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Part of DOST’s thrust in its ‘8 Outcomes’ is disaster preparedness and mitigation. This endeavor is very important to protect whatever economic gains we have garnered using science and technology in achieving the other seven outcomes in our approach to achieving inclusive growth.

We believe that the key to saving lives and properties in times of natural calamities like typhoons, floods or earthquakes is preparedness. So we must take a proactive role in making our communities safer and more resilient.

The Reference for Emergency and Disaster or RED Book is our response to making our communities, our people in the barangays and our local leaders more aware of the dangers and be prepared when natural hazards occur.

The RED Book serves as a handy tool of information about all possible natural hazards in their areas; the warning information given by agencies like PAGASA and PHIVOLCS; and special programs like Project NOAH and the suggested actions to take during these events.

I believe that correct and accurate information can be of great help to our communities. We cannot prevent hazards from coming but definitely we can prevent disasters from happening.

Make the RED Book your practical guide to protecting your families and your properties in these uncertain times.

Mario G. Montejo

MESSAEGE from the DOST SECRETARY

Iba na ang Panahon! The advent of climate change has prompted us at the Department of Science and Technology to look inward and assess our capacity to address the worsening weather conditions.

The negative impact of stronger typhoons, massive flooding, landslides and storm surges can no longer be ignored and we must take it upon ourselves to find solutions in order to make our communities safe.

This is the reason we have come up with the Reference for Emergency and Disaster or RED Book. We need to inform our people down to the communities where they live, work and play that the destruction brought about by natural hazards can be minimized if not totally removed.

The RED Book will give us this information so we can prepare. It contains descriptions of typhoons, floods, landslides, storm surges, earthquakes, tsunamis, and other. It also includes practical tips on how to avert disasters and the things we need to do before, during and after calamities strike.

We can never let another typhoon Yolanda leave our countrymen homeless. We can never allow mothers to grieve for the loss of their children nor let the cries of babies be heard across the devastation caused by these hazards.

We have the science and technology to back us up. We have highly competent scientists and engineers who can find solutions. And most of all we have the will to survive and triumph over adversities.

Early warning, Early action! RED Book!

Raymund E. Liboro
BACKGROUND ON PHILIPPINE HAZARDS
The Philippines, being a locus of typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, is a hotbed of disasters. Natural hazards inflict loss of lives and costly damage to property. Over the last years, the devastating impacts of typhoon Pedring, Quiel, Sendong, Pablo and, the most recent, Yolanda resulted in a high number of fatalities with economic losses amounting to billions of pesos.

Extreme weather is the common factor in these latest catastrophes. Situated in the humid tropics, the Philippines will inevitably suffer from climate-related calamities similar to those experienced recently. With continued development in the lowlands, and growing populations, it is expected that damage to infrastructure and human losses would persist and even rise unless appropriate measures are immediately implemented by government.

According to the World Risk Report in 2013 that focuses on vulnerability of the population such as susceptibility, capacity to cope and adapt to future natural hazard events, the Philippines ranked as the 3rd most vulnerable country to disaster risks in the world.

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Photo By: Anna Theresa P. Valmero, STII-NOAH StratComm
4-POINT AGENDA TO COMMUNICATE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
The Philippines faces an average of twenty (20) typhoons a year along with floods and storm surges, as well as earthquakes, among others. Recent events and global reports have shown that there is an increasing trend in the intensity and frequency of disasters.

As a disaster laboratory, the Philippine communities face massive destruction from calamities as what Yolanda did. While we cannot stop the occurrence of natural hazards, we can definitely mitigate disaster risk in our communities.

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) believes that science can be used to better understand and improve disaster planning and preparations at the national and local levels.

Applying science, scenario-based strategies and protocols can be drawn in dealing with calamities: from emphasizing early warning and early action to achieve minimum loss and enable quick recovery.

In 2005, the United Nation General Assembly endorsed the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) which aims to substantially reduce disaster losses by 2015 by “building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. It was developed and agreed on with many partners needed to reduce disaster risk – governments, international agencies, disaster experts and many others – bringing them into a common system of coordination.”

With lessons learned from the onslaught of Yolanda and following the HFA, a “10-year plan to make the world safer from natural hazards,” DOST is continuously advocating this 4-point agenda for effective disaster preparedness efforts in communities:

With lessons learned from the onslaught of Yolanda, DOST has drawn up a 4-point agenda for effective disaster preparedness efforts in communities:

1. Increase local risk knowledge
2. Capacitate hazards monitoring
3. Test warning and communications protocol
4. Build response capability in communities

By following this, the government hopes to raise awareness and understanding of hazards and their impacts among local executives, disaster managers, partner civil society organizations, and even the local community media.

