

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
 GENERAL SOLANO STREET, SAN MIGUEL, MANILA

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UNDERSECRETARY FERDINAND B. CUI, JR.

Acting Head
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Dear **Undersecretary Cui**:

This pertains to **Presidential Directive (PD) No. 2022-011** entitled "**Conversion of Fallen Trees Into Reusable Housing Materials For Typhoon Odette Survivors**", which directs the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Department of National Defense-Office of Civil Defense (DND-OCD) to conduct the following, subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations:

- Implement a mechanism to engage the services of qualified chainsaw operators and workers who will assist in converting fallen trees into reusable lumber for the construction of houses for Typhoon Odette victims; and
- Coordinate with the DBM and OP-ODESFA on the needed funding to remunerate interested licensed chainsaw owners and users for their service.

At the outset, it is to be noted that another PD related to the construction of houses for Typhoon Odette survivors was previously received by this Department (i.e., PD No. 2022-07)¹. In our status report for PD No. 2022-07 dated January 25, 2022, it was noted that the establishment and operation of a mini sawmill for the conversion of uprooted trees to lumber or construction materials is **not within** the mandate of the DND.

Similarly, the engagement of services of qualified chainsaw operators and workers may not be well within the mandate of the DND-OCD² and DENR³. Instead, it is part of the functions of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to undertake clearing operations nationwide, specifically during heavy winds/storms and other natural and man-made calamities. The engagement of services of qualified chainsaw operators and workers or possible operation and maintenance of chainsaw equipment may be undertaken by the DPWH, through its Bureau of

¹ Establishment of a Mini Sawmill for Converting Uprooted Trees to Lumber or Construction Materials

² The OCD, as the implementing arm of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, shall have the primary mission of administering a comprehensive national civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management program by providing leadership in the continuous development of strategic and systematic approaches as well as measures to reduce the vulnerabilities and risks to hazards and manage the consequences of disasters.

³ DENR is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, specifically forest and grazing lands, mineral resources, including those in reservation and watershed areas, and lands of the public domain, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided for by law in order to ensure equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos.

Equipment. Based on the information provided by the DENR, there are available confiscated chainsaws with the Department which may be used for road clearing by the DPWH and Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Meanwhile, the DBM has not yet received a request from DND-OCD to support the implementation of PD No. 2022-011.


Nevertheless, if the said project will push through, the following funding sources may be considered:

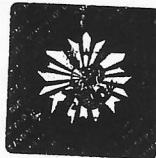
- Agency-specific budget of the DENR under the FY 2022 General Appropriations Act, or the agency which will be identified to oversee the implementation of the Presidential Directive;
- Quick Response Fund of the OCD under the FY 2022 General Appropriations Act;
- National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund or the Contingent Fund, subject to adherence with the existing laws, rules, and regulations, should the project be considered as a priority of the administration; and
- Appropriations of concerned Local Government Units (LGUs) which may be offered as counterpart for national government funding, considering the increase in the share of LGUs in national taxes as a result of the Mandanas Ruling by the Supreme Court.

Succeeding reports will be made as soon as further updates are received from the concerned departments/agencies.

Thank you and God Bless.

Very truly yours,


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