activation of the PNP National Disaster Operations Center; mobilization of different PNP Disaster Incident Management Task Groups with TDPCR as Chairman/Task Coordinator of the PNP Sub-Committee on Disaster Management; conduct of forward deployment and pre-positioning of PNP SAR assets; and coordination with LGUs for pre-emptive evacuation

II. RDRRMCs PPREPAREDNESS MEASURES**Region I**

- RDRRMC/OCDRC-I OpCen is now under green alert status; continuously disseminates weather bulletins, advisories and gale warnings to all local DRRMCs concerned, RDRRMC Member Agencies and the tri-media thru facsimile and SMS; and alerted all local DRRMCs (provincial, city, municipal, and barangay) to take appropriate actions for possible flashfloods, landslides and storm surges

Region II

- RDRRM/OCDRC-II continuously disseminated weather bulletins to all concerned agencies and LGUs; coordinated with local DRRMCs from the provincial down to the municipal levels on their preparedness measures including possible pre-emptive evacuation at the low-lying areas if necessary; alerted rescue groups for possible Search and Rescue (SAR) operations and RDRRMC Member Agencies for possible assistance and pre-positioned food, non-food items and rescue assets
- PDRRMCs Cagayan, Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya and Batanes Operations Center are now activated to closely monitor the situation; established their respective Advance Command Post manned by respective DRRMCs; pre-positioned SAR assets, medical teams, earth moving equipment and relief goods (food and non-food); and convening of respective DRRMCs for preparedness measures

Region III

- RDRRMC/OCDRC-III together with its counterpart in the provinces, cities and municipalities continuously monitor the movement of TS “Chedeng” and pre-positioned its resources to areas likely to be affected
- RDRRMC OpCen will be fully activated as soon as PAGASA issues Public Storm Signal
- All resources of provincial, cities and municipal DRRMC are on standby and will be utilized if situation warrants

Region IV-A

- RDRRMC/OCDRC IV-A OpCen disseminated weather advisory on TS “Chedeng” to member agencies such as: PIA, PRO IV-A, SOLCOM, PCG-STL, BFP IV-A, PDRRMCs and PPOs of CALABARZON, DSWD IV-A, DOST IV-A, DILG IV-A and NEDA IV-A
- RDRRMC/OCDRC IV-A directed all PDRRMCs to warn the residents in the flashflood, landslide and storm surge prone municipalities of the impending treat in the region and reiterated Memoranda Nos. 19 s 2009 and 24 s 2003 on “Zero Casualty” and placed on standby its response agencies for deployment if need arises
- RDRRMC/OCDRC IV-A checked the credit balance of five (5) Thuraya provincial kits and prepared for deployment

Region IV-B

- Provide all concerned agencies and Local DRRMCs of Weather Advisory for dissemination to general public; advises line-member agencies to be on standby; and establish appropriate coordination with PIA for region-wide dissemination of advisories

Region V

- RDRRMC/OCDRC-V conducted Joint Emergency Meeting and Press Briefing presided by C,RDRRMC/RD,OCD-V with Governor Joey Salceda; Member Agencies are preparing their respective resources in case disaster operations is required; DSWD requested the APSEMO to conduct inventory of tents released to the LGUs last 2006 typhoons; PCG to implement Circular re: No Sailing Policy; RDRRMC Response Cluster Member Agencies (AFP, PNP, PCG and BFP) will prepare their response units which will be pre-positioned at the strategic locations within the Bicol River Basin area; DILG-V has issued a memorandum to all LCEs to personally direct pre-emptive measures within their localities and recommended that all travel outside station be postponed; Municipalities and cities in the first and second districts of Albay which are geographically located in the eastern and western seaboards are placed under alert status; PDRRMC Camarines Sur convened and discussed its preparedness and responsibilities of each member agencies

Region VIII

- RDRRMC/OCDRC-VIII disseminated weather bulletin to all RDRRMC Member Agencies to include Provincial, City and Municipal DRRMCs; and the Technical Working Group will conduct an emergency meeting on May 24, 2011 at Ritz Tower de Leyte for pre-positioning of response assets once the tropical storm hit the region
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