This 4-point agenda was the guiding principle behind DOST’s nationwide campaign dubbed as “Iba na ang Panahon: Science for Safer Communities.”
Definition
An EARTHQUAKE is a feeble shaking to violent trembling of the ground produced by the sudden displacement of rocks or rock materials below the earth's surface. There are around 20 earthquakes recorded in the Philippines every day.

Types of Earthquakes
Tectonic
Sudden displacements along faults in the solid and rigid layer of the earth.

Volcanic
Earthquakes induced by rising magma beneath active volcanoes.

Focus and Epicenter
Focus
Actual location beneath the surface where the earthquake begins. The ground ruptures at this spot, then seismic waves radiate outward in all directions.

Epicenter
Point on the Earth's surface located directly above the focus of an earthquake.

Magnitude & Intensity
Magnitude
The energy released at the source of the earthquake. Magnitude is determined from measurements on seismographs. Refer to page 67.

Intensity
The strength of shaking produced by the earthquake at a certain location. Intensity is determined from effects on people, human structures, and the natural environment. In the Philippines, the PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS) is used to determine the intensity of an earthquake in a specific place. Refer to page 68.

Aftershocks
Usually weaker earthquakes that follow the main shock (the strongest and most destructive shock) of an earthquake sequence.
HAZARDS POSED BY EARTHQUAKE

**Ground Shaking**
Because of severe ground shaking, low and tall buildings, towers and posts may tilt, split, topple or collapse; foundation of roads, railroad tracks and bridges may break; water pipes and other utility installations may get dislocated, dams and similar structures may break and cause flooding and other forms of mass movement may be generated.

**Liquefaction**
A process where particles of loosely consolidated and water-saturated deposits of fine sand are re-arranged in more compact state. If not properly designed and constructed, houses and buildings may subside or tilt.

**Landslide**
Downward movement of slope materials either slowly or quickly. The main effects of landsliding would be erosion and burial.

**Ground Rupture**
A deformation on the ground that marks the intersection of the fault plane with the earth’s surface. The most common manifestation is a long fissure extending from a few kilometers to tens of kilometers. Ground rupture may also occur as a series of discontinuous cracks, mounds or depressions. Houses and buildings on top of an active fault can be damaged by ground rupture.

**Tsunami**
Sea waves generated mostly by submarine earthquakes. Tsunamis occur when the earthquake is shallow-seated and strong enough (magnitude 6.5 or greater) to vertically displace parts of the seabed disturb the mass of water over it. Other causes of tsunamis include submarine or coastal landslides and submarine volcanic eruptions. Tsunamis can flood low lying coastal areas and drown people.

Source: PHIVOLCS
Definition

One of the most dangerous hazards related to earthquakes is **TSUNAMI**, or the series of sea waves commonly generated by under-the-sea earthquakes and whose heights could be greater than five (5) meters.

Locally-generated tsunamis can occur within very short time, with the first waves reaching the nearest shoreline from the epicenter in 2 to 5 minutes after the main earthquake, before any official warning can be transmitted from the national level to the community level.

**Natural Signs Of An Approaching Local Tsunami**

- **Shake**
  A felt earthquake.

- **Drop**
  Unusual sea level change, sudden sea water retreat or rise. Exposure of corals, underwater rocks and marine life.

- **Roar**
  Rumbling sound of an approaching waves.

**Volcano**

The term **VOLCANO** signifies a vent, hill or mountain from which molten or hot rocks with gaseous materials are ejected. The term also applies to craters, hills or mountains formed by removal of pre-existing materials or by accumulation of ejected materials.

The Philippine Archipelago has approximately more than 200 volcanoes. Of these, at least 23 are considered active and several have erupted in recent times. Mayon and Taal are the most active followed by Pinatubo, Bulusan, Kanlaon and Hibok-Hibok.

**Classification of Volcanoes**

- **Active**
  Volcanoes that erupted within historical times (within the last 600 years), with accounts of these eruptions documented by man or erupted within the last 10,000 years based on analyses of datable materials. (e.g. Mt. Mayon)

- **Potentially Active**
  Morphologically young-looking volcanoes but with no historical records of eruption. (e.g. Mt. Apo)

- **Inactive**
  Volcanoes with no record of eruptions and the physical form is being changed by agents of weathering and erosion via formation of deep and long gullies. (e.g. Mt. Makiling)
Directly Associated with Eruption

Pyroclastic Flow
Refers to hot dry masses of fragment volcanic materials that move at high speed along the slope and in contact with ground surface. Pyroclastic flows can burn and bury people.

This includes:
- pumice flow
- ash flow
- block-and-ash flow
- nuee ardente (burning cloud)
- glowing avalanche

Pyroclastic Flow Directly Associated with Eruption

Lava Flow
Highly elongated mass of molten rock materials cascading downslope from an erupting vent. The lava flow being extruded has low silica and low water contents.

