



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. 015, s. 2024

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TO : CHAIRPERSONS OF RDRRMCS/ OCD REGIONAL DIRECTORS IX, X, XI, XII, Caraga, and BARMM

SUBJECT : PREPARATIONS FOR THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA) IN MINDANAO

Based on the Weather Update conducted on 31 January 2024 at 1:30 PM, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 195 km Southeast of General Santos (4.7°N, 126.2°E). The LPA has a low chance of entering the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) and is expected to move westward south of Mindanao, and may dissipate in the next three days. The trough of LPA will bring scattered to widespread rains over Mindanao especially over Caraga, Davao, and SOCCSKSARGEN regions.

In this connection, all concerned 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. If necessary, initiate Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) /Weather Update sessions at the regional level. Further, coordinate with the DILG for the LDRRMCS to conduct respective local PDRA/ Weather Update sessions 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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