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National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

**NDRRMC UPDATE**

**Sitrep No. 02 re Preparedness Measures re Feast of the Black Nazarene 2021**

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Sources: DOST-PAGASA and OCD-NCR

**I. BACKGROUND**

The Feast of the Black Nazarene has become the Philippines most attended yearly event in the past years. The growth on the size of the crowd has been pegged at an increasing annual rate. The festivity is held annually on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January in Manila. The "Pahalik" to the Black Nazarene normally start on the late afternoon of 08 January 2021 at the Quirino Grandstand.

The swarm of devotees coming from all walks of life has become unstoppable due to strong spiritual belief that binds the devotees together. It has caused not just local but international media attention. With such a high concentration of people, the threats and possible harm to the population due to possible hazards has become a serious concern for the authorities. However, with restrictions imposed, amended IATF Reso No. 80 that allowed up to 30% of the seating or venue capacity of religious gathering in areas under ECQ and to ensure the reduction of transmission of COVID-19 in NCR, the usual celebration of the Feast of the Black Nazarene 2021 has adopted a new kind of celebration different from what has been observed in the past years. To address this challenge, the Quiapo Church dubbed the localized form of celebration, the 4Ps: *Pagdawal* instead of *Prusisyon/Traslacion*; *Pagsimba* instead of *Pagpunta*; *Pagpugay* instead of *Pahalik*; and *Paghanay* instead of *Pagpas-an*.

**II. WEATHER SITUATION**

As of 4:00 AM, 10 January 2021, the Tail-end of a Frontal System (Shearline) is affecting eastern section of Southern Luzon. Northeast Monsoon affecting Luzon.

**III. SITUATION OVERVIEW**

**A. CROWD ESTIMATE**

At **6:00 PM, 09 January 2021**, the crowd estimate is 9,990 within the church vicinity, while only 400-500 were allowed to attend the mass inside the Quiapo Church and 150 in Sta. Cruz Church.

## B. ROAD CLOSURE

Date	Road Closure	Rerouting
08 January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southbound lane of Quezon Blvd. (Quiapo) from A. Mendoza/Fugoso to Carlo Palanca St.</li> <li>• Northbound Lane of Quezon Blvd. from Carlos Palanca St. to Fugoso St.</li> <li>• Westbound lane of España Blvd. from P. Campa to A. Mendoza St.</li> <li>• Stretch of Evangelista St. from P. Paterno St. to Recto Ave.</li> <li>• Stretch of Palanca St. from Carriedo/Plaza Lacson to P. Casal St.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All vehicles intended to utilize Quezon Blvd coming from A Mendoza shall turn right to Fugoso St. left Rizal Avenue to point of destination.</li> <li>• Vehicles coming from Quezon City utilizing southbound lane of España Ave. shall turn left to Nicanor Reyes St., turn right to CM Recto Ave. or turn right to P. Campa St., then turn left to A. Mendoza St., right to Fugoso St. to point of destination.</li> <li>• Vehicles coming from McArthur Bridge intending to utilize Palanca St. shall go straight to Rizal Ave. to point of destination.</li> <li>• Vehicles coming from Ayala Bridge intending to utilize Palanca St. shall go straight to P. Casal St. to point of destination</li> <li>• Vehicles coming from P. Burgos Ave. intending to utilize Quezon Bridge shall go straight to McArthur Bridge or Jones Bridge to point of destination.</li> </ul>
09 January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stretch of Ronquillo St. from Rizal Ave. to Plaza Sta. Cruz</li> <li>• Stretch of Bustos St. from Plaza Sta. Cruz to Rizal Ave.</li> <li>• Northbound lane of McArthur Bridge</li> <li>• Stretch of Rizal Ave. from Carriedo (Plaza Lacson) to G. Puyat St.</li> <li>• Stretch of San Rafael St. from Legarda St. to Plaza Del Carmen.</li> <li>• Stretch of Bilibid Viejo St. from SH. Loyola St. to Plaza Del Carmen.</li> <li>• Stretch of Hidalgo St. from Carcer St. to Plaza Del Carmen.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All vehicles coming from P. Burgos Ave. intending to utilize McArthur Bridge, shall go straight to Jones Bridge to point of destination.</li> <li>• Vehicles utilizing southbound lane of Rizal Ave. going to Ronquillo St. shall turn right to CM. Recto Ave., left to R. Regente St., to J. Luna St. left to Plaza Cervantes to Jones Bridge or go straight to Muelle dela Industria to Escolta St. to point of destination</li> <li>• All vehicles intending to utilize SH. Loyola St. shall go straight CM. Recto Ave. left or right to Legarda St. to point of destination.</li> </ul>

