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NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

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MEMORANDUM
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TO : ALL MEMBERS OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, MUNICIPAL LEVELS AND BARANGAY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: Reiteration of COVID-19 Preparedness Measures for the Anticipated Rainy Season

With reference to the Climate Outlook dated 24 February 2021 by the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA), the projected climate and weather conditions covering the period of March to August 2021 are as follows:

- La Niña is likely to continue through March, April and May 2021 (~55% chance), with a rising probability of returning to El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) neutral during April, May and June 2021 (~60% chance).
- In terms of Forecast Rainfall, there will be generally near to above normal rainfall conditions on March, April to May 2021 while below to near normal rainfall conditions will be expected on June, July to August 2021.
- Around four (4) to eight (8) Tropical Cyclones may enter/develop within the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) during the forecast period.

In this connection, this NDRRMC Memorandum is hereby issued to inform all concerned stakeholders regarding the Climate Outlook by DOST-PAGASA, and reiterate the preparedness for the anticipated rainy season while sustaining the response efforts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), as provided for in Memorandum No. 54 issued on 29 May 2020:

NDRRMC Member Agencies	Local Government Units (LGUs)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake risk-informed decision making. • Sustain COVID-19 response operations vis-à-vis other disaster response requirements. • Undertake Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and other related meetings, using alternative work arrangements. • Undertake resource inventory and stockpiling as NDRRMC Response Clusters. • Maintain protocols for Situation Reporting • Observe health protocols when rendering duty at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake and implement science and evidence-based decisions within your areas of responsibility (AOR). • Prepare vital facilities and services. • Maximize the Local DRRM Funds. • Increase capabilities for logistics requirements. • Undertake evacuation planning while adhering to health protocols. • Prepare evacuation centers not listed as COVID-19 facilities. • Sustain operations as Local Task Forces COVID-19. • Protect the health and ensure safety of responders. • Observe health protocols in delivering social services.


General Public	Non-government Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector and Other Partner Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the news and authorized government sources for weather updates, warning and advisories. • Check and prepare "Go Bags." • Observe health protocols (practice respiratory etiquette at all times, wear face mask, practice physical distancing, stay at home, conduct sanitation, etc.). • Stockpile goods at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with LGUs for prepositioning of resources and other preparedness activities. • Follow the incident management protocols of the LGU when deploying teams while adhering to public health measures.

The above stakeholders are hereby enjoined to adhere to the above preparedness measures and ensure the implementation of whole-of-society approach when responding during the anticipated rainy season amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

Attached are copies of the Climate Outlook by DOST-PAGASA and the NDRRMC Memorandum No. 52, s. 2020 for reference.

For information and guidance.

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