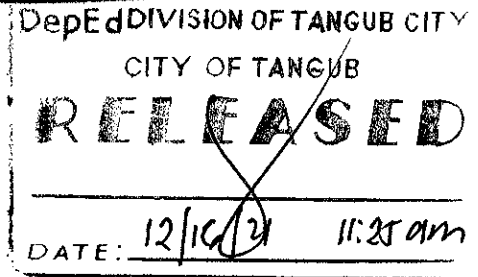




December 16, 2021

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 363, s. 2021



DISSEMINATION OF OUA MEMO 00-1221-0085
(REITERATION OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR RESPONSE MEASURES FOR
TYPHOON ODETTE)

To : Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
District In-Charge
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School DRRM Coordinators
This Division

1. In view of the impending impact of Typhoon "Odette" (Rai) on the education sector, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration of the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), reiterates the preparedness for response measures to be undertaken by all exposed schools as stated in DO 33, s. 2021 or *School-Based Disaster Preparedness and Response Measures for Typhoons, Flooding, and Other Weather-Related Disturbances and Calamities*. As primarily responsible for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of school-based preparedness measures, School Heads are accountable for the impact and damages of school facilities and resources due to negligence and/or non-compliance to all measures indicated in the policy.
2. See attached **OUA MEMO 00-1221-0085** for your reference.
3. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


AGUSTINES E. CEPE, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent





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MEMORANDUM

15 December 2021

**For: Regional Directors Concerned
Schools Division Superintendents Concerned
Regional and Division DRRM Coordinators Concerned
School Heads Concerned**

**Subject: REITERATION OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR
RESPONSE MEASURES FOR TYPHOON ODETTE**

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As such, all School Heads, with the help of DRRM Coordinators and DRRM Team members, shall lead the following measures:

- a. Activate warning systems to disseminate advisories to learners and personnel;
- b. Coordinate with the LGU, using existing guidelines (DO 14, s 2021), on the cancellation or suspension of work and classes;
- c. secure weak parts of school buildings against heavy rain and strong winds;
- d. Prune/trim trees that may cause harm to people or damage structures or properties in the event of any weather disturbances;
- e. Clean and clear all drainage systems;
- f. Switch off electrical lines;
- g. Safeguard (e.g. place inside containers to protect against water) and transfer education resources and vital records in the pre-identified storage area



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- h. Prepare schools to be used as evacuation center using existing guidelines and in accordance with the terms stated in RA 10821;
- i. Regularly update DRRMS on the effects of the tropical typhoon (e.g. suspension of classes and work, the use of the school as an evacuation center, impact on learners and personnel)
- j. If safe, undertake a rapid assessment of the impact and damages from the hazard. Submit the Rapid Assessment of Damages Report (RADaR), guided by DepEd Order No. 21, s. 2015. This includes the assessment of damages to school facilities, educational resources, and impact on learners and personnel;
- k. Deploy response and learning continuity interventions, including the conduct of Psychological First Aid for affected learners and personnel, in coordination with the Schools Division Office and other community stakeholders and partners.

The accountability to protect learners and personnel from death, injury and harm; ensure learning continuity in the aftermath of a disaster/emergency; and secure all education investments, rests upon all education actors at all levels. Nevertheless, schools are encouraged to sustain the strong partnership with the LGUs, other partners and stakeholders in the effective implementation of the aforementioned measures. Response measures are shared responsibilities of schools, and of the Central, Regional, and Schools Division Offices.

For any queries or concerns, you may reach Mr. Aldwin B. Rimbao through drmo@deped.gov.ph or mobile number 0928-388-9101 (Viber).

For your information and appropriate action. Thank you


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Undersecretary



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