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NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

MEMORANDUM No. <u>386</u>, s. 2024 21 December 2024

TO : REGIONAL DRRM COUNCILS I, II, and III

SUBJECT: Preparedness Measures for Tsunami due to the Series of

Earthquake Offshore of Ilocos Sur

In light of the need to ensure readiness for potential tsunami brought about by the Series of Earthquake Offshore of Ilocos Sur, OCD Regional Offices I, II, and III are hereby directed to undertake the following actions relative to the Local Tsunami:

1. Draft a Tsunami Evacuation Plan

- a. Conduct a review of the current Tsunami Contingency Plan for your respective region and enhance it through a draft tsunami evacuation plan.
- b. Identify gaps or areas for improvement, ensuring alignment with the latest hazard assessments and response protocols.
- c. Map out evacuation routes ensuring accessibility and prioritizing coastal communities with 15 minutes response time.
- d. Validate and map out designated evacuation centers for coastal barangays.
- e. Identify temporary evacuation centers for temporary dwellings in case of massive destruction.
- f. Coordinate with LGUs to strengthen in evacuation planning.
- 2. Ensure the Tsunami Alert and Warning/s are operational
 - a. Test the functionality of tsunami alert systems to ensure timely dissemination of early warnings.
 - b. Verify that communication channels with LGUs, communities, and other stakeholders are operational.
- 3. Test the Tsunami Incident Command System
 - a. Conduct drills and simulations to evaluate the effectiveness of the command system.
 - b. Involve the PNP and BFP in planning and execution.

Your compliance to this directive is crucial to ensure the safety and resilience of communities within your jurisdiction. Moreover, concerned RDRRMCs are required to continue monitoring and to send updates to the NDRRMC Operations Center with the following contact information: email address: ndrmoc@ocd.gov.ph, telephone numbers.: 8912-5668, 8912-3046; and/or facsimile number.: 8911-1873.

For guidance and compliance.

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