Tephra Fall
The rain of volcanic fragments that may range in size from ash, lapilli and blocks.

Particle size: less than 2 mm diameter (ash), 2-64 mm diameter (lapilli), more than 64 mm diameter (blocks and bombs)

Volcanic Gas
One of the basic components of a magma or lava. Active and inactive volcanoes may release to the atmosphere gases in the form of: water vapor, hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride and hydrogen fluoride.

Indirectly Associated with Eruption

LaHar
(An Indonesian term), sometimes called mudflows or volcanic debris flows, are flowing mixtures of volcanic debris and water.

- Primary or hot lahar - associated directly with volcanic eruption
- Secondary or cold lahar - caused by heavy rainfall.

Tsunami
Although most tsunamis are associated with submarine earthquakes, waves can also be generated by underwater volcanic eruptions. Refer to page 78.

Seiche
Sloshing of a closed body of water from earthquake shaking. Swimming pools often have seiches during earthquakes.

Volcanic Landslide
Landslides are common on volcanoes because their massive cones (1) typically rise hundreds to thousands of meters above the surrounding terrain; and (2) are often weakened by the very process that created them — the rise and eruption of molten rock.

Fissuring
A fissure is an elongated fracture or crack at the surface from which lava erupts.

Other Eruption Phenomena

Debris Avalanche
Fast downhill movement of soil and rock caused by slope failure on the cones of stratovolcanoes

Hydrothermal Explosions
Explosions from instantaneous flashing of steam upon contact with hot rocks

Secondary Explosions
Caused by the contact of water with hot pyroclastic flow deposits

Subsidence
Ground deformation resulting from the downward adjustment of surface materials to the voids caused by volcanic activity

Source: PHIVOLCS
PRECURSORS OF AN IMPENDING VOLCANIC ERUPTION

The following are commonly observed signs that a volcano is about to erupt. These precursors may vary from volcano to volcano.

- Increase in the frequency of volcanic quakes with rumbling sounds; occurrence of volcanic tremors
- Increased streaming activity; change in color of steam emission from white to gray due to entrained ash
- Crater glow due to presence of magma at or near the crater
- Ground swells (or inflation), ground tilt and ground fissuring due to magma intrusion
- Localized landslides, rockfalls and landslides from the summit area not attributable to heavy rains
- Noticeable increase in the extent of drying up of vegetation around the volcano’s upper slopes
- Increase in the temperature of hot springs, wells (e.g. Bulusan and Kanlaon) and crater lake (e.g. Taal) near the volcano
- Noticeable variation in the chemical content of springs, crater lakes within the vicinity of the volcano
- Drying up of springs/wells around the volcano
- Development of new thermal areas and/or reactivation of old ones; appearance of solfataras (volcanic vent that yields hot vapors and sulfurous gases)

Source: PHIVOLCS

LANDSLIDES

LANDSLIDES are downward movement of slope materials either slowly or quickly. A landslide may be a rock fall, topple, and slide or lateral spreading. Intense ground shaking can trigger a landslide by loosening the cohesion that bonds the slope materials together, thereby making it easier for gravity to pull it downwards. Hilly and mountainous areas, escarpments, and steep river banks, sea cliffs, and other steep slopes are prone to landsliding.

Kinds of Landslides

- Creep – imperceptibly slow, steady, downward movement of slope-forming soil or rock.
- Slump – a mass of rock and soil suddenly slips down a slope.
- Rock/debris slide
- Rockfall
- Debris flow
- Mudflow

When Landslides Happen

- When there is heavy and continuous rain (rain-induced landslide)
- When there is ground-shaking due to earthquakes (earthquake-induced landslide)

Signs Of An Impending Landslide

- Cracks on the ground, highways or concrete floors
- Utility posts, trees, gates and walls of buildings tilt
- Bulging ground appears
- Utility lines underground breaks
- Ground water seeps to the surface
- Water in creeks or rivers becomes murky

Common Causes of Landslides

- Steep slopes
- Lack of plants and trees in mountains
- Rocks weakened due to weathering
- Breaking of rocks
- Slopes that are too heavy

Source: PHIVOLCS
A TROPICAL CYCLONE is an intense low pressure system with a minimum sustained wind speed of 35 kilometers per hour (kph). The winds it bring can do the most damage to buildings, residential houses, settlements, power lines and agricultural crops, among others.

Large amount of rainwater due to tropical cyclones can cause flooding that can destroy agricultural crops, houses and infrastructure, affect transportation and mobility, and negatively affect economic and social activities.

### Classification of Tropical Cyclones

Tropical Cyclones are classified according to the strength and speed of the maximum sustained winds near the center.

