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To: The Assistant Commissioner
All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

SUBJECT: DILG ADVISORY, SUPER TYPHOON "ROLLY"

Attached is the Advisory dated 10 November 2020, from Mr. Eduardo M. Año, Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), entitled:

"Ensuring the Unhampered Response and Early Recovery Operations of Humanitarian Actors in Areas and Local Government Units (LGUS) Affected by Super Typhoon Rolly (I.N. GONI)".

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner
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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ENSURING THE UNHAMPERED RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY OPERATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN ACTORS IN AREAS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) AFFECTED BY SUPER TYPHOON ROLLY (I.N. GONI)

DATE : NOV 10 2020

Super Typhoon "ROLLY" (I.N. GONI) made three (3) landfalls on 01 November 2020 over the Municipality of Bato, Province of Catanduanes; Municipality of Tiwi, Province of Albay; and the Municipality of Narciso, Province of Quezon, with Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) Number 5 raised over the Provinces of Catanduanes, Albay and the eastern portion of the Province of Camarines Sur.

With the widespread devastation caused by STY "ROLLY" affecting hundreds of thousands of Filipinos who were displaced from their residences, their means of living disrupted and their crops destroyed; and the severe damage to lifelines and critical infrastructure, such as power, water, and communications, among others, *there is a dire need to fast-track the restoration of these infrastructures to better manage the response operations and help in the early recovery efforts.*

In line with this, all concerned Local Chief Executives (LCEs) are enjoined to ease-up access restrictions in severely affected areas, such as those that were or are:



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- under TCWS No. 5;
- with severely or totally damaged lifelines that require immediate repair and/or restoration;
- in need of relief operations and early recovery assistance/assessment; and
- under similar circumstances brought about by STY "ROLLY".

The easing up of access, as mentioned above, shall include revisiting established COVID-19 health protocols in the area, the details of which shall be determined separately, on a case-to-case basis, by the concerned Regional Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (RIATF). The RIATF shall exercise their sound discretion in deciding the same, taking into consideration both the threat of COVID-19, the need to observe the minimum public health standards, and to facilitate the smooth entry and operations of critical humanitarian actors engaged in disaster response and recovery efforts.

The RIATF shall also endeavor to facilitate the smooth entry and/or transit of augmentation teams under the Task Force KAPATID of the Department of Energy to their areas of operation.

Furthermore, to effectively streamline the process, all sending agencies shall coordinate with the receiving LGUs (Province/City/Municipality) through their concerned Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center (RDRRMOC), and the Philippine National Police (PNP), prior to the deployment of the humanitarian actors. The sending agency shall also provide the above offices with all pertinent details, as maybe appropriate and necessary.

Moreover, in order to ensure that humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts are rationalized and equitable, and in order to have a smooth management and accounting of donations, all concerned (sending) LGUs, and private institutions with intentions of extending any form of humanitarian assistance to the affected LGUs, shall coordinate with their concerned RDRRMOC, which shall, in turn, coordinate directly with the concerned RDRRMOC of the receiving LGU.

The Philippine National Police shall provide all the necessary support to ensure that these humanitarian actors shall have unhampered and smooth entry to the affected area and be able to perform their tasks in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

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All concerned Regional Directors, through their RIATF, shall assist in coordinating with the LGUs to ensure that existing LGU requirements related to the management of the COVID-19 pandemic will not hamper nor delay the entry, passage, and operations of all government and private sector humanitarian assistance and disaster response personnel. The same are also directed to cause the dissemination of this Advisory to all local officials within their respective jurisdictions.

For information and guidance.


EDUARDO M. AÑO
Secretary, DILG ↑

