



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

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD QUARTER RDRRMC FULL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 IN QUEZON CITY**

RDRRMC MIMAROPA Resolution No. 03, s. 2023

**MIMAROPA REGIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR EL NIÑO SOUTHERN
OSCILLATION AND DROUGHT”**

WHEREAS, Contingency Plan is a scenario-based plan for a specific and projected natural and/or human-induced hazard which aims to address the impacts of the hazard to people, properties, and environment; and/or to prevent the occurrence of the emerging threats through efficient management of resources;

WHEREAS, RA 10121 describes Contingency Planning as a management process that analyzes specific potential events or emerging situations that might threaten society of the environment and establishes arrangements in advance to enable timely, effective and appropriate responses to such events and situations;

WHEREAS, Priority 4, Item 33.A of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 states that the National and Local Governments shall prepare or review and periodically update disaster preparedness and contingency policies, plans and programmes with the involvement of the relevant institutions, considering climate change scenarios and their impact on disaster risk, and facilitating, as appropriate, the participation of all sectors and relevant stakeholders;

WHEREAS, Item 6.1.1 of the NDRRMC-NSC JMC No. 01. S. 2016 states that all DRRMCs at all levels, CMCs at the local level, and individual government departments, bureaus, agencies, offices, units, and instrumentalities shall formulate contingency plans for natural and/or human-induced hazards appropriate to their areas in accordance with the prescribed Contingency Planning Guidebook;

WHEREAS, according to PAGASA El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Alert System Status, a transition from ENSO-neutral to El Niño is favored in the following months, with higher chance persisting up to the first quarter of 2024;

WHEREAS, El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall conditions, which could bring negative impacts, such as dry spells and droughts, in some areas of the country while MIMAROPA Region is likely to experience below normal rainfall condition starting October of 2023;

WHEREAS, the communities of MIMAROPA Region, who are mostly relying on agricultural livelihoods, are expected to be adversely affected by the said climate phenomenon;


WHEREAS, Historically, MIMAROPA Region, being an archipelagic region and having numerous island provinces, municipalities, and barangays, experiences El Niño as one of its primary hazards every three (3) years;


WHEREAS, the Regional Contingency Plan for El Niño and Drought was formulated during the Workshop for El Niño conducted on August 9-11, 2023, at the Hive Hotel and Convention Place, Quezon City, which gathered the inputs of relevant RDRRMC MIMAROPA Member Agencies and Local DRRM Councils, using the standard Contingency Plan process and format, to identify the needs, gaps, and resources required to efficiently and effectively address the adverse impact of ENSO to the communities of MIMAROPA Region;


NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to approve the MIMAROPA Regional Contingency Plan for El Niño and Drought, developed consistent to the Contingency Plan Process, and in compliance to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

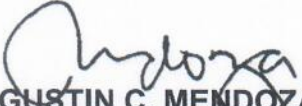
SIGNED, this 22nd day of September 2023, during the RDRRMC MIMAROPA 3rd Quarter Full Council Meeting held at Madison 101 Hotel, Aurora Boulevard, Quezon City.


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