

## Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## AN ORDER CREATING THE ALALAY PARA SA LUWAS UG ANDAM NA MGA BARANGAY (ALAB) NG PROBINSYA TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, the Local Government Units (LGUs) are mandated to adopt measures and protect their inhabitants from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities through the provision of relief services and assistance within their respective areas of responsibilities;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (a) of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010," mandates the State to uphold the constitutional rights to life and property by addressing, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including climate change impacts;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (17) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act No. 10121 of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 provides that "the Provincial, City, Municipal DRRMOs and Barangay DRRMCs shall respond to and manage the adverse effects of emergencies and carry out recovery activities in the affected area, ensuring that there is an efficient mechanism for immediate delivery of food, shelter and medical supplies for women, children";

WHEREAS, as per the 178th Climate Forum conducted by DOST-PAGASA presented last November 20, 2024, La Niña Alert persists, and it is favored to emerge during the October-November-December (OND) 2024 season with a 57% chance. It is expected to continue through the January-February-March (JFM) 2025 season with a 61% chance. In addition, various weather systems are expected to affect the country from December 2024 to May 2025, such as the Northeast Monsoon, Shear Line, Low-Pressure Area (LPA), Tropical Cyclones (TCs) with 2-8 TCs are expected to enter the PAR, localized thunderstorms, and the like which may trigger flooding and landslides in high-risk areas;

WHEREAS, as of November 18, 2024, Rainfall Forecast for December 2024 to May 2025, the province is expected to have near-normal rainfall during December 2024, January, and May 2025. During February, March, and April 2025, the province will experience above-normal rainfall;

WHEREAS, the MGB Regional Office XI also issued its Regional Geohazard Threat Advisory no. 1, dated November 21, 2024, regarding the onset of the Northeast Monsoon (Amihan) season and easterlies affecting the Davao Region, which flooding and rain-induced landslides are possible to occur during these conditions. The advisory also identified 94 barangays that are highly susceptible to landslides, while 96 barangays are highly susceptible to flooding;

WHEREAS, DILG issued Department Memorandum Circular No. 2024-074, dated May 31, 2024, entitled "Listo sa Tag-ulan" to provide guidelines to LGUs on taking proactive measures to prepare for the anticipated rainy season, which the La Niña phenomenon may exacerbate. The circular also aims to minimize the adverse effects on lives, properties, and the local economy.

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a Task Force to ensure a whole-of-government approach with an in-place horizontal and vertical mechanism to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and effectively recover from the possible negative impacts of disasters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.**, Governor, of the Province of Davao Oriental by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. COMPOSITION -** The ALAB NG PROBINSYA Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby created, and shall be composed of the following members:

Provincial Governor - Chairperson

## **Members:**

Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO)

Provincial Social Welfare Development Office (PSWDO)

Provincial Engineering Office (PEO)

Provincial Health Office (PHO)

Provincial Agriculture Office (PAGRO)

Provincial Veterinary Office (PVET)

Barangay Affairs Social Services Office (BASSO)

Other agencies or personalities may also be involved or invited during the Task Force activities if the situation warrants.

**SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS.** In consonance with the relevant issuances and other protocols, the Task Force shall perform the following functions:

- Review and update (if necessary), the protocols, contingency and response plans, and policies and ensure the integration of DRR-CCA information for risk-informed actions;
- Ensure operational and functional Local DRRMO Operations Center (OpCen) and Local DRRMC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with an established trained Incident Management Team (IMT) and Search and Rescue (SAR) Teams;
- c. Ensure functionally localized Early Warning System and ensure that warnings and advisories are communicated to the public and are being understood;
- d. Ensure the availability of pre-designated safe evacuation camps/centers equipped with vulnerable sector sensitive basic facilities and trained local camp management teams with consideration for animal evacuation;
- e. Ensure road accessibility for unhampered delivery of services, logistics flow, and supply chain management;
- f. Review and update the inventory of stockpiles of relief goods and other resources (e.g., food and non-food items, such as food packs, hygiene kits, medicine, beddings; transport and logistics; stockpile of personal protective equipment, etc.). Given any identified supply gaps, undertake advanced procurement, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- g. Ensure forecast-based financing (FbF) mechanism for the agriculture sector and application of climate resilient crops;
- h. Identify strategic and safe areas for the prepositioning of resources and stockpiles to expedite the delivery of humanitarian services to affected communities. These areas should be chosen based on their accessibility, security, and proximity to vulnerable populations. Consider locations that are less likely to be impacted by the same disasters, ensuring they remain operational and reachable during emergencies.
- **SECTION 3. FUNDING** the following guidelines shall govern the availability of, use, and accounting of funds related to the performance of functions stipulated under this order, to wit:
  - a) 5% Local DRRM Fund in compliant to NDRRMC-DBM-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 dated March 25, 2013, which serves as a guide to LGUs in the allocation and use of 5% Local DRRM Fund and to enhance transparency and accountability in the use of LDRRMF; and
  - b) The PLGU's other sources subject to regular planning, budgeting, programming, and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE -** Previous executive issuances or parts that are inconsistent with this Order's provisions are hereby repealed, superseded, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE -** If for any reason, any part or provision of this Order shall be found unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY -** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

**DONE,** this NOV 2 9 2024 in the City of Mati, Province of Davao Oriental, Philippines.

NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.
Governor