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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND THE ARMM
REGIONAL GOVERNOR

SUBJECT : UTILIZATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND
MANAGEMENT FUND (LDRRMF)

Background

Republic Act No. 10121 otherwise known as The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, shifted the focus from disaster response and recovery towards disaster risk reduction, preparedness and mitigation. It also modified the use and appropriation of the Local Calamity Fund, or what is now known to be as the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund.

Pursuant to Section 21 of the said law:

“xxx Not less than five percent (5%) of the estimated revenue from regular sources shall be set aside as the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund xxx”

This allows local governments the flexibility to increase funding even beyond five percent (5%) of the internal revenue allotment, for disaster reduction, preparedness and mitigation measures.

The Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund, as enunciated in Section 21 of the said law, and in Rule 18 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations, is to be used for disaster risk management activities, support to other affected LGUs and quick response fund or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs.

Further, the NDRRM Framework and the National DRRM Plan serve as the principal guides and roadmaps to all DRRM efforts in the country. The National DRRM Plan provides an articulation of the outcomes, key result areas and corresponding activities under four aspects: a) prevention and mitigation, b) preparedness, c) response and d) reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Call to Actions

In view thereof, all Local Chief Executives are hereby enjoined to utilize their Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund to ensure that basic “rescue and response equipment” are procured and to operationalize the provisions of the National DRRM Plan and National Climate Change Action Plan, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of related laws and its implementing rules and regulations.

A. 70% of the 5% LDRRMF may be utilized to procure early warning systems, preparedness equipment and other equipage, such as, but not limited to the following items:

Flooding	Earthquake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubber Boats with life vests, rescue whistles and megaphones with sirens • Inflatable Rafts / Boats • Flood Light AIT 4500 General • Rain gauges • Breathing Apparatus • Portable Generator Set • Illuminated Jackets (Night Light) • Warning Bells • Bolt Cutters • Life Buoys • Pulling and Lifting Machine • Chain Saw Electric • Portable tower light • Hand Gloves (cotton, rubber, for asbestos) • Hydraulic Cutter Hydraulic Spreader • Power Pack Pump • Core Hose Pipe 20 meters. Long • Foldable Stretcher Search Lights • Hi-power Torches • Emergency Lights Rain Coat (Shirt & Trouser) • Grapnel with Poly Propylene Rope 30 meters • Body bags • Aluminium Ladder 24 Feet • Electric Drill • Snap Link • Eye Goggles • Water Proof Tents • First Aid Boxes (50 persons per box) • Fire Extinguisher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forklift • Grader • Hack saw • Backhoe • Chisel • Electric Drill • Chain Saw electric • Concrete cutter • Jack Hammer • Megaphone with serene and rescue Whistle • Flashlight w/ batteries • Work Gloves • Ax – weighing at least 6 lbs. • Shovel - both flat head and pointed • Coils of rope and wire • Compass • Crow bar or Claw Tool – 36” or longer • Safety Full body harness • Tent – family sized • Sleeping bags • Bolt Cutters • 10 ton Chain Pulley Block • Pulling and Lifting Machine • 1” Manila rope 100 meters roll • Portable tower light • Hard hat • Search, emergency lights • Foldable Stretcher • First Aid Boxes (50 persons per box) • Chainsaw

Volcanic Eruption	Landslide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grader • Backhoe • Megaphone with serene • Rescue Whistle • Warning Bells • Forklift • Pulling and Lifting Machine • 10 Ton Chain Pulley Block • Crowbar / Pickaxe / Shovel • Portable Generator Set • Inflatable Flood Light AIT 4500 General • Grapnel with Poly propylene Rope 30 meters • Hard hat • Breathing Apparatus • Safety Full body Harness • Search Lights • Hi-power Torches • Emergency Lights • Search Camera Set/ Victim location unit • Ascending & descending Device • Foldable Stretcher • Snap link 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dump truck • Grader • Backhoe • Megaphone with serene • Rescue Whistle Search • Foldable Stretcher • Forklift • Pulling and Lifting Machine • Electric Drill • Shovel • 10 Ton Chain Pulley Block • Search Lights • Hi-power Torches • Emergency Lights • Body bag • Compass • Search Camera Set/ Victim location unit • Body bags • Foldable stretchers • Snap link Safety • Full body Harness First Aid Boxes (50 persons per box) • Safeline Rescue Ropes

B. Further, to operationalize the relevant provisions of RA No. 10121, LGUs are also enjoined to refer to relevant aspects reflected in the National DRRM Plan in the utilization of their LDRRMF such as, but not limited to the following:

Prevention and Mitigation

- Conduct of risk assessment, vulnerability analysis, and other science-based technology and methodologies to enhance LGU Ecological Profiles, sectoral studies and mainstream DRR-CCA in CLUP and CDP;
- Implement Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) with CCA/DRRM indicators
- Capacity building (train, equip, organize, provide funding, sustain) on mainstreaming DRR/CCA in development planning, investment programming/financing, and project evaluation and development;
- Conduct of activities to review and integrate DRR-CCA into various environmental policies, plans, programs and projects; and
- Conduct vulnerability analysis and risk assessment for critical facilities and infrastructure.
- Develop and establish early warning system
- Develop tools on risk assessment

Preparedness

- Conduct of trainings on disaster preparedness and response, search, rescue and retrieval operations;
- Conduct of simulation exercises at various levels to test plans and skills;
- Develop IEC campaign and marketing plans
- Develop standard manual of operations for Operation Centers;
- Develop and implement SOPs for deployment for and coordination with rapid assessment teams, SRR, evacuation, etc;
- Develop and institutionalize EWS information sharing between LGUs/communities and with the national government
- Conduct DRR researches
- Develop multi-stakeholders dialogue
- Conduct regular review of contingency plans
- Develop information and database generation

Response


- Provide alternative livelihood relief or assistance to fisher folks during typhoons;
- Provide alternative livelihood relief or assistance to farmers if crops are destroyed after disasters
- Provide alternative livelihood activities and other small-scale entrepreneurial activities while in the evacuation centers;
- Provide tents and other temporary shelter facilities;
- Provide food subsistence or relief goods to disaster victims; and
- Conduct trainings for DANA (disaster assessment and needs analysis) and post DANA capabilities

Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

- Formulate designs for disaster-resilient housing framework for reconstruction;
- Develop safe relocation sites, national and local executives must identifying suitable relocation sites;
- Trainings for social preparation of host communities and those that will be relocated to reduce conflict;
- Implement building code and promotion of green technology; and
- Conduct post conflict analyses

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are directed to disseminate this Circular to all local governments within their regional jurisdictions.

For strict compliance.


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