



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 726-2026

**PREPARATORY MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO
IN SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to DOST-PAGASA El Niño Advisory No. 5, all schools are directed to prepare and submit action plans outlining preventive and mitigating measures to address the anticipated effects of El Niño on school operations, learning continuity, and the health, safety, and well-being of learners and personnel. The plans shall cover, but not be limited to, the following areas of concern and shall be submitted on or before October 30, 2026.

- a. Water Supply Shortage
- b. Extreme Heat and High Temperatures
- c. Health and Sanitation Concerns
- d. Impacts on Teaching and Learning
- e. Food Security and School Feeding Program
- f. School Gardens and Vegetation
- g. Fire and Other Safety Hazard
- h. School Facility / Proper Ventillation

2. All schools shall identify and prioritize **at least five (5) possible effects of El Niño** that are most relevant to their respective school contexts and incorporate the corresponding preventive and mitigating measures into their action plans. The plans shall specify the interventions to be undertaken, the persons responsible, and the resources needed, as applicable, to ensure the protection of learners and personnel and the continuity of school operations.

3. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

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For the Schools Division Superintendent:

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ACTION PLAN FOR THE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO

Possible El Niño Effect in School as identified	Identified Risk / School Situation	Preventive and Mitigating Measures / Activities	Timeline (Estimated)	Responsible Person	Resource/s Needed
<i>[indicate at least 5 possible effects of el niño in your school based on your assessment]</i>	<i>[describe the possible situation of your school relevant to the identified effects]</i>	<i>[state what are possible actions to take by the school to prevent or mitigate the identified risk or possible school situation]</i>	<i>[when to take the preventive and mitigating actions]</i>	<i>[who will lead the action]</i>	<i>[what resources are needed to do the actions as planned]</i>

Prepared by:

School DRRM Coordinator / School Safety Officer

Approved by:

School Head

Note: The action plan shall be submitted through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ElNinoActionPlan-Baguio>





ENSO ADVISORY

El Niño Advisory No. 5

A strong to very strong El Niño is present in the Tropical Pacific. Forecasts predict that El Niño will continue until the first half of 2027 and may reach its peak before the end of 2026.

El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall, which may lead to adverse impacts, including dry spells and droughts in some areas of the country. However, above-normal rainfall conditions may still occur during the passage of tropical cyclones and other rain-bearing weather systems.

Assessment for September 2026

The weather systems that influenced the weather and climate of the country during the month were the Southwest (SW) Monsoon, easterlies, localized thunderstorms, low-pressure areas (LPAs), intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ), and the passage of two (2) tropical cyclones (TCs) in the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR): Tropical Storm (TS) "Pilandok" (KROVANH) from August 30 to September 03, and Typhoon (TY) "Queenie" (SURIGAE) from September 24-27.

The rainfall assessment for the month showed that most areas of the country experienced below- to near-normal rainfall conditions. However, patches of above-normal rainfall were observed in Benguet, La Union, Pangasinan, Bataan, Zambales, and Cavite. Way below-normal rainfall conditions were also observed in the Negros Provinces.

In addition, seven (7) provinces experienced meteorological drought; three (3) provinces were under dry spell; and thirty (30) provinces experienced dry conditions. For a complete list of these provinces, please refer to the meteorological **Drought/Dry Spell Assessment** Maps and Tables or the **PH Meteorological Drought Monitor**, both available on the official DOST-PAGASA website.

Slightly above- to above-average mean surface air temperatures were observed over most of the country during the month, except for select areas in Luzon, including Baguio, Camarines Sur, and Northern Palawan, where cooler-than-average temperatures were recorded. The observed temperature ranges were as follows: mountainous areas of Luzon (13.4°C – 25.2°C); Metro Manila (23.8°C – 35.1°C); rest of Luzon (19.8°C – 36.8°C); Visayas (22.5°C – 37.7°C); mountainous areas of Mindanao (17.5°C – 33.5°C); rest of Mindanao (20.9°C – 37.0°C). Meanwhile, four (4) stations have surpassed their highest maximum temperature record for September: Catbalogan, Samar on September 2 (37.2°C); Borongan, Eastern Samar on September 3 (37.7°C); Laguindingan Airport, Misamis Oriental on September 4 (37.0°C), and Zamboanga City on September 11 (36.2°C).

Outlook for October 2026

The weather systems expected to affect the country in October are the ITCZ, LPAs, localized thunderstorms, easterlies, ridge of the high-pressure area (HPA), and the occurrence of one (1) to two (2) TCs that may develop within or enter the PAR. Meanwhile, a transition to the Northeast (NE) Monsoon is likely this month.

The rainfall forecast for October suggests that below-normal rainfall conditions will be experienced over most parts of Luzon, Visayas, and Caraga Region, while near-normal rainfall conditions are likely over Batanes, Cagayan, Negros Island Region, Central Visayas, and the rest of Mindanao.

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Based on observed rainfall during the past months and the forecast for October, meteorological drought/dry spells are likely to be experienced by the end of the month in most parts of Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas, Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands. Meanwhile, dry conditions are likely over Abra, Kalinga, Isabela, Quezon, and most of MIMAROPA and Western Visayas.

Meanwhile, near-average to warmer-than-average mean air temperatures are expected over most parts of the country, while slightly cooler-than-average temperatures over some parts of MIMAROPA and Bohol. The ranges of forecast temperature are as follows: 13.1°C – 26.7°C in the mountainous areas of Luzon, 21.1°C – 36.0°C for Metro Manila, 17.0°C – 37.2°C over the rest of Luzon, 21.2°C – 36.5°C in Visayas, 15.9°C – 33.7°C in the mountainous areas of Mindanao, and 20.6°C – 37.7°C over the rest of Mindanao.

DOST-PAGASA will continue to closely monitor the ongoing El Niño and its associated impacts on the country's climate. Meanwhile, all government agencies and the general public are strongly advised to take appropriate preparedness and response measures to mitigate the impacts of El Niño, particularly in areas vulnerable to dry spells and warmer temperatures.

For more information, please call the Climatology and Agrometeorology Division (CAD) at (02)8284-0800, local 4920 or 4921.

Originally Signed

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 Administrator

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