- **Tropical Depression**
  - Sustained wind is between 35 to 63 kph

- **Tropical Storm**
  - Sustained wind is between 64 to 117 kph

- **Typhoon**
  - Sustained wind is more than 118 kph

### Signs of Incoming Tropical Cyclones

- Unusually high sea water level even when it is not high tide
- Winds are light
- Reddish color of clouds at sunrise or sunset

### Dangers of Tropical Cyclones

- Severe flooding caused by continuous heavy rainfall
- Damage in agricultural crops
- Destruction of infrastructures
- Disruption of community lifelines
- Contamination of ground water
- Outbreak of water-borne diseases

### Causes of Flood

#### Natural Causes

- Intense and prolonged rainfall
- Storm Surge (due to strong winds brought by a storm)
- High Tide (periodic rising of sea water levels due to gravitational effect of the moon)

#### Human Activities

- Increased urbanization and coastal development
- Indiscriminate dumping of garbage in waterways, canals and drainage system
- Informal settlers constructing illegal structures along and on top of waterways
- Deforestation
- Blasting that causes landslides and damming of rivers
- Failure of levees

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FLOODS happen when water from streams, rivers and other bodies of water overflow to low lying areas due to heavy and prolonged rainfall and when rain waters are not drained rapidly due to inadequate or defective drainage system or when coastal water rises due to high tide or storm surge. Human activities can also influence the occurrence of floods.
STORM SURGE  
DALUYONG NG BAGYO

Definition
STORM SURGE is the abnormal rise of sea water due to low pressure and strong winds brought by tropical cyclones resulting in sea water moving towards the coastline causing flood in low-lying areas.

Causes of Storm Surge
• Strong winds brought by tropical cyclone and the low atmospheric pressure
• The actual height of the storm surge wave is increased when the storm surge coincides with the occurrence of high tide
• Shallow coastline causes higher surge height while deeper slope causes lower surge height

RAIN-INDUCED LANDSLIDES  
PAGGUHO NG LUPA SANHI NG PAG-ULAN

Definition
LANDSLIDES caused by heavy rain due to storms and southwest monsoon (habagat) is the sliding down of soil, rocks or mud from an elevated place like a mountain or cliff resulting in houses or structures, properties and even people being buried.

During natural calamities, it is very important to monitor hazard situations by collecting information through the use of available tools from the warning agencies Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), and disaster-related initiatives such as the Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards (Project NOAH) and Disaster Risk and Exposure Assessment for Mitigation (UP DREAM).

For geological hazards, consult the PHIVOLCS website [www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph] for bulletins and hazard maps regarding earthquake, tsunami, volcanic activities, and landslides. The different kinds of advisories and bulletins issued by PHIVOLCS are the following:

Earthquake Bulletin

Earthquake Information
• Date/Time - 31 August 2012, 8:47 pm
• Epicenter – 112km SE Guian, Eastern Samar
• Depth - 45 km deep
• Magnitude - M 7.6
• Intensity Reports: Highest intensity- VII
• Expecting damage and aftershocks
Tsunami Bulletin

- **Bulletin number**
- **Date and time**
- **Type of Tsunami Information**
- **Earthquake information**
- **Interpretation and recommendations**
- **Areas covered by warning**

Volcano Bulletin

Volcano, Date, Time

Details of observed parameters

Interpretation of observed parameters

Reminder to the public

Volcano Alert Level Scheme

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<td>All monitored parameters are within background baseline levels.</td>
<td>No eruption is foreseen.</td>
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<td>Slight increase in volcanic earthquakes, steam, gas activity, slight inflation.</td>
<td>The source of activity is shallow or near crater. Entry into P2 or F2 is forbidden.</td>
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<td>2 Elevated Level of Volcanic Unrest</td>
<td>Elevated levels of any of the following: volcanic earthquakes, steam, gas activity, pyroclastic flows, pyroclastic density currents. Other parameters.</td>
<td>Probable ascent and inflation of magma. Seismic activity within weeks to months. Entry into P2 or F2 is forbidden.</td>
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<td>Relatively high and increasing unrest, due to further inflation, volcanic earthquakes, gas, and ash density currents.</td>
<td>Elevated volcanic unrest. Monitor very closely. Entry into P2 or F2 is forbidden.</td>
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<td>4 Hazardous Eruption Imminent</td>
<td>Intense unrest characterized by earthquake swarms and tremors, many perlclasts, high gas output, intense ground deformation. Activity may involve lava extrusion and dome growth.</td>
<td>Low-level eruption in progress and may lead to hazardous, highly explosive eruption. Hazardous zones may be extended for a few kilometers or more.</td>
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<td>5 Life-Threatening ERUPTION</td>
<td>Highly explosive eruption in progress with burning ash, ash-laden pyroclastic surges, in excess of tens of kilometers, widespread dispersal of volcanic hazards.</td>
<td>Hazardous eruption is in progress. Flows of falling materials move into populated areas. Additional danger areas may be recommended as no-foater areas.</td>
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**Weather Advisory**
The initial and final weather advisory of a particular weather system can be issued anytime within the day. The succeeding advisory will be issued once a day at 11:00 AM of the following day.

