



**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 19**  
Series of 2018

**DIRECTING THE RECORDING AND MARKING OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND OTHER SIMILAR STRUCTURES SITUATED IN POTENTIAL RISK AREAS WHICH ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO LANDSLIDES OR FLOODINGS FOR PURPOSES OF MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTING PREEMPTIVE AND/OR FORCED EVACUATION AND SUCH OTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT LOSS OF LIVES AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTIES AT THE OCCURRENCE OF CALAMITIES AND DISASTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the municipality of Itogon is situated in the Central Cordillera Mountain Ranges and is generally mountainous in nature, being traversed by the Agno River and its tributaries which drains down towards San Manuel, Pangasinan;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Itogon was stricken by continuous heavy rainfall due to the enhanced southwest monsoon caused by several typhoons that entered the country since July of this year, and just recently, by Typhoon Ompong causing landslides and sudden rise of water level along the water bodies beyond usual expectations resulting to loss of lives and heavy damages to private properties, agricultural crops and vital infrastructure projects;

**WHEREAS**, extreme weather conditions being experienced now a days require the adoption of applicable strategies for disaster preparedness considering that areas in the different barangays manifest the existence of active landslides while downstream communities and those along the whole stretch of the river system are susceptible to flooding;

**NOW THEREFORE I, ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Municipal Mayor of Itogon, Benguet, hereby **ORDER** as follows:

**Section 1.** Site Assessment and Identification. The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer and the respective barangay officials and Barangay Tanods in coordination with the Itogon Municipal Police Station, the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau of the DENR shall conduct an assessment of all hazard susceptible areas to determine the degree of risk present in a particular area. The assessment team shall record all structures present in hazard areas indicating thereon the name of the place, name of owner, type of structure, the potential risk (i.e. landslide or flooding) and its magnitude whether high, moderate or low.

**Section 2.** Tagging/Marking of Residential Houses, Buildings and/or Similar Structures. Residential houses, buildings and/or similar structures erected within hazard susceptible areas shall be marked accordingly by way of color coding using reflectorized sticker or paint with a dimension of three inches by five inches (3"X5"):

**RED:** Those erected on high susceptibility areas. Inhabitants thereof shall be subject to forced evacuation prior to the occurrence of typhoons, during long heavy rainfall, enhanced southwest monsoon and such other types of hazards. Provided however that as much as possible, residents or inhabitants within high susceptibility areas should be relocated permanently on safe grounds upon proper coordination with the OCD, DSWD, National Housing Authority, DILG and other concerned offices and/or agencies.

**ORANGE:** Those erected on moderate susceptibility areas. Inhabitants thereof shall be subject to preemptive evacuation but shall be subject to forced evacuation as the magnitude of the hazard increases or if the condition of the area so warrants.

Provided further, that regular monitoring of low susceptibility areas shall be conducted to determine the possibility of any earth movements or changes in its hazard susceptibility as well as applicable interventions to reduce the degree of risk thereat. Continuous monitoring of moderate and high susceptibility areas shall also be conducted as basis for any appropriate action.

**Section 3.** Reportorial Requirement. Immediately after the conduct of assessment, markings and monitoring in the barangays, and such other related activities, the concerned Punong Barangay and the MDRRMO shall submit a report to the Local Chief Executive containing their actions taken, findings and recommendations if there are any.


**Section 4.** Responsibility of Barangay Officials. All barangay officials shall be the front liners in the conduct of the activities herein mentioned. They shall keep and maintain records of the assessed areas and shall conduct actual re-assessment for updating purposes. As far as practicable, barangay officials should not issue certifications or clearances to residents for the construction of buildings or residential houses in areas already identified and declared as danger zones or no build zones, or within areas under high hazard susceptibility as certified by proper authorities. Provided further that barangay officials including their barangay tanods shall work together with the MDRRMO, the PNP, BFP and other coordinating agencies in the implementation of preemptive and/or forced evacuation in their respective barangays. Evacuees shall be brought to the different evacuation centers in the barangays or to the municipal evacuation centers provided these are not dangerous or ruinous buildings nor are these situated in hazard prone areas.

**Section 5.** The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer shall ensure the availability of food and non-food items for repositioning in preparation for the occurrence of any typhoon or calamity. Provided further that said office shall be the lead office for the maintenance of an orderly management of evacuation centers.

**Section 6.** Separability Clause. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Administrative Order or parts hereof are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 7.** Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 at Itogon, Benguet.

  
**ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**  
Municipal Mayor

Cc:

- The 9<sup>th</sup> Itogon Municipal Council
- MDRRMC members
- MDRRMO
- All Departments/Offices
- The 9 Barangays
- The Chief of Police, IMPS
- The Fire Marshall, Itogon BFP
- MGB-CAR
- PDRRMO
- OCD-CAR
- Other Offices/Personnel concerned
- File