



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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

November 18, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**  
No. 150, s. 2023

**TO :** NDRRMC RESPONSE CLUSTER LEADS AND MEMBERS, AND RDRRMCs XI AND XII

**SUBJECT :** DECISION POINTS FROM THE NDRRMC RESPONSE CLUSTERS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2023 ICOW MAGNITUDE 6.8 EARTHQUAKE IN SARANGGANI, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL

In view of the on-going response operations for the November 17, 2023 Offshore Davao Occidental Earthquake and immediate initiative of the Vice-Chairperson for Response/ DSWD, the NDRRMC Response Pillar convened on November 18, 2023 to further discuss government's response. It was presided over by the Vice President of the Philippines/ Secretary, DepEd and attended by the Chairperson, NDRRMC/ Secretary, DND, along with the senior officials and representatives from the Office of the Executive Secretary, DSWD, DOH, DILG, DICT, DHSUD, DFA, DPWH, DILG-PNP, DND-AFP, DND-OCD, DOTR-PCG, DOST-PHIVOLCS, MMDA, OCDRO XI and OCDRO XII.

In this connection, all concerned are hereby directed to undertake appropriate actions on the following decision points/ ways forward:

No.	DECISION POINTS/ WAYS FORWARD	OPR
1	Adhere to meeting procedures/protocols, particularly with regard to the consistency of agency representatives' representation levels in relation to the presiding officer's designation level.	Secretariat, NDRRMC Members
2	Regional OCD and DepEd to facilitate the identification of the extent of damages to schools and the amount needed for the repair, through Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA)	OCDROs, DepEd ROs
3	NDRRMC to develop a guide for preparations and the anticipated response in the event of an earthquake, tailored to its magnitude	NDRRMC Response Pillar Members, PHIVOLCS, OCD Secretariat
4	OCD Regional Offices to closely collaborate with counterparts in the Local DRRMCs and concerned LGUs to facilitate a one-stop reporting system. Additionally, the OCD-Regional and National DRRMCs to serve as repositories of real-time information from all levels of governance related to disasters.	OCDRO XI, OCDRO XII
5	Improve information management, including information technology connectivities, and implement real-time 24/7 reporting. This includes establishing a virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC).	OCD, DICT
6	NDRRMC members to identify available relief items and resources, creating an inventory and strategizing on the most efficient ways to deploy these resources.	NDRRMC Response Pillar Members (DSWD, DOH, OCD)
7	Involve the Department of Tourism (DOT) in disaster response, as the President has provided guidance to account for affected international tourists, recognizing the potential for	NDRRMC Response Pillar Members, DOT

	multipliers in reputational damage.	
8	Reiterate the invitation to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to be a member of the NDRRMC	OCD
9	PNP to increase security to vital or critical installations in the identified areas	PNP
10	Implement personnel augmentation to the affected regions, if needed	OCD

Submit initial status report no later than November 21, 2023 and updates every 15 days thereafter or if significant developments/ updates arise, to the Chairperson, NDRRMC/ Secretary, DND through the OCD-Secretariat via email address [rocd@ocd.gov.ph](mailto:rocd@ocd.gov.ph) copy furnish the NDRRM Operations Center with email address [ndrrmoc@ocd.gov.ph](mailto:ndrrmoc@ocd.gov.ph), and the DSWD at [drmb@dswd.gov.ph](mailto:drmb@dswd.gov.ph).

For guidance and compliance.

By the Authority of the Chairperson, NDRRMC:

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