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**PRIORITY**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **The Regional Executive Directors**  
Regions III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII, XIII,  
Cordillera Administrative Region, and National Capital Region

ATTENTION : **The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officers, and  
Risk Resiliency Program Focal Persons**  
Bataan, Pampanga, Bulacan, Quezon, Palawan, Marinduque,  
Masbate, Sorsogon, Catanduanes, Camarines Sur,  
Camarines Norte, Albay, Iloilo, Guimaras, Capiz,  
Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Bohol, Samar,  
Leyte, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Leyte, Biliran,  
Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Bukidnon,  
Saranggani, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat,  
Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Apayao,  
Kalinga, Ifugao, Mountain Province,

FROM : **The Undersecretary**  
Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION  
PROGRAMS AND PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR  
PEOPLE'S SURVIVAL FUND**

DATE : 9 February 2023

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This refers to the [call for proposals](#) for Local Government Units (LGUs) to submit climate change adaptation programs and projects for the People's Survival Fund.

The People's Survival Fund (PSF), established under Republic Act No. 10174, is intended to serve as a special fund to finance climate change adaptation programs and projects that will better equip vulnerable communities, especially LGUs, to deal with the impacts of climate change. This special fund gives priority to LGUs with a high presence of multiple, climate-related hazards, high poverty incidence, and with present key biodiversity areas.

Twenty-four (24) priority climate-vulnerable provinces and 4 major urban centers were identified as focus by the Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCAM-DRR) for the implementation of the Risk Resiliency Program. These areas were identified according to the following criteria: 1) high susceptibility to climate hazards; 2) situated in critical watersheds/areas of focus of the

government; 3) high poverty incidence; and, 4) with convergence sites. Investment Portfolios for Risk Resilience (IPRRs) have been developed for the said areas to help them identify actions to manage risks and address climate and disaster vulnerabilities in their communities. The programs, projects, and activities identified in the IPRRs are recommended to be developed as proposals for submission to the PSF.

Furthermore, in a [study](#)<sup>1</sup> published in 2015, 30 provinces (Annex B) were identified with the highest simulated storm surge heights with corresponding low-elevation coastal zone (LECZ) population density. One of the outputs of the study is the developed storm tide inundation maps that LGUs can use to develop a disaster response plan and evacuation scheme.

May we request your Office to coordinate with the concerned LGUs in your area of jurisdiction and provide technical assistance, if needed, in developing and submitting PSF proposals that are responsive to the risks and vulnerabilities identified in their areas. The deadline for submission of the proposals will be on or before March 31, 2023; therefore, kindly submit your proposal to this Office on or before **7 March 2023** to give ample time for the internal evaluation by this Office.

You may access the list of RRP provinces and IPRRs, reference study on storm surge vulnerable areas, and further information and documentary requirements for the PSF submission through this link: <https://bit.ly/CallForProposalsPSF2023>.

Should you have any questions regarding the matter, your Office may contact the PSF Board Secretariat through [psf@dof.gov.ph](mailto:psf@dof.gov.ph) and contact number at 8400-7446. You may also coordinate with the Climate Change Service at [ccs@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ccs@denr.gov.ph) and contact number at 8928-1194.

For your information and appropriate action.

  
ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH

cc: The Undersecretary  
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

The OIC Director  
Policy and Planning Service

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<sup>1</sup> Lapidez, J.P., Tablazon, J., Dasallas, L., Gonzalo, L.A., Cabacaba, K.M., Ramos, M.M., Suarez, J.K., Santiago, J., Lagmay, A.M., and Malano, V. (2015). Identification of storm surge vulnerable areas in the Philippines through the simulation of Typhoon Haiyan-induced storm surge levels over historical storm tracks. *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*. Retrieved from: <https://nhess.copernicus.org/articles/15/1473/2015/nhess-15-1473-2015.pdf>



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## *People Survival Fund*

The PSF invites Local Government Units (LGUs) to submit proposals for climate change adaptation programs and projects.



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# ELIGIBLE PROGRAM AND PROJECT AREAS



Adaptation activities in the areas of water resources and land management, agriculture and fisheries, health, infrastructure development, and natural and coastal ecosystem;



Improvement of monitoring, prevention, and control of vector-borne diseases triggered by climate change; Forecasting and early warning system for climate change preparedness;



Strengthening or establishment of regional centers and information networks supporting climate change projects;



Risk transfer insurance needs for agriculture and other stakeholders; and



Community adaptation support programs by local organizations.



# DEADLINE

Submit climate change adaptation proposals to PSF Board Secretariat **on or before March 31, 2023.**

Any submissions made after the deadline will not be considered.

For any concerns, proponents may contact the PSF Board Secretariat through:

**Email:** [psf@dof.gov.ph](mailto:psf@dof.gov.ph)

**Contact Number:** 8400-7446

**Address:** 4th Floor DOF Building, P. Ocampo St. Cor. Roxas Blvd. Manila



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Focus Areas

## Vulnerable Fisher Communities to Storm Surges

**SLR (of 1 m)** alone can already permanently **flood four to seven million people**

But increasing ocean temperature also leads to bigger storms

According to Kulp and Strauss 2019, additional episodic **storm surge (of 4-7 m)** can affect as much as **24-31 million**

Source: Identification of storm surge vulnerable areas in the Philippines through the simulation of Typhoon Haiyan-induced storm surge levels over historical storm tracks - UP NOAA, UP NIGS, DOST-PAGASA, 2015

Rank	Province	Max Surge height (m)	Population density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Rank	Province	Max Surge height (m)	Population density (per km <sup>2</sup> )
1	Samar	7.45	100-250	16	Bulacan	4.42	100-250
2	Leyte	6.84	>1000	17	Negros Occidental	4.41	250-500
3	Palawan	6.71	25-100	18	Guimaras	4.41	100-250
4	Iloilo	6.29	500-1000	19	Albay	4.36	250-500
5	Biliran	6.26	100-250	20	Negros Oriental	4.05	100-250
6	Camarines Sur	6.17	500-1000	21	Capiz	4.04	250-500
7	Quezon	5.86	100-250	22	Metro Manila	3.90	>1000
8	Masbate	5.45	100-250	23	Eastern Samar	3.87	100-250
9	Southern Leyte	5.32	100-250	24	Surigao del Sur	3.72	25-100
10	Bataan	5.04	500-1000	25	Camarines Norte	3.69	100-250
11	Dinagat Islands	5.00	100-250	26	Maguindanao	3.65	500-1000
12	Surigao del Norte	5.00	100-250	27	Lanao del Sur	3.65	<25
13	Cebu	4.77	250-500	28	Zamboanga del Sur	3.59	25-100
14	Pampanga	4.76	250-500	29	Sulu	3.46	100-250
15	Bohol	4.45	250-500	30	Marinduque	3.39	100-250

Top 30 provinces with the highest simulated storm surge heights (Lapidez et al. 2015)