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REGIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MIMAROPA
Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council MIMAROPA, PEO Compound, Kumintang Ilaya, Batangas City, Philippines

MEMORANDUM

No. 004 s. 2023

FOR : ALL RDRRMC MIMAROPA MEMBER AGENCIES
CHAIRPERSONS OF PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL DRRM
COUNCILS

SUBJECT : PREPARATIONS FOR LOW PRESSURE AREA AND OTHER
WEATHER SYSTEMS AFFECTING THE COUNTRY

DATE : 04 January 2023

Per DOST-PAGASA, at 10:00 AM today, the Low-Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 300 km South Southwest of Puerto Princesa City, Palawan (7.2°N, 117.8°E). Meanwhile, another Low-Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 285 km East Northeast of Surigao City, Surigao Del Norte (10.4°N, 128.0°E).

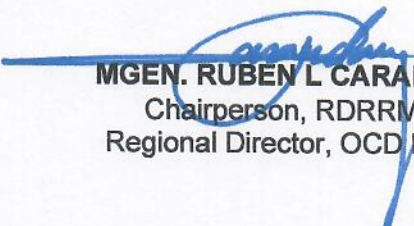
In the next 24 hours, the LPA will bring moderate to heavy with at times intense rains over Eastern Visayas, Central Visayas, and CARAGA. Light to moderate with at times heavy rains will be experienced over MIMAROPA, Bicol Region, the rest of Visayas, and the rest of Mindanao. Under these conditions, flooding and rain-induced landslides are possible, especially in areas that are highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards as identified in hazard maps and in areas with significant antecedent rainfall.

In this connection, all RDRRMC MIMAROPA Member Agencies and Chairpersons of LDRRMCs are hereby directed to undertake the following preparedness actions in connection with the Low Pressure Area and other weather systems affecting the country.

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.
6. Conduct early suspension of work and classes as necessary.
7. 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.
8. Continued observance of COVID-19 safety protocols throughout the preparedness and response operations.
9. RDRRMC Member Agencies and LDRRMCs are required to submit your Situational Report regularly, highlighting the current situation, inventory of assets/resources, preparedness measures, summary of damages and response needs to the RDRRM Operations Center thru email address ocd4_mimaropa@yahoo.com (cc: mimaropa@ocd.gov.ph).
10. For guidance and compliance.


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