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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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**TO : MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL,
CITY, MUNICIPAL, BARANGAY DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS
ALL OTHER CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : ADOPTION OF THE OPERATION LISTO: DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS MANUAL FOR EARTHQUAKE**

Disasters caused by earthquakes and their hazards are serious threats to the country's goal of stability and sustainable development. Even as the country has embarked on the road towards resilience, situations constantly change, and the government must take a more proactive and systematic approach to the challenges of disasters.

Local government units (LGUs) are at the frontline of taking emergency measures and actions to ensure the general welfare of the Filipino people, and ensure their safety and resilience in facing these challenges.

To help increase the LGUs' capacity to prepare for, respond to and recover from earthquake events, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, through the Local Government Academy, has developed the Operation LISTO: Disaster Preparedness Manual for Earthquake.

This Manual highlights the importance of planning and performing early preparedness actions across various phases and components of disaster risk and reduction management, particularly in understanding earthquakes and its associated hazards, early preparedness and the framework for community-based earthquake preparedness, and preparing to respond and recover. It is developed to increase the knowledge and understanding of Local Chief Executives, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers, Chiefs of Police, Fire Marshals, and City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officers on the standards and disaster preparedness protocols that will aid in crafting effective local disaster preparedness plans, protocols and actions, which can be implemented down to the barangay level.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, all Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils, as well as all the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils, are hereby enjoined to disseminate and implement the Operation LISTO: Disaster Preparedness Manual for Earthquake.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately.



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