



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

MEMORANDUM
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TO : ALL CONCERNED NDRRMC MEMBER-AGENCIES AND REGIONAL DRRM COUNCILS

SUBJECT : DEACTIVATION OF THE NDRRMC ALERT STATUS TO NORMAL CONDITION (WHITE)

With the worldwide outbreak of the Novel Corona Virus in 2019, the status at the **National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center (NDRRMOC) has been on heightened alert since 19 March 2020**. To date, the NDRRMOC is on Alert for more than 1,000 days in order to deliver the response and assistance, maintain and continue the necessary coordination in providing support to the responding agencies and teams as well as the affected by COVID-19 in the country; the NDRRMOC has also issued over 1,000 Situation Reports for COVID-19 since 01 April 2020. In addition, the NDRRMOC has maintained its emergency condition for other disaster events such as tropical cyclones including STY "ROLLY" in 2020, the Taal Volcano Eruption, and most recently the effects of Shear Line and other weather systems in the last quarter of 2022.

Additionally, on 08 February 2023, the Philippine Government through the NDRRMOC deployed the Philippine Inter-Agency Contingent (PIAC) to the Republic of Türkiye in response to their call of for International Assistance due to the massive and devastating effects of 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake. The NDRRMOC maintained a close monitoring of the PIAC activities during its 20-day deployment until the contingent's return to the country.

With the situation and status of COVID-19 response and other considerations, the Alert Status shall be deactivated from Emergency Condition (Blue) to Normal Condition (White) taking into account the following:

a. COVID-2019

- IATF policies are implemented by the Local Government Units (LGUs) through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and other implementing units or agencies;
- OCD ROs are no longer required to submit regular compliance reports across all platforms, except for those reports/correspondence requiring response action or intervention;
- Hence, all OCD ROs as RTF has been placed on standby and will only be activated in case of the force majeure or upon instruction

from the Office of the President or the IATF-EID per OCD Memorandum No. 722, s. 2022.

b. Effects of weather systems (e.g. Shear Line, Northeast Monsoon and Low Pressure Areas) since December 2022

- Response operations and coordination are manageable within the regional and local level. Further, LDRRMCs has taken the lead in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the effects of any disaster as stipulated in the Coordination During Emergencies.

c. All PAGASA Weather Advisories for any weather system has been lifted/finalized

In line with this, the NDRRMOC shall function as a regular office with a skeletal duty but shall continue and perform monitoring of situations, coordination, reporting, and information dissemination. Hence, the NDRRMOC Alert Status is **deactivated from Emergency Condition (Blue) to Normal Condition (White) effective 03 March 2023 (Friday).**

Further, concerned NDRRMC Member-Agencies and Regional DRRMCs are still required to continue monitoring and to submit updates to the NDRRMOC thru the NDRRMC Monitoring Dashboard, email address: ndrrmoc@ocd.gov.ph, telephone nrs.: **8912-5668, 912-3046**; and/or facsimile nr.: **8911-1873**.

For guidance and compliance.

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