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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. <u>053</u> s. 2023

FOR

RDRRMC MIMAROPA Member Agencies

SUBJECT

Preparedness Actions for Low Pressure Area

DATE

03 May 2023

Per DOST-PAGASA, at 10:00 am today, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data over the coastal waters of Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental (9.0°N, 124.2°E). Hazards affecting land areas in the next 24 hours, the LPA will bring light to moderate with at times heavy rains over Bicol Region, Visayas, Northern Mindanao, CARAGA and Davao Region. 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. This weather disturbance has a chance to develop into a tropical depression within the next 48 hours.

In view of the above, RDRRMC MIMAROPA Member agencies are hereby advised to undertake the following preparedness actions in connection with the Low Pressure Area.

- 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;
- Ensure adherence to the NDRRMC's guidelines on COVID-19 Preparedness Measures for the anticipated rainy season;
- 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.



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- 7. Issue and strictly implement 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. Continue observance of COVID-19 safety protocols throughout the preparedness and response operations.

RDRRMC Member Agencies are requested to submit your respective Situational Report regularly, highlighting the latest situation update, preparedness measures, summary of damages and response needs and inventory of assets/resources, to the RDRRM Operations Center thru email address ocd4_mimaropa@yahoo.com & mimaropa@ocd.gov.ph.

For reference and appropriate action.

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