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**TO : CHAIRPERSONS OF RDRRMCS / LDRRMCS /
OCD REGIONAL OFFICES**

**SUBJECT : PREPARATIONS FOR THE TROPICAL STORM
"LEON" (KONG-REY) AND UNDAS 2024**

Based on the Weather Update conducted on 27 October 2024 at 1:00 PM, the Tropical Storm "LEON" was estimated based on all available data at 1,075 km East of Casiguran (16.6°N, 132.6°E) with maximum sustained winds of 65 km/h and gustiness of up to 80 km/h. It is expected to gradually intensify in the next 24 hours and may reach severe tropical storm category tomorrow and typhoon category on Tuesday.

Additionally, per the 5-day forecast, this weather development coincides with the annual observance of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on November 1 and 2, locally known as "Undas." During this period, millions of Filipinos traditionally travel to their home provinces and gather in cemeteries to honor their departed loved ones. With the approaching weather disturbance, it is especially crucial for everyone to stay informed, plan ahead, and prioritize safety. Proper preparation will help prevent travel disruptions and ensure that the observance of Undas 2024 remains safe for all.

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

1. Heighten monitoring of warnings and advisories from DOST-PAGASA, DENR-MGB, and other surveillance agencies. Cross-validate these updates with real-time data from Doppler radar, satellite imagery, and other science-based monitoring tools to ensure accurate situational awareness;
2. Promptly conduct Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and Weather Update sessions as deemed necessary, independent of a National-level PDRA or weather update. Furthermore, ensure close coordination with the DILG to facilitate the LDRRMCS in carrying out their respective local PDRA/Weather Update sessions and undertaking preparedness measures in alignment with Operation LISTO;
3. Ensure increased public security including areas recently affected by TC "KRISTINE", particularly in high-traffic zones such as cemeteries and evacuation centers as well as ports, airports, and bus terminals, prioritizing safe travel and timely updates on any tropical cyclone-related suspensions or delays.
4. Conduct immediate assessments and repairs on previously flooded roads, bridges, and key transit routes to improve access and ensure safe travel. If necessary, setup clear detour routes for areas where roads remain impassable due to flood.
5. Issue advisories directing the public, especially in recently affected regions, to limit unnecessary travel to cemeteries and public gatherings unless conditions stabilize.

Likewise, encourage families in affected areas to observe All Souls' Day safely at home or online, rather than traveling to public spaces.

6. Strengthen efforts to disseminate critical weather information to all stakeholders at the regional level, particularly vulnerable communities. Ensure warnings reach local communities through all available platforms, using clear, accessible language to emphasize urgency. Integrate risk communication by coordinating with local leaders, media, and trusted community figures to amplify the message and ensure that even hard-to-reach or vulnerable groups understand the risks and necessary actions.
7. Consistently emphasize DOST-PAGASA as the primary source of official weather updates, preventing misinformation. If necessary, work with the regional counterparts and LGUs to heighten community-wide awareness campaigns, integrating risk communication strategies to inform the public about potential hazards and preparedness measures. Tailor communication to ensure vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, receive targeted/accessible information through trusted and familiar channels.
8. Work closely with local authorities to ensure timely distribution of warnings and updates, focusing on high-risk areas. Likewise, advise the local government units to update and test evacuation plans as necessary, ensuring that routes and shelters are identified and accessible. Further, provide clear instructions to the public on when and how to evacuate, including the importance of adhering to official warnings and advisories.
9. Submit regular RDRRMC Situational Report to the NDRRM Operations Center, as needed, highlighting the current situation, preparedness measures, summary of damage, and response needs.

Further, LDRRMCs are directed to monitor weather disturbances and ensure the prompt dissemination of early warnings to the public through various platforms. These local efforts are meant to complement and strengthen initiatives at the national and regional levels. Emphasis should be placed on proactive measures, prioritizing evacuation over rescue operations. Additionally, all concerned are advised to implement precautionary actions within their respective areas of responsibility.

For guidance and compliance.

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