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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
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**DepEd-CAR OPLAN KAHANDAAN SA TAG-ULAN**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
 Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
 DRRM Coordinators

1. Located in the typhoon belt, the country is regularly visited by monsoon rains and typhoons. This vulnerability is further aggravated in the Cordillera Administrative Region due to its topography, which increases the risk of rain-induced landslides and flooding.

2. To ensure the safety of learners, teachers and other school personnel and to safeguard school resources during the rainy season, the Department of Education-CAR Regional Office directs the conduct of the **"DepEd-CAR Oplan Kahandaan Sa Tag-ulan"** to strengthen awareness and decrease the vulnerability of the school community.

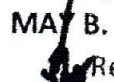
3. **"DepEd-CAR Oplan Kahandaan Sa Tag-ulan"** aims to orient all school stakeholders on safety measures during the rainy season in order to increase the preparedness of everyone concerned. All schools are therefore instructed to conduct the following activities during the first week of classes. Reiteration of these activities within the school year is very much encouraged:

- a. Orient teachers, parents and learners on safety measures to be observed before, during and after typhoons and other natural hazards;
- b. Orient parents and learners on Executive Order 66, s. 2011 and DepEd Order No. 43, s. 2012 re Guidelines on the Cancellation and Suspension of Classes during typhoons and other calamities;
- c. Orient parents and students on the school's reunification plan;
- d. Update the DRRM Corner/bulletin in the schools to contain posters and IEC materials on preparedness;
- e. Install warning signs in hazardous areas, particularly in landslide prone areas within the school perimeters;

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- f. Undertake mitigation measures where damages of disasters are mostly evident and where effects to children's education are strongly felt;
  - g. Regular declogging of gutters, and drainage canals to enable the unhampered flow of water and to prevent flooding;
  - h. Store learning materials, vital records and equipment, preferably on an elevated room to ensure protection from rain or flood; and
  - i. Conduct school disaster response or simulation drills
4. It is requested that said activities be reflected in the school's calendar of activities and that a report on the conduct of the same shall be reflected in the monthly report of activities.
5. Attached are DepEd Order No. 83, s. 2011 re Disaster Preparedness measures for schools and DepEd Memorandum No. 108, s. 2016 re Preparedness Measures for the Rainy Season for additional reference. Soft copies of Information education and communication (IEC) materials on DepEd Memorandum No. 108, s. 2016 may be requested from the PDO II (DRRM) of their respective Schools Division Offices.
6. Wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
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Regional Director

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To: All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers In-Charge  
(Elementary & Secondary)  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION  
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Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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29 JUN 2016

**PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA) released a statement indicating that the onset of the rainy season associated with the Southwest Monsoon (locally known as the *Habagat*) is now in progress. Meanwhile, weak *El Niño* condition is present in the Tropical Pacific and is expected to end around the month of July though effects will be lingering, while *La Niña* conditions are favored to follow during the second half of 2016.

2. With this, the Department of Education (DepEd) enjoins all schools and field offices to observe **Preparedness Measures for the Rainy Season**. This is to ensure:

- a. increased preparedness and safety of all school personnel and learners; and
- b. safety of school properties, learning materials and vital school records from any possible occurrence of hazards to enable learners' continued access to education.

3. All staff of schools and offices are advised to do the following:

- a. Ensure that school buildings can withstand heavy rain and strong winds. Anchor the facilities built at ground level with guy wires to strengthen the stability of the structure;
- b. Identify a storage area for safekeeping of learning materials, teachers' manuals, vital records and equipment (fax, laptops, computers, photocopiers, TVs, VCRs, among other machines), preferably on an elevated room to ensure protection from rain or flood;
- c. Turn off and unplug electrical equipment and appliances when not in use;
- d. Equip school with first aid kits, flashlights, megaphones, and other necessary supplies that may be needed in times of emergencies. Ensure that these items can be easily located and accessed;
- e. Prepare the classrooms for possible use as evacuation centers and ensure that the staff-in-charge of the keys are accessible;
- f. Regularly conduct school disaster response-drills or simulations;
- g. Post emergency hotline numbers in classrooms and offices;
- h. Update database of student and their family contact details; and
- i. Prepare contingency plan.

For the DepEd personnel and learners:

- a. Educate personnel and learners about weather disturbances, including typhoon signals rainfall warnings and possible effects and measures to undertake, using the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and PAG-ASA website;
  - b. Educate school children on preparedness for tropical cyclones, flood and other related hazards; and
  - c. Educate school children and their parents about health related effects resulting from the rainy season.
4. All are advised to observe strict compliance of DepEd Order (DO) No. 43, s. 2012 entitled *Guidelines on the Implementation of Executive Order No. 66, s. 2012* (Prescribing Rules on the Cancellation of Classes and Work in Governance Offices Due to Typhoons, Flooding, Other Weather Disturbances and Calamities).
5. All schools are encouraged to involve the students, their families and communities in preparing for disasters, for this is an effective method of raising their awareness and action about risk education.
6. All DRRM coordinators should maintain an open communication with school officials for any needed assistance. Immediate coordination and reporting of any untoward incident should be observed to provide timely and necessary support.
7. This Memorandum supports DO 83, s. 2011 entitled *Disaster Preparedness Measures for Schools*, DO 43, 2012 entitled *Guidelines on the Implementation of Executive Order No. 66, s. 2012* (Prescribing Rules on the Cancellation of Classes and Work in Government Offices Due to Typhoons, Flooding, Other Weather Disturbances and Calamities) and DM 35, s. 2016 entitled *Implementing Brigada Eskwela 2016* which seek to mainstream the implementation of DRRM in the systems and processes of the Department at all levels.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

References:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 83, s. 2011, 43, s. 2012)  
DepEd Memorandum: (No. 35, s. 2016)

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