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**WEATHER ADVISORY NUMBER 01**

FOR: THE LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA)

ISSUED AT: **11:00 AM, 22 NOVEMBER 2013**

THE LOW PRESSURE AREA ESTIMATED AT **220 KM SOUTH OF PUERTO PRINCESA CITY (7.8°N 118.3°E)** WILL CONTINUE TO BRING MODERATE TO OCCASIONALLY HEAVY RAINSHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OVER PALAWAN WHILE CLOUDY SKIES WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE RAINSHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OVER EASTERN VISayas AND MINDANAO.

THE SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON IS EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE SEABOARDS OF NORTHERN LUZON AND EASTERN SEABOARD OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN LUZON AND EASTERN VISayas. HENCE, SMALL SEACRAFTS AND FISHING VESSELS ARE ADVISED NOT TO VENTURE OUT INTO THE SEA DUE TO THE BIG WAVES GENERATED BY THIS WEATHER SYSTEM.

THE NEXT UPDATE ON THIS WEATHER DISTURBANCE WILL BE INCORPORATED ON THE REGULAR ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST AT 5:00 PM TODAY.

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**Severe Weather Bulletin**

- Tropical Cyclone Alert
- Tropical Cyclone Warning

The Weather Advisory shall be upgraded to Severe Weather Bulletin (either Alert or Warning status) when the tropical cyclone enters the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR).

“Alert” status is used when the tropical cyclone has yet to directly affect any part of the country within the next 2-3 days, hence no Public Storm Warning Signals (PSWS).
“Warning” status when the tropical cyclone is expected to directly affect any part of the country within the next 36 hours or less (tropical cyclones forming near the coastal areas of the country and/or fast-moving tropical cyclones).

Public Storm Warning Signals (PSWS) are raised over some areas.

With “Warning” status, succeeding severe weather bulletins will be issued every 6 hours (5AM, 11AM, 5PM and 11PM).

Tropical Cyclone Warning Services

Rainfall Advisory

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<td><strong>RED</strong> Torrential Rain</td>
<td>More than 30 mm rain</td>
<td>Severe flooding expected in low-lying areas</td>
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<td><strong>ORANGE</strong> Heavy Rain</td>
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<td>7.1-10 mm rain</td>
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<td>Less than 7.1 mm rain</td>
<td>Flooding unlikely in most areas</td>
<td>Continue normal activities</td>
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Thunderstorm Advisory

This will be issued when there is an indication that a thunderstorm is threatening a specific area(s) within the next 2 hours. Updates will be issued as frequent as necessary. This will be issued via SMS (text), social media, website.

**THUNDERSTORM ADVISORY**

This will inform the public that TSTM* formation is likely within the next twelve (12) hours. This is more general than a warning. This will be issued thru social media, website.

**THUNDERSTORM WATCH**

Issued when TSTM* is less likely within the next twelve (12) hours. This will be issued thru twitter, facebook, website.

*TSTM - thunderstorm
Another tool for monitoring the latest weather information relating to rainfall, flood, storm surge and landslide is Project NOAH.

Launched in July 2012, Project NOAH is a responsive disaster management program for prevention and mitigation using advanced scientific research and cutting-edge technology resulting in the reduction of risks to highly vulnerable communities.

Project NOAH provides 6-hour lead time warning to vulnerable communities against impending floods. Available in the NOAH website and mobile application are hazard maps reflecting flood-prone areas discernible at a local scale or community level -- anytime, anywhere.

(To learn how to navigate the website www.noah.dost.gov.ph, refer to Appendix p. 84)

The Disaster Risk and Exposure Assessment for Mitigation or DREAM is a project component of Project NOAH involved in creating multi-hazard maps using the light detection and ranging (LiDAR) technology.

The DREAM project taps on the state-of-the-art tools of science for flood hazard modeling and mapping that is implemented by the UP Training Center for Applied Geodesy and Photogrammetry.

The project aims to generate high resolution, detailed and up-to-date national elevation maps and data sets for the 18 critical river basins in the Philippines. This will be used to create flood hazard modeling to allow early warning of at least 6 hours, a sufficient time for people and communities to prepare.

(Flood hazard maps of the 18 major river basins can be found on Appendix pp. 104 to 141.)
After knowing and identifying the different kinds of hazards, it is equally important to know how these information and warnings are communicated to elicit appropriate response.

