

#### Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Education

REGION III SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

May 31, 2024

#### **DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

NO. 260 S. 2024

# REITERATION OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE LA NIÑA PHENOMENON

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents

**Division Chiefs** 

Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors

Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

Elementary and Secondary School DRRM Coordinators

All Others Concerned

- 1. In reference to Executive Order No. 016 s. 2024 of the Provincial Government of Bulacan titled" Preparation of The Province of Bulacan for The La Ńina Phenomenon 2024 to Mitigate its Effect and for Other Purposes." and as the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, Astronomical, Services Administration or (PAGASA) declares the transition of rainy season which may intensify due to higher probability of La Ńina Phenomenon.
- 2. It is important to take necessary precautions to ensure safety and well-being of learners, teachers, and employees including government properties of this SDO. The following minimum suggestions shall be followed.
  - a. Prepare school contingency plan for hydro meteorological hazards;
  - b. Establish a hazard -specific Early Warning System and post in classrooms and conspicuous areas within the school;
  - c. Secure database of learners and their family details (these are essentials in tracking learners);
  - d. Modules, DCP Packages and other Learning Materials shall be placed in an elevated classrooms or storage;
  - e. Craft and disseminate a Student-Family Reunification Plan;
  - f. Plan for resumption strategies, e.g. Alternative Delivery Modes and availability of learning resources:
  - g. Pre-identify possible sites for Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS);
  - h. Post emergency hotline numbers in classrooms, conspicuous areas within the school and ask teachers to save the numbers in their mobile phones;
  - i. Forge MOA or MOU with the Local Government Units (LGU) if the school is to be used as an evacuation center;







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- j. Prepare and evacuation plan and identify areas and classrooms that can be used as temporary shelters during emergencies in accordance with RA 10821 or Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act and Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No.1 s. 2013 or Guidelines on Evacuation Center Coordination and Management;
- k. Monitor Tropical Cyclone Wind Signals (TCWS), storm surge warning, rainfall warning from DOST- PAGASA;
- 1. Secure access to Rapid Damage Assessment Report account of the school for immediate reporting of damages;
- m. Assess school building and repair minor damages;
- n. Clean and clear all drainage system to prevent them from clogging. Cover open drainage canals with proper warning signs;
- o. Prune trees that may cause harm to people and properties;
- p. Switch off electricity before locking the school buildings;
- q. All school heads should maintain an open communication with Schools Division DRRM focal person for any needed assistance. Immediate coordination and reporting of any untoward incident should be observed to provide timely and necessary support;
- 3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. <u>016</u> Series of 2024

# PREPARATION OF THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN FOR THE LA NIÑA PHENOMENON 2024 TO MITIGATE ITS EFFECTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 2 (d) of RA 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act of 2010, stated that one of the policies is "to adopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated, and proactive in lessening the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of disaster including climate change, and promote the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community";

WHEREAS, the La Niña phenomenon may have a grave impact on Agriculture, Water Resources, Marine Resources, Human Health and Environment and socio-economic conditions in terms of loss of life, disruption of agricultural production and livelihood opportunities which may affect the availability and distribution of food in the province and in the entire country;

WHEREAS, as per DOST PAG-ASA Projection suggest an increasing probability of La Niña to develop in the June-July-August 2024 season;

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Local Government of Bulacan to proactively devise and implement strategic measures to attenuate the impacts and adverse effects of the La Niña phenomenon within the Province of Bulacan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL R. FERNANDO, Provincial Governor of Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Enjoining the Local Chief Executives of the Cities, Municipalities and Barangays, City and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Offices, Non-Government Organizations (NGO), National Government Agencies (NGA), Public Offices, Private and Public Schools, Private and Public Hospitals, Private companies and businesses, institutions, and other offices within the Province of Bulacan to prepare for the La Niña phenomenon by thoroughly cleaning the surroundings of its offices and places of business, water ways such as canals, roads, and establishments and to fix the structures and buildings which may easily be affected by the heavy rains brought by the La Nina phenomenon.

SECTION 1. PREPARATORY MEASURES AND COLLABORATION. All City and Municipal Mayors, City and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Offices including the Barangay Chairmen in the Province of Bulacan, along with the National Government Agencies

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(NGA), Public Offices, Private and Public Schools, Private and Public Hospitals, Private companies and businesses, institutions, and other offices are hereby enjoined to undertake the following preparatory measures:

- a) Creation of Action Plan. Develop and implement a detailed action plan based on the checklist provided by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO). This plan should outline specific tasks, responsibilities, timelines, and resource requirements to effectively mitigate the impacts of La Niña.
- b) Clean-Up Operations. Conduct regular and systematic cleaning of surroundings, including but not limited to, canals, drainage systems, roads, and public establishments, to prevent clogging and ensure efficient water flow during heavy rains.
- c) Structural Assessments and Repairs. Perform comprehensive assessments of public and private structures, identifying those that are vulnerable to heavy rains and flooding. Undertake necessary repairs and reinforcements to mitigate potential damage and ensure structural integrity.
- d) Community Engagement and Awareness. Launch information dissemination campaigns to educate the public on the anticipated effects of La Niña, encouraging community participation in preparatory activities and promoting awareness of Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) protocols during heavy rains.

SECTION 2. COORDINATION AND MONITORING. The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) is hereby tasked to coordinate with the City and Municipal Governments, NGOs, Public Offices, Private and Public Schools, Private and Public Hospitals, Private companies and businesses, institutions, and other offices to monitor the implementation of the preparatory measures outlined in this Executive Order. The PDRRMO shall provide technical assistance and facilitate resource mobilization as needed.

SECTION 3. FUNDING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION. The necessary funding and resources for the implementation of the measures prescribed in this Executive Order shall be sourced from the respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Funds (LDRRMF) of the municipal governments, as well as other available funds from provincial and national sources.

SECTION 4. REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY. The Local Chief Executives and heads of the different institutions shall submit regular reports to the Office of the Governor detailing the progress of the implemented measures, challenges encountered, comprehensive action plan, and additional support required. Accountability for the execution of these measures lies with the heads of the respective municipal governments and involved institutions.

Section 5. INCORPORATION CLAUSE All laws, legal order, rules and regulation, that have been issued and/or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines are hereby incorporated herein and made integral part hereof. In case of conflict, such laws, legal order, rules and regulations shall have precedence over provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any administrative order or executive orders previously issued by the Provincial Government that is inconsistent with the provisions of this executive order shall be considered repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this Order.

Done this 15th day of May 2024 in the City of Malolos, Province of Bulacan.

DANIEL B. FERNANDO
Provincial Governor