



**NDRRMC RESOLUTION NO. 13, s. 2022**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RE-EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION  
OF A STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES  
DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(a) of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, provides that it shall be the policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters, including climate change impacts;

**WHEREAS**, on 11 March 2020, the WHO characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte promulgated Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 for six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 September 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte promulgated Proclamation No. 1021 extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 declared under Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020, for one (1) year, effective 13 September 2020 to 12 September 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

**WHEREAS**, on 10 September 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte promulgated the Proclamation No. 1218, further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 declared under Proclamation No. 1021 s. 2021, for one (1) year, effective 13 September 2021 to 12 September 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

**WHEREAS**, DOH data reports a total of 3,893,573 affected individuals all over the country as of 05 September 2022, with incremental case increases being reported nationally;

**WHEREAS**, DOH data, through its Genomic Biosurveillance in partnership with the University of the Philippines - Philippine Genome Center (Main, Visayas, Mindanao), the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, and the University of the Philippines - National Institutes of Health, reports a total of five Variants of Concern detected in the

country as of 04 September 2022, namely: Alpha (B.1.1.7 and sublineages), Beta (B.1.351 and sublineages), Gamma (P.1 and sublineages), Delta (B.1.617.2 and sublineages), and Omicron (B.1.1.529 and sublineages). In addition to this, a total of four Omicron subvariants under monitoring have also been detected in the country, namely: BA.4, BA.5, BA.2.12.1, and BA.2.75;

**WHEREAS**, as of 17 July 2022, the World Health Organization announced that COVID-19 remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern with the continuous emergence of new sub-variants of the virus, waves of cases, hospitalizations, and death around the world.

**WHEREAS**, as of 5 September 2022, or more than two years since the President placed the Philippines under a state of calamity, national daily and active cases are still expected to have a slow increase past September 2022, and with the emergence of an immune-escaping variant coupled with sub-optimal vaccination rates may lead to an increase in hospital and intensive care unit admissions that surpass highest recorded numbers during the spread of the Delta variant;


**WHEREAS**, the extension of the declaration of the State of Calamity shall ensure the continuous delivery of COVID-19-related interventions such as but not limited to; access to medicines and vaccines under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination program, flexibility of fund utilization for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and ancillary supplies, disaster preparedness and response efforts, emergency hiring and augmentation of healthcare workers and provision of healthcare worker benefits including One COVID-19 Allowance (OCA) and Sickness and Death Compensation.

**WHEREAS**, other benefits, such as the COVID-19 Compensation to those contracted COVID-19 in the line of duty, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) coverage for direct health care cost of hospitalized HCWs and non-HCWs, and PHIC coverage for regular testing of HCWs and non-HCWs, will also be provided during the duration of the extended State of calamity declaration, consistent with RA No. 11712.

**WHEREAS**, this declaration will, among others, effectively afford the National Government, as well as local government units (LGUs), ample latitude to continue to implement the COVID-19 interventions, specifically the vaccination program; implement risk communication and community engagement actions; utilize funds, including the Quick Response Fund, in their disaster preparedness and response efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, in view of existing conditions, there is an indubitable necessity to continuously employ such measures to address the Public Health Emergency to protect and promote the health and well-being of Filipino citizens and mitigate its effect;

**WHEREAS**, in relation thereto, the following provisions of law thus took effect:

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1. Section 22(c) of Republic Act No. 10121 and Section 5(b) of NDRRMC Memorandum Order No. 60, series of 2019, which provide that the Quick Response Fund (QRF) shall be utilized for relief and recovery programs in order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible;

2. Executive Order No. 121 series of 2020 which granted the authorization to the Director General of the Food and Drug Administration to issue EUA for COVID-19 drugs and vaccines, with the proclamation of the public health emergency and state of calamity throughout the country due to COVID-19, to ensure accessibility and adequacy of supplies of related drugs and medicines given that there is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the drug or vaccine for diagnosing, preventing, or treating COVID-19;

3. Sections 4 and 5 of RA No. 11712 provide that the Health Emergency Allowance (HEA), Compensation Package, and Other Benefits shall be granted by the National Government to all health care and non-health care workers, regardless of employment status during the COVID-19 or other public health emergencies of national scale that may be declared in the future, from the time of the declaration of the public health emergency until lifted by the President.

4. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11525, which authorizes the DOH to procure COVID-19 vaccines, including ancillary supplies and services necessary for storage, transport, deployment, and administration through the Negotiated Procurement under Emergency Cases pursuant to Section 53(b) of Republic Act no. 9184 and Section 53.2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act no. 9184.

5. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11525, which authorizes LGUs to enter into supply agreement, advance market commitment, advance payment, research investment, purchase order or any similar arrangements and directly procure ancillary supplies and services necessary for storage, transport, deployment, and administration of COVID-19 vaccines under emergency cases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Council RESOLVES as it is hereby RESOLVED, to:**

a. Recommend to the President to re-extend the **State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months from 13 September 2022 to 12 March 2023, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;**

b. Under the re-extended state of calamity, authorize the following measures to mitigate and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- i. Authorize the NGAs and LGUs to use their respective agency funds and/or DRRM Funds, but not limited to their QRF for COVID-19 health emergencies; and
- ii. Access to medicines and vaccines under emergency use authorization;
- iii. Implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination program;
- iv. Flexibility in fund utilization for COVID-19 vaccines and ancillary supplies, and implementing other emergency efforts; and
- v. Emergency hiring and augmentation of health workers and provision of their benefits.

c. Recommend the conduct of the periodic assessment of COVID-19 Management to ensure accountability of implementation of programs by concerned agencies and LGUs; and

d. Allow the Chairperson to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Council.

Done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 at the Department of National Defense, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

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