## IV. PREPAREDNESS MEASURES

### A. NATIONAL DRRM COUNCIL (NDRRMC)

#### 1. NDRRM Operations Center (NDRRMOC)

- a. Maintained RED ALERT Status since COVID-19 response operations.
- b. Continuous monitoring and ensure dissemination of Weather Advisories, and General Flood Advisories to all concerned RDRRMCs/OCDROs through SMS, NDRRMC website, and official social media websites for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs).

## **B. METRO MANILA DRRM COUNCIL (MMDRRMC)**

- Lead on the First Level of Emergency Response through coordination and collaboration
- Resource provider for the Manila City DRRMC
- Pre-identified the Incident Management Team (IMT)
- Placed on standby ready for deploy and augmentation once alert level is elevated to “Charlie Level”
- Conducted meeting in relation to the preparations of the Feast of the Black Nazarene 2021
  - MMDRRMC Response Cluster – 07 January 2021
  - RIATF RTF Meetings Other Matter

### **OCD NCR**

- Continuous monitoring of the situation in praying stations and church
- Facilitated request re augmentation of resources and to concerned agencies and volunteer group
- Attended meetings at Quiapo Command Center
- Facilitated the virtual EOC of the MMDRRMC for the Feast of the Black Nazarene 2021.

### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTR)**

Submitted the I-ACT Implan to ensure orderly, safe, peaceful, disciplined, and environmentally friendly flow of traffic during the Feast of the Black Nazarene 2021.

### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND DEVELOPMENT-NCR (DSWD-NCR)**

- Continuous provision of Disaster Assistance Family Access Card to requesting LGUs.
- Quick Response Team on standby in response to any eventualities.
- Established emergency operation center for the Feast of the Black Nazarene 2021 at Rm. 109, Disaster Response Management Division, FO-NCR located in Sampaloc, Manila.
- Disseminated weather conditions and other emergencies
- Activated its EOC Operation Center at Rm. 109 DRMD Office located at Sampaloc, Manila
- On 24-hour duty until 10 January 2021 or until the MMDRRMC declares demobilization of assets and resources
- Stockpile and commodities are available and on standby
- Standby fund of ₱3,000,000.00

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT-NCR (DILG-NCR)**

- Assigned personnel to monitor the said event, together with other members of the MMDRRMC Response Clusters on standby for possible deployment in case of any disaster.
- Assisted in the preparation and development of reports, which underline the following:
  - general situation of the event
  - number of attendees
  - number of casualties (i.e., missing, dead and injured persons).

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS-NCR (DPWH-NCR)**

- Provided additional plastic barriers for the road closure.
- To conduct clearing activities as need arises

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY (DICT)**

Assisted the MMDRRMC in the signal blackout on the vicinity of Quiapo Church, San Sebastian Church, Nazarene School, and Sta. Cruz Church.

**METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA)**

Provided additional portalet, plastic barriers and radio communication at Quiapo Church.

