



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16
Series of 2020

MAINTAINING A CONSTANT ACTIVATION OF THE MUNICIPAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANGEMENT COUNCIL FOR TROPICAL STORM “AMBO” AND DESIGNATING THE ITOGON TRAINING CENTER AS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND FURTHER DIRECTING A 24/7 OPERATION OF THEREOF UNTIL SAID TROPICAL DEPRESSION AMBO LEAVES THE PHILIPPINE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

WHEREAS, Disaster Operations Center serve as an avenue for coordinating efforts to prevent, prepare for and to respond to disasters;

WHEREAS, the municipal hall building is designated as the Main Disaster Operations Center of the LDRRMC pursuant to Administrative Order No. 09-13-N issued by the Local Chief Executive, however, due the terrain and road conditions leading thereto, it is but practical to designate the Itogon Training Center at Bua, Tuding as Emergency Operations Center for Tropical Storm Ambo due to its strategic location in terms of accessibility to transportation and telecommunications facilities;

WHEREAS, being the central command and coordination center, it is imperative that the main operations center shall maintain a 24/7 operations to ensure continuous monitoring and dissemination of vital information, enable quick response and maintain collaborative efforts with other LGUs, higher government offices/agencies, the public and the private sector;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Local Chief Executive, I, **ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby ORDER as follows, to wit;

Section 1. The Itogon Training Center shall be designated as Emergency Operations Center for Tropical Storm Ambo. As such, it shall be on a 24/7 operations at the duration of said Tropical Storm Ambo until it leaves the Philippine Area of Responsibility.

Section 2. The municipal building and all sub-operations center designated under A.O. No. 09-13-N shall likewise be activated and operational on a 24/7 basis to provide support services and quick response to their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Section 3. The MDRRM Office shall serve as support staff to man the emergency operations center. Consistent with Executive Order No. 9, series of 2017, all municipal emergency responders, drivers, heavy equipment operators, health and MSWDO personnel are required to be on alert status for the rendition of necessary services. Provided finally, that all Punong Barangays shall activate their respective Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committees along with their emergency responders, health volunteers and barangay tanods under Red Alert status.

Section 4. The MDRRMO, together with the MSWD Officer shall ensure prepositioning of stocks to the EOC and to all sub-operations centers for quick distribution as the necessity arises. Relatively, food and non-food supplies including medicines

funded under the LDRRM Fund and other funding sources should be made readily available for quick response activities.

Section 5. If for any reason, part or parts of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional by competent authorities, the remaining portions hereof not affected by such declaration remain to be in full force and affect.

Section 6. All Administrative Orders or parts thereof inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 14th day of May, 2020 at Itogon, Benguet.


ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN
Municipal Mayor