## 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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TO

ALL MEMBERS OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS AT THE NATIONAL REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, MUNICIPAL LEVELS AND BARANGAY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT

**ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON 2023** 

Source: DOST-PAGASA

The occurrence of scattered thunderstorms, the passage of Super Typhoon (STY) "BETTY" and the Southwest Monsoon (Habagat) over the past few days have brought widespread rains over the western sections of Luzon and Visayas which signify the start of the rainy season in the country, especially over the Climate Type I areas. However, breaks in rainfall events (also known as monsoon breaks) may occur, which can last for several days or weeks.

Furthermore, a transition from ENSO-neutral to El Niño is favored in the next couple of months, with a higher chance of El Niño persisting up to the first quarter of 2024. 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, enhanced Southwest monsoon season (Habagat) may also be expected which may result in above-normal rainfall conditions over the western part of the country. PAGASA will continue to monitor the weather and climate situation of the country. The public and all concerned agencies are advised to take precautionary measures against the impacts of the rainy season.

In this regard, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, all concerned government agencies and the public are advised to take the following preparedness measures:

## **NDRRM Member Agencies** Local Government Units (LGUs) Undertake risk-informed decision Undertake and implement science and making. evidence-based decisions within your Undertake Pre-Disaster Risk areas of responsibility (AOR) in the Assessment (PDRA) and other related conduct of Pre-Disaster Risk meetings as needed. Assessment (PDRA). Undertake resource inventory and Prepare critical facilities and services. stockpiling as NDRRMC Response Maximize the Local DRRM Funds Clusters. Increase capabilities logistics requirements. Adhere to the LISTO Protocol of DILG.

General Public	Non-government Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector and Other Partner Stakeholders
<ul> <li>Monitor the news and authorized government sources for weather updates, warning, and advisories.</li> <li>Check and prepare "Go Bags".</li> <li>Stockpile goods at home.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Coordinate with LGUs for prepositioning of resources and other preparedness activities.</li> </ul>

For information and guidance.

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