



Republic of the Philippines  
**Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and  
Management Council MIMAROPA**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**FOR : RDRRMCs MEMBER AGENCIES  
CHAIRPERSONS P/C/MDRRMCs MIMAROPA**

**SUBJECT : PREPARATIONS FOR LOW PRESSURE AREA EAST OF CATARMAN,  
NORTHERN SAMAR (12.6°N, 125.8°E)**

Based on DOST – PAGASA, at 7:00 AM today, the Low-Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 125 km East of Northern Samar (12.6°N, 125.8°E) embedded along the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) affecting Southern Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Low Pressure Area (LPA) to cross Southern Luzon and its inland seas and emerge over the West Philippine Sea west of Mindoro or Palawan within 48 hours. Moderate to heavy rains likely within 24 hours in Bicol Region, CALABARZON, Romblon, Marinduque, and Mindoro Provinces and possible over Metro Manila, Bulacan, and Pampanga. Scattered rain showers and thunderstorms within 24 hours over Visayas, CARAGA, Northern Mindanao, Davao Region, and SOCCKSARGEN. Possible isolated to scattered flash floods and rain-induced landslides especially in areas identified as highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards and those with high antecedent rainfall. Monsoon trough and the passing LPA will be affecting Southern Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao until Thursday. Scattered rain showers and thunderstorms are possible over most or portions of these areas.

In this connection, all RDRRMC Member Agencies and Chairperson of LDRRMCs are hereby directed to undertake the following preparedness actions in connection with the Low-Pressure Area East of Catarman, Northern Samar.

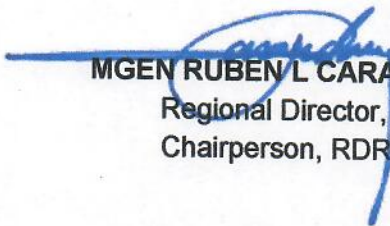
1. Monitor closely the bulletins, warning and other advisories issued by DOST-PAGASA, DENR-MGB and other surveillance agencies. Cross validate the current situation with the Doppler radar images, satellite images, and other science-based monitoring and forecasting tools;
2. Initiate Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) at the local level. Further, coordinate with the DILG for the LDRRMCs to conduct respective local PDRA and undertake preparedness based on Operation LISTO, as appropriate;
3. Strengthen risk communication and localize the warning to communities within respective areas of responsibility;
4. Ensure adherence to the NDRRMC's guidelines on COVID-19 Preparedness Measures for the anticipated rainy season;
5. Conduct of early and immediate pre-emptive evacuation, instead of a reactionary evacuation, to not only ensure the protection of the communities but the safety of the responders as well. Prioritize areas considered as highly vulnerable to flooding, landslide, and storm surge.



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6. Issuance and strict implementation of no sail policy in areas expected to be affected by the weather disturbance, and constant monitoring of coastal areas for compliance of all fishing vessels and privately owned seacrafts.
7. Submit regular RDRRMC Member Agencies and LDRRMC Situational Report, as needed by the situation. Highlighting the latest situation update, preparedness measures, summary of damages and response needs, to the RDRRM Operations Center thru email address [ocd4\\_mimaropa@yahoo.com](mailto:ocd4_mimaropa@yahoo.com).
8. For guidance and compliance.

  
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