Warning agencies like PAGASA follows a certain communication protocol to ensure that the weather information they generate are effectively relayed to the public.
Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical & Astronomical Services Administration
PAGASA
Science Garden Complex, BIR Rd.
Diliman, Quezon City

Weather Forecasting (24/7)
(632) 927-2877 / (632) 926-4258
Public Information
(632) 927-9308 / (632) 434-2696
(632) 433-ULAN (recorded weather information system)

Aviation Weather
Tel. number: (632) 832-3023

4. BUILD RESPONSE CAPABILITY

Earthquake Preparedness Guide

**BEFORE**

The key to effective disaster prevention is planning:

- Know the earthquake hazards in your area.
- Follow structural design and engineering practices when constructing a house or building.
- Evaluate the structural soundness of the buildings and houses; strengthen or retrofit if necessary.

**PREPARE your homes, workplace or schools:**

- Strap or bolt heavy furniture/cabinets to the walls.
- Check the stability of hanging objects like ceiling fans and chandeliers.
- Breakable items, harmful chemicals and flammable materials should be stored properly in the lowest/most secured shelves.

**FAMILIARIZE yourself with the exit routes.**

Know where fire extinguishers, first aid kits, alarms, and communication facilities are located. Learn how to use them beforehand.

Prepare a handy emergency supply kit with first aid kit, canned food and water, clothing, blanket, battery-operated radio, flashlights and extra batteries.

Conduct and participate in regular earthquake drills.

**AFTER**

**Be prepared for aftershocks.**
Once the shaking stops, take the fastest and safest way out of the building.

**DON’T:**

- Use elevators.
- Enter damaged buildings.
- Use telephones unless necessary.
- PANIC.

**Check:**

- yourself and others for injuries.
- Water and electrical lines for damages.

- For spills of chemical, toxic and flammable materials.
- and control fires which may spread.

If you need to evacuate your residence, leave a message stating where you are going and bring your emergency supply kit.

Keep updated on disaster prevention instructions from battery-operated radios.

**DURING**

**STAY CALM.**
When you are INSIDE a structurally sound building or home...

**STAY THERE!**

Do the “DUCK, COVER and HOLD”.

- If possible, quickly open the door for exit.
- Duck under a sturdy desk or table, and hold on to it, or protect your head with your arms.

- Stay away from glass windows, shelves, cabinets and other heavy objects.
- Beware of falling objects. Be alert and keep your eyes open.

If you’re OUTSIDE... move to an open area!

- Stay away from trees, powerlines, posts and concrete structures.
- Move away from steep slopes which may be affected by landslides.

- If you’re near the shore and feel an earthquake, especially if it’s too strong, move quickly to higher grounds. Tsunamis might follow.

Source: PHIVOLCS
TSUNAMI

is a series of waves usually caused by an earthquake that happens under the sea. It is different from a storm surge.

THREE SIGNS OF AN INCOMING LOCAL TSUNAMI:

1. Earthquake that is strong enough to be felt.
2. Sudden drop or rise of sea water.
3. Roaring sound of incoming waves.

WHAT TO DO:

ADVISORY: No tsunami threat

A large earthquake happened but will not cause a tsunami or if it will produce a tsunami, it will not reach the Philippines.

No evacuation needed.

ADVISORY: Minor sea level disturbance

There is minor sea level change in coastal areas with wave heights of less than one meter above the expected ocean tides.

Stay away from the beach and don’t go to the coast.

ADVISORY: Sea level change monitoring

Stay informed of updates coming from DOST-PHIVOLCS.

TSUNAMI WARNING:

A destructive tsunami is expected with life-threatening wave heights of greater than one meter above the expected ocean tides.

Immediate evacuation of coastal communities that may be affected is strongly advised.

Fishermen whose boats are already out in the seas should stay in deep waters as tsunamis in those parts are not very high.

Don’t go back to the shore until DOST-PHIVOLCS issues an advisory stating that the tsunami threat has passed or local authorities give an “all clear” advisory meaning it is safe to go back.

PHIVOLCS does not issue an “all clear” advisory. It is the local authorities who should do this especially when there is a tsunami which affects the coastal area. PHIVOLCS will lower or cancel alert if there is no more tsunami threat.
ASHFALL

WHAT TO DO DURING ASHFALL

- Listen to the radio for updates/developments regarding the volcanic eruption.
- Close all windows and doors to the house and your car.
- Cover nose and mouth using a mask or a damp cloth.
- Cover water containers and food to avoid contamination with ash.
- Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly before cooking or eating them.

