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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 CONCERNED NDRRMC MEMBER-AGENCIES AND REGIONAL DRRM COUNCILS**

**SUBJECT : Preparedness Measures and Effects of El Niño**

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Per latest update of DOST-PAGASA issued on 23 March 2023, El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) - neutral conditions are expected to continue until June-July-August (JJA) 2023 season; however, there is an increased likelihood of a transition to El Niño in July-August-September (JAS) 2023 season and may persist until 2024. El Niño (warm phase of ENSO) is characterized by unusually warmer than average Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) in the Central and Eastern Equatorial Pacific (CEEP). When conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño within the next six months and the probability is 55% or more, an El Niño Watch is issued. With this development, the PAGASA ENSO Alert and Warning System is now raised to El Niño Watch.

El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall conditions, which could bring negative impacts (such as dry spells and droughts) in some areas of the country. However, over the western part of the country, above-normal rainfall conditions during the Southwest Monsoon season (Habagat) may also be expected.

In this regard, all NDRRMC member-agencies and RDRRMCs concerned are required to continue monitoring their respective AORs and directed to submit their respective disaster preparedness measures report to NDRRMOC thru the NDRRMC Monitoring Dashboard, email address: [ndrrmoc@ocd.gov.ph](mailto:ndrrmoc@ocd.gov.ph), telephone nrs.: (+632) 8912-5668, 8912-3046; and/or facsimile nr.: 8911-1873.

For guidance and compliance.

**By the Authority of the Executive Director, NDRRMC:**

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