**METRO MANILA CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (MMCHD)**

- Raised Code White Alert in all Metro Manila Hospitals, CHD NCR, III and CALABARZON effective 07-10 January 2021
- Continuous close coordination with MMCHD and LHSD
- Continuous monitoring of development of the festivity through Virtual Emergency Operation Center (VOEC) hosted by OCD-NCR
- Health Emergency Management Unit is on duty at HEMU Operation Center (OpCen)
- 24hr duty of one (1) HEMU Staff and one (1) LHSD Staff at the MMCHD-HEMU OpCen
- Close coordination with Quiapo Command Center through CDAG
- No medical teams deployed, Civil Defense Action Group (CDAG) was authorized by MMCHD to act as its communication arm and is stationed at the City of Manila from 08 January 2021, 6:00 AM to 09 January 2021, 9:00 PM.
- Four (4) DOH Hospitals are on standby and ready to receive patients coming from the activity:
  - Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital
  - Dr. Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center
  - San Lazaro Hospital
  - Tondo Medical Center

**JOINT TASK FORCE-NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (JTF-NCR)**

SRR Cluster lead

**BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION-NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (BFP-NCR)**

Fire Suppression, HAZMAT, and CBRNE Cluster lead

**PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY – NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (PIA-NCR)**

Disseminated information related to BNT 2020

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION POLICE OFFICE (NCRPO)**

- MPD disseminated traffic advisories re road closures and rerouting

**C. LOCAL DRRM COUNCILS (LDRRMCs)****CDRRMC Las Piñas**

- Established first aid station at San Isidro Labrador Parish, Almanza Uno
- Prepared all equipment, vehicles and related resources
- Activated Las Piñas City- IMT and EOC for Black Nazarene Visit 2021
- BERT on alert and ready to respond in AOR on 05-06 January 2021 for any emergency cases

**CDRRMC Parañaque**

- Image of Black Nazarene will stay from 07 January 2021, 3:00 PM, "Misa ng Pagtanggap" to 08 January 2021, 10:30AM "Misa ng Paghahatid" at the Baclaran Church, with 700 devotees.
- On Red Alert since 17 March 2020 due to COVID-19 Response

- PNP Teams are activated for security, peace and order, and implementation of minimum health standards in the internal and external premises of Baclaran Church
- Parañaque Central Fire Station, City Health Office-HEMS are on standby
- Brgy. Baclaran activated two (2) ambulances with medical team at the identified medical post
- Baclaran Church established medical post and one (1) medical team
- City Health Office-HEMS medical teams are on standby for immediate deployment

#### **CDRRMC Pasay**

- Incident Management team and medical teams are on standby for augmentation during the event.
- Equipment and vehicles on standby for immediate response for any eventualities.

#### **CDRRMC Quezon City**

- Elevated to Yellow Alert, likewise, all response clusters are on standby alert and heightened monitoring
- Maintains 24/7 monitoring with sixteen (16) duty personnel
- Disseminates advisories and PAGASA bulletins through social media account
- Monitoring of weather and the situations churches and praying stations
- Conducted phone brigade to 142 BHERT to monitor untoward events in their AOR
- QC IMT continuous operations on COVID19 patient transport
  - Deployment of one (1) ambulance per district situated in satellite office
  - All QC USAR is on standby alert

#### **CDRRMC Manila**

- Available resources for deployment – 12 Ambulances (ACLS) with 47 personnel, 7 Ambulances (BLS) with 18 personnel, 1 Command unit with 4 personnel, 1 Rescue truck with 3 personnel, 3 SAR unit with 6 personnel, 2 transporter truck with 6 personnel
  - Activated the Traslacion 2021 Incident Command System
  - Issued Executive Order (EO) No. 01, s. 2021, entitled, “An Order Suspending Classes and Work in the City Government of Manila on January 9, 2021 to Allow Devotees to Participate in Online Activities for the Feast of the Black Nazarene; Prohibiting the Sale of Liquor and Other Alcoholic Beverages within the Quiapo Area; and Directing the Strict Implementation of City Ordinance No. 5555, Prohibiting Drinking said Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places.
  - Distributed 50,000 washable face masks
  - [Installed led screens outside Quiapo Church for the devotees outside](#)
  - [Reiterated and required devotees to follow COVID-19 standard minimum health protocol](#)
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## Photo Documentation

Sources: PIA, OCD-NCR and Social Communications Ministry Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene

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