



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

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MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 021,s.2022

TO : NDRRMC MEMBER AGENCIES
CHAIRPERSON, RDRRMCS AND LDRRMCS

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELIEF AID THRU CASH
VOUCHERS IN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND
DEVELOPMENT (DSWD)

I. RATIONALE

The Philippines is vulnerable to numerous disasters ranging from earthquakes, tropical cyclones, and flooding, due to its geographical context. According to the 2020 World Risk Index, the Philippines ranked 9th as the most affected country from extreme weather events due to high exposure, vulnerability, and susceptibility to natural hazards while lacking with coping and adaptive capacities.

In the Philippines, poor households are often disproportionately affected by disasters due to heightened vulnerabilities and relatively fewer resources to reduce risks or coping and adapting with the shock brought about by the disaster when it occurs.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in order to be more responsive and more efficient in responding to disasters and emergencies, approved DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 13, series of 2021 otherwise known as the Guidelines in the Implementation of Relief Aid thru Cash Voucher in Disasters and Emergencies (RACVoDE).

The RACVoDE, alongside the implementation of the Emergency Cash Transfer and provision of Food and Non-Food Items as relief strategies, is a strategy that provides interventions to families and communities thru Cash Voucher with power to purchase authorized items of expenditures from the Partner Service Provider. This will enable them to obtain specific needs and requirements for items not included in the relief resources being provided. Likewise, this will ensure that the assistance provided to these families thru vouchers will be used to purchase items that will support their daily needs and their families' well-being.

Additionally, the RACVoDE reduces the financial and administrative costs to the government, in delivering various food and non-food items to the affected areas and population. It also minimizes security risks for personnel, lessens logistical demands, and supports the early revival of local markets, at the

same time accelerates the return to normalcy of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

II. OBJECTIVES

This Memorandum Order aims to provide authority to the DSWD to adopt and implement the Relief Aid thru cash Voucher in Disasters and Emergencies as one of its instruments and delivery strategies for disaster response vis-a-vis in responding to requirements for post-disaster continuing relief, recovery and rehabilitation to disaster-affected families.

III. LEGAL BASES

- a. 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.
- b. Section 2(d) of Republic Act No. 10121 provides that it shall be the policy of the State to adopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated, and proactive in lessening the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of disasters including climate change, and promote the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community.
- c. Section 2(p) of Republic Act No. 10121 provides that it shall be the policy of the State to provide maximum care, assistance, and services to individuals and families affected by disaster, implement emergency rehabilitation projects to lessen the impact of disaster, and facilitate the resumption of normal social and economic activities.
- d. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 10121 provides that the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRMF) shall be utilized for relief, recovery, reconstruction, and other work services in connection with natural or human-induced calamities.
- e. Republic Act No. 10121 mandates the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Response of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). Under the national Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) framework, the DSWD takes the overall responsibility for coordinating NDRRMC's disaster response. The DSWD coordinates the activities of the lead agencies for disaster response which are the DSWD itself, Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd) and among others.

IV. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), through the DSWD, shall ensure the effective implementation of this Memorandum Order. The Council will allocate the necessary funding for the implementation of this Order by way of having the same included and/or authorized for financing under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund in the annual appropriations.

V. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

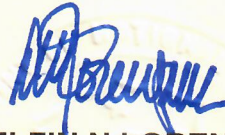
Should any of the provisions herein be declared invalid or unconstitutional by the appropriate authority or courts of laws, the same shall not affect the other provisions' validity, unless otherwise so specified.

VI. REPEALING CLAUSE

Provisions from previous NDRRMC issuances and other related orders that are inconsistent or contrary to this Memorandum Order are hereby amended and modified accordingly.

VII. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.



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Chairperson, NDRRMC

