



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

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

**MEMORANDUM**  
No. 161, s. 2023

**TO :** ALL CHAIRPERSONS OF RDRRMCS/ OCD REGIONAL DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT :** PREPARATIONS FOR THE LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA) INSIDE PAR LOCATED EAST-SOUTHEAST OF NORTHEASTERN MINDANAO

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Based on the Weather Update conducted on 16 December 2023 at 2:00 PM, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 950 KM east-southeast of Northeastern Mindanao (6.3°N, 134.7°E). The likelihood of Low Pressure Area (LPA) to develop into Tropical Depression is medium.

In this connection, all Chairpersons of RDRRMCS/ OCD Regional Directors are hereby directed to undertake the following preparedness actions in connection with the current weather system affecting the country:

1. Monitor closely the warning and other advisories issued by DOST-PAGASA, DENR-MGB, and other surveillance agencies. Cross validate the current situation with the Doppler radar images, satellite images, and other science-based monitoring and forecasting tools;
2. Initiate Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) at the regional level. Further, coordinate with the DILG for the LDRRMCS to conduct respective local PDRA and undertake preparedness based on Operation LISTO;
3. Strengthen risk communication and localize the warning to communities within respective areas of responsibility and reiterate that the official source of weather updates and advisories is DOST-PAGASA;
4. Ensure adherence to the COVID-19 minimum health protocols; and
5. Submit regular RDRRMC Situation Report, as needed, highlighting the current situation, preparedness measures, summary of damages, and response needs to the NDRRM Operations Center.

For guidance and compliance.

**For the Executive Director, NDRRMC:**

  
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