WHAT TO DO AFTER AN ASHFALL

- Keep your pets in their shelter or inside the house to help them avoid inhaling ash.
- As soon as the ashfall tapers, scrape off the ash that has accumulated on roof tops to prevent collapse.
- If you are outside, look for a shelter and wear glasses to protect your eyes. Avoid using contact lenses.
- If you are driving a vehicle, pull to the side of the road and stop if there is heavy ashfall.
- After removing the ash, clean the roof and gutter with water to prevent corrosion.
- Shake loose ash from plants before watering them.
- Use powder detergent in washing clothes contaminated with ash.
- Use vacuum cleaner or shake loose the ash from furniture before dusting them. Cover your nose and mouth while cleaning.
- To remove ash from glass windows and doors of the house and car, use water hose before washing them with soap and lukewarm water.
- Collect the ashes and put them in an area far from water drainage to avoid clogging.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- If you are living near an erupting volcano, evacuate as soon as possible.
- If the erupting volcano is under the sea, near the sea or a lake, evacuate immediately because there is high chance that it will produce big waves.
- Avoid passing through a creek or river where lava, pyroclastic flows or lahars may flow.
PREPARING FOR A LANDSLIDE

Learn the condition in your area and watch out for signs of an impending landslide such as fissuring of the ground or sudden appearance of springs.

Keep posted on threats of landslide through the barangay landslide threat advisory, reports, and landslide hazard map.

Learn the fastest and safest way going to the nearest evacuation center.

Evacuate immediately in cases of non-stop rainfall and landslide threat in your area.

WHAT TO DO DURING LANDSLIDE

If inside the house or building and evacuation is not possible: Stay inside. Get under a sturdy table.

If outside: Avoid areas that may be affected by landslide. Head to an elevated and safe place.

Do a fetal position and protect your head if landslide can no longer be avoided.

If driving: Don't cross collapsed bridges or roads. Avoid falling rocks and soil.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A LANDSLIDE

Avoid places affected with landslide as the hazard might recur.

Watch out for possible flashfloods if the landslide blocked the water flow.

Check for missing persons and report it to authorities so that rescue operations can start immediately.

Monitor the latest advisories and warnings. Report damaged power, water, and telephone lines.

Check for damaged foundation and other parts of the house or building. Have these repaired when condition is clear and there is no more landslide threat.
PUBLIC STORM WARNING SIGNAL

WHAT TO DO DURING PUBLIC STORM SIGNAL NO. 1:
WINDS TRAVEL AT A SPEED OF NOT MORE THAN 60 KPH AND MAY BE FELT WITHIN THE NEXT 36 HOURS

- Listen to the radio and television for the news or log on to the internet for more information about the weather disturbance.
- Check the weak parts of the house if it can withstand strong winds and strengthen it, if needed.
- Monitor the latest severe weather bulletins issued by DOST-PAGASA every six (6) hours. Also, you can check the website of Project NOAH. In the meantime, business may be carried out as usual except when flood occurs.
- Classes in the nursery and primary levels are suspended so do not allow your children to go out anymore.

WHAT TO DO DURING PUBLIC STORM SIGNAL NO. 2:
WINDS TRAVEL AT A SPEED OF 61 TO 100 KPH AND MAY BE FELT WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS

- While listening to the radio or watching TV, give special attention to the latest position, direction, and speed of the typhoon as it intensifies. Also, log on to Project NOAH.
- Be alert especially when travelling by sea and air.
- Protect and secure all properties before signals are raised and upgraded.
- Ensure that all windows and shutters are securely closed and fastened.
- Stay at home and avoid going out unless it is necessary.
- Classes in the elementary and high school levels are suspended so do not allow your children to go out anymore.

WHAT TO DO DURING PUBLIC STORM SIGNAL NO. 3:
WINDS TRAVEL AT A SPEED OF 101 TO 185 KPH AND MAY BE FELT WITHIN THE NEXT 18 HOURS

- Keep your radio on and listen to the latest news about the typhoon. Also, you can log on to Project NOAH.
- Stay in safe and strongly built houses. Do not stay in low-lying areas and go to higher grounds, if needed.
- Stay away from riverbanks and coastal areas to avoid getting caught in possible storm surge and flash flood.
- Watch out for the passage of the eye of the typhoon where areas become temporarily calm with clear skies. As the eye passes, the bad weather will continue.
- Have your survival kit ready at all times. (Refer to page H2)

WHAT TO DO DURING PUBLIC STORM SIGNAL NO. 4:
WINDS TRAVEL AT A SPEED OF MORE THAN 185 KPH AND MAY BE FELT IN AT LEAST 12 HOURS

- Keep monitoring the situation on the radio and/or TV or log on to Project NOAH, if there is still electricity.
- Stay in safe houses or evacuation centers, if needed.
- Cancel all travel plans by land, sea and air and do not engage in any outdoor activity.
- Have your survival kit ready at all times. (Refer to page H2)

www.noah.dost.gov.ph
**WHAT TO DO BEFORE FLOODING**

- Monitor radio and TV news on weather conditions from PAGASA.
- Log on to Project NOAH for updates on storm track, water level sensor readings and historical flood maps.
- Know the flood warning system in your community. Know where the nearest evacuation is located.
- Prepare your survival kit. *(Refer to page 142)*
- Secure and strengthen weak parts of the house like windows and roofs.
- Move important household appliances and belongings on upper level of the house.
- Turn off electric switches and gas valves when it is time to evacuate.

