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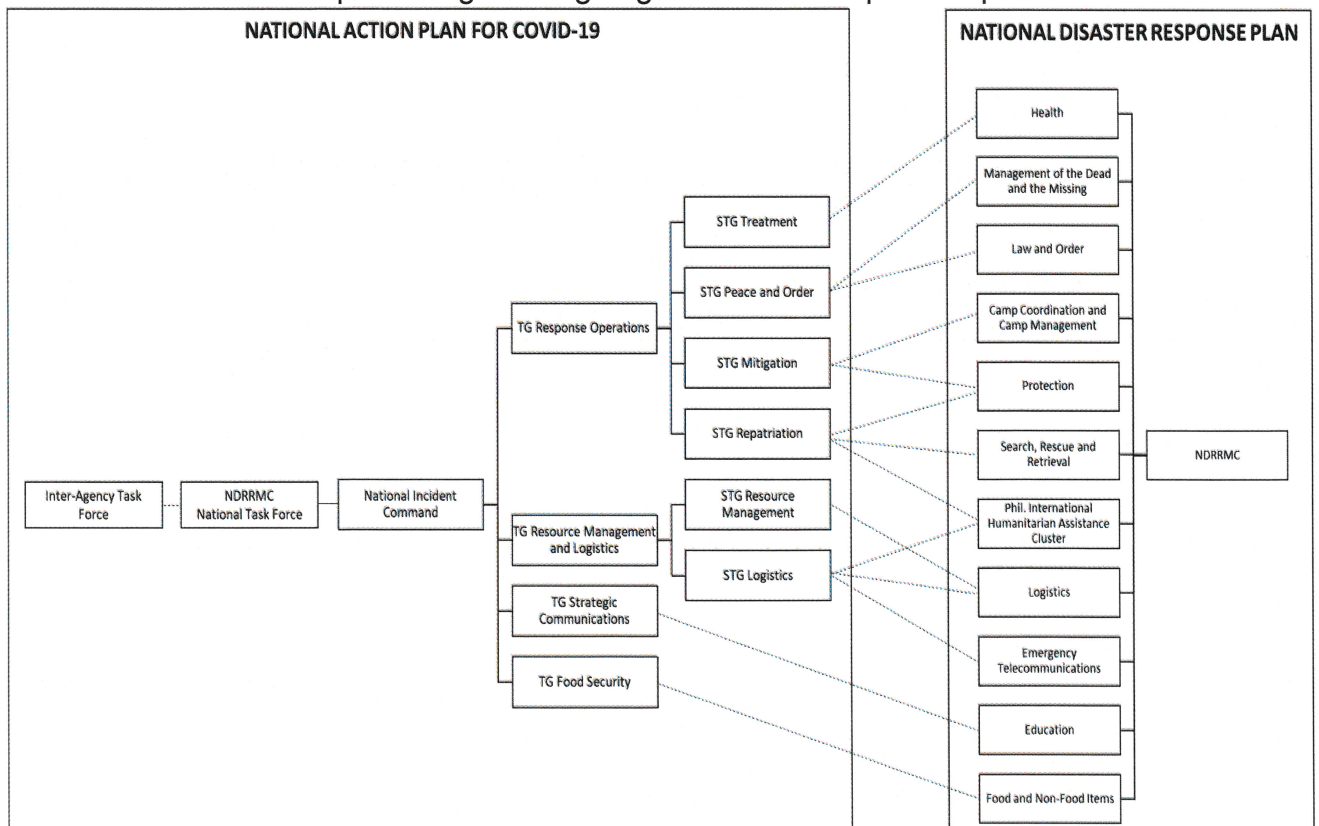
MEMORANDUM
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TO : ALL NDRRMC MEMBER AGENCIES AND HEADS OF RESPONSE CLUSTERS

SUBJECT: Alignment of the National Disaster Response Plan and the National Action Plan for COVID-19

The current national response for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) entails the operationalization of the National Action Plan (NAP) and the activation of the NDRRMC as the National Task Force (NTF). Amidst the ongoing public health emergency, it is imperative to remain steadfast in preparedness for response to other forms of natural and human-induced hazards following the DRRMC structure, as provided for in Republic Act (RA) 10121.

In this regard, this NDRRMC Memorandum is hereby issued to provide for the alignment of the NAP for COVID-19 and the mainstreaming of all health and safety standards prescribed by the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) in all the Programs, Projects and Activities relative to the implementation of the National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP) at the national, regional, local and community levels. Such will allow the adoption of structures and functions of the Response Clusters as indicated in the NDRP without compromising the ongoing COVID-19 response operations.




To implement the alignment of the NDRP and NAP, all NDRRMC member agencies that are currently serving as members of the Task Groups, Sub-Task Groups and Task Units under the National Incident Command (NIC) shall simultaneously operate and harmonize functions as members of the Response Clusters. The alignment shall be implemented upon activation of the NDRRMC's Response Clusters due to disasters caused by other natural or human-induced hazards. The national report for COVID-19 response shall remain under the auspices of the NTF through the National Incident Command (NIC) while the national report for other disasters shall be consolidated by the NDRRMC through the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

Relatedly, pursuant to Item V-C of the Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order (AO) No. 2020 – 0015: Guidelines on the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation, all disaster response actions shall ensure that COVID-19 mitigation objectives are achieved. In this connection, **all Heads of Response Clusters are hereby directed to prepare detailed guidelines, protocols and procedures on the alignment of Disaster Response activities in view of the required COVID-19 mitigation objectives.** The said guidelines, protocols and procedures shall be emphasized in all Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) meetings.

For reference, attached is the matrix of COVID-19 Mitigation Objectives and the recommended general actions and adjustments in Disaster Response, as prepared by the OCD.

For information and guidance.

For the Chairperson, NDRRMC:


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