

I. UPDATED ACTIVITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION (IDNDR)

In 1988, the Philippines created four (4) Committees to support the goals and objectives of the Decade, namely: Committee on Non-structural Measures, Committee on Structural Measures, Committee on Disaster Legislation, and Committee on Disaster Research. The Committees are chaired by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), respectively. // *

For the year 1994 the aforesaid Committees effected the following activities:

1. Conduct of 182 information drives with 34,178 participants- This increased the level of consciousness and awareness of the general public in emergency matters. Likewise, around 11,414 disaster information materials were distributed.

2. Enhancement of the existing Disaster Coordinating Councils (DCCs) and Disaster Control Groups (DCGs)- In effect 1,508 DCCs were organized while 1,015 were reorganized. Likewise, 272 DCGs were organized. Such organizations help enhance the capability of the government, particularly the community and its populace, and establishments and other institutions, to respond accordingly in case of emergencies.

3. Conduct of 126 disaster drills involving 30,978 participants.

4. Preparation of a Disaster Management Training Program to meet the requirements of disaster managers, implementors, trainers and media.

5. Training of 91 trainers and 15,801 DCC/DCG members and volunteer-workers on disaster management.

6. Preparation/updating of 7 disaster plans which include those for earthquake, fire and others.

7. Finalization of the scheme of the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Recognition System.

8. Participation of the country in the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction held at Yokohama, Japan from May 23-27, 1994 wherein a Philippine delegation composed of nine (9) officials from the NDCC member-agencies with the Honorable Ambassador to Japan as the head of the delegation and the OCD Administrator and NDCC Executive Officer as alternate head. The latter also chaired the

sessions of one of the technical committees. The country participated also in the information materials and photo exhibits.

9. Creation of a Committee to evaluate project proposals for Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding to ensure wise utilization of government and ODA fund. The projects of National Irrigation Administration (NIA) and Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) on Earthquake Rehabilitation and Flood Forecasting and Warning System II, respectively, were cleared for their foreign donors have committed to support them.

10. Conduct of series of meetings on the possibility of employing unconventional reforestation thru aerial and hydro seeding to reduce soil loss and siltation due to floods ;

11. The holding of the National Symposium on Disaster Management on July 4, 1994 which highlighted the observance of the Natural Disaster Consciousness Week (NDCW) for the year 1994. The theme for the week was "Paghahanda sa Kalamidad, Kaakbay sa Pag-unlad", which means "Disaster Preparedness Partner towards Development". The symposium was attended by a cross-section of society from the national and local government, NGO's and the international community which play major roles in preparing for and responding to disasters or any emergencies. The symposium gave a total picture of the present disaster management system at the international, national and local levels. It also paved the way for the President of the Philippines and the local executives throughout the country, the national leaders and the NGO's to tackle disaster concerns face to face and for the latter to appreciate more the government policies on disaster.

12. Conducted a Symposium on Women and Science and Technology and Disaster Management, last August 31, 1994 (which was organized by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) and sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DDST) with 84 participants coming from the government and non-government sectors.

13. Arrangements re institutionalization of a national disaster information system are on-going. Said system shall facilitate the generation and evaluation of disaster-related data which shall serve as basis for decision-making and policy formulation.

14. Development of risks maps for Mayon Volcano and Taal Volcano surrounding areas in coordination with the National Mapping and Resources Information Authority (NAMRIA). These volcanoes are two of the most active in the country.

15. Creation of a Committee on Disaster Mitigation composed of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLRB), Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), League of Provinces (LOP), National Mapping and Resources Information Authority (NAMRIA), National Housing Authority (NHA), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), University of the Philippines-School of Urban and Regional Planning (UP-SURP), Philippine Institute of Environmental Project (PIEP), and Association of Structural Engineers (ASE). The Committee is tasked to develop the NDCC Disaster Mitigation Program based on the IDNDR/Yokohama Plan of Action for member-states.

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II. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. Non-Structural Measures

Lead Agency - Office of Civil Defense (OCD)

Members:

- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
- Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)
- Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Department of Health - (DOH)
- Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC)
- Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
- Presidential Management Staff (PMS)
- Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)

2. Structural Measures

Lead Agency - Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

Members:

- Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC)
- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Metropolitan Waterworks Sewerage System (MWSS)
- Office of Civil Defense (OCD)
- National Housing Authority (NHA)
- National Irrigation Administration (NIA)
- National Power Corporation (NPC)

3. Disaster Legislation

Lead Agency - Department of Justice (DOJ)

Members:

- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Department of Agriculture (DA)

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Resources (DENR)
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Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
Office of Civil Defense (OCD)

4. Disaster Research

Lead Agency - Department of Science and
Technology (DOST)

Members:

Department of Health - (DOH)
Department of Agriculture (DA)
Office of Civil Defense (OCD)

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