**WHAT TO DO DURING FLOODING**

- Continuously monitor radio and TV news on weather conditions from PAGASA.
- Log on to Project NOAH website for updates on storm track, water level sensor readings and historical flood maps.
- Stay indoors unless there is an emergency.
- Never attempt to cross rivers or streams where water level is already knee deep.
- Beware of flooded roads, bridges and watch out for open manholes and drainages.
- Do not go swimming or playing in rivers, streams and canals.
- Beware of contaminated food and water specially those that were submerged in flood waters.
- Be ready to evacuate with your survival kit when flood waters continue to rise. *(Refer to page 142)*

**WHAT TO DO AFTER FLOODING**

- Be careful of broken electric wires, flammable items and dangerous animals like snakes, rats, etc.
- Do not turn on switches. Do not use or plug-in electrical appliances. Have a competent electrician check all electrical outlets and switches first.
- Report broken electric lines to concerned agencies like Meralco.
- Do not eat food (from containers) and drink water (from faucets) especially when you know they were submerged in flood waters. If needed, boil water and eat only cooked food.
- Consult a doctor immediately when fever is felt and when there is a wound or for immunization.
- Do not stay in disaster areas and avoid sight-seeing.
# RAIN-INdUCED LANDSLIDES

**Pagguho ng Lupa Sanhi ng Pag-Ulan**

## What To Do Before A Landslide

- Study the condition in your area and watch out for signs of possible landslide like cracking of the soil or sudden gush of water from the soil.
- Monitor landslide through weather reports and landslide hazards maps or log on to Project NOAH (www.noah.dost.gov.ph).
- Know where the fastest and safest way to the nearest evacuation center.
- Evacuate immediately in cases of non-stop rainfall and when there are signs of landslide.
- Prepare your survival kit with provisions like food, drinking water, flashlight, transistor radio, etc. *(Refer to page 142)*

## What To Do During A Landslide

- If you are inside the house or building and evacuation is no longer possible, stay inside and get under a table.
- If you are outside, avoid areas that may be affected by landslide and if possible go to an elevated and safe place.
- If landslide can no longer be avoided, lie down in a fetal position and protect your head.
- If you are driving, don’t try to cross bridges and roads that are about to collapse and avoid falling rocks and soil.

## What To Do After A Landslide

- Avoid going to places affected by landslide as the hazard might recur.
- Watch out for possible flashfloods if the landslide blocked the water flow.
- Check for missing persons and report it to authorities so that rescue operations can start immediately.
- Monitor the latest advisories and warnings from the radio and TV or log on to Project NOAH. Report damaged power and water lines, telephone installations and other utility facilities.
- Check for damaged foundation and other parts of the house or building. Immediately have repairs done once there is no longer a landslide threat.
**STORM SURGE**

**DALUYONG NG BAGYO**

**WHAT TO DO DURING STORM SURGE**

**For Individuals**

Monitor public weather forecasts, bulletins and warnings issued by DOST-PAGASA. Also, consult the Project NOAH website (www.noah.dost.gov.ph) for storm surge maps and other weather information.

Make plans for evacuation to higher grounds or evacuation centers.

Secure your home. Move essential items to the upper floors.

Turn off utilities, main electrical switches and gas valves.

If you need to evacuate, bring your survival kit with essential items like canned food, drinking water, flashlight, clothes, transistor radio, etc. *(Refer to page 142)*

**WHAT TO DO DURING STORM SURGE**

**For Communities**

Community leaders should prepare evacuation plans by identifying evacuation centers that are on higher grounds.

Create a communication system easily understood by all residents.

Conduct regular drills and exercises to familiarize every community member with actual storm surge situations.

Evacuate people as soon as possible to higher grounds when there is a strong typhoon that will hit coastal communities.

Make sure that all valuables and important documents are secured. *(Refer to page 142)*

Make sure that there is a backup plan composed of the following: reliable transport system, efficient search and rescue operation, medical assistance, clearing equipment, sanitation and relief and rehabilitation activities.

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**THE MEDIA’S ROLE IN DISASTER INFORMATION**

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The media's role in disaster information

6 focal points to consider in covering disaster events

The first step to disaster preparedness is awareness. Media plays a vital role in making people aware of the