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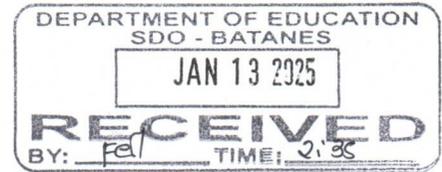
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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 01**  
Series of 2025



**TO :** ALL MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
ALL MDRRMC CHAIRPERSONS  
ALL MDRRMOs  
ALL PUNONG BARANGAYS

**SUBJECT :** Elevation of Alert Status to Blue Alert due to Adverse Weather  
Condition

**DATE :** 10 January 2025

In accordance with Republic Act No. 10121, known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010," which mandates the establishment of systematic measures for disaster preparedness, response, and mitigation, this memorandum is issued to ensure readiness and effective coordination among all relevant entities.

Due to the forecasted adverse weather conditions, including wind speeds exceeding 60 km/h, the need for enhanced preparedness measures is critical. This memorandum outlines the elevation of alert status from white to blue alert and specifies instructions for various stakeholders to ensure coordinated disaster risk management:

1. PDRRM Operations Center:
  - a. Ensure that all communication and coordination lines with Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC), Barangays, and members of the response clusters are operational and efficient.
  - b. Regularly update and disseminate information on weather conditions and safety advisories to all stakeholders.
  - c. Conduct continuous monitoring and assessment of the situation to facilitate informed decision-making.
2. MDRRMCs:
  - a. Coordinate response efforts within area of responsibility.
  - b. Establish policies and measures in response to adverse weather condition that may be appropriate and necessary for your jurisdiction.
  - c. Ensure that emergency supplies and logistics are ready for distribution as needed.
  - d. Maintain open communication with the PDRRMOC for timely updates and instructions.
3. Barangays:
  - a. Mobilize barangay disaster risk reduction and management committees to assist in local preparedness and response activities.

- b. Conduct community information drives or *bandillo* to inform residents about safety precautions.
- c. Identify, check and assist vulnerable groups, including the elderly, children, and persons with disabilities.
- d. Report any incidents or emerging threats to municipal LGUs and the PDRRMOC for immediate action.

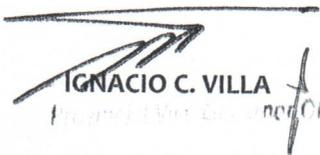
4. Response Clusters:

- a. Ensure that all response teams, including health, rescue, and clearing are on standby and ready for deployment.
- b. Inventory and prepare necessary equipment and resources for rapid response to emergencies.
- c. Coordination with other clusters and agencies is essential to ensure a unified and efficient response.
- d. All response teams should familiarize themselves with the current situation and potential hazards to act swiftly and effectively when called upon.

All entities are required to implement the directives outlined in this memorandum immediately. Regular status reports should be submitted to the PDRRMOC to provide updates on preparedness levels and any developments in the situation. This will facilitate a coordinated approach and ensure that any necessary adjustments to the response strategy can be made promptly.

The elevation of the alert status to Blue Alert is a critical step in ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities. By working together and following the outlined instructions, we can mitigate the impact of adverse weather conditions and respond effectively to any emergencies. Your cooperation and commitment to these measures are essential as we strive to protect lives and property.

For strict compliance and immediate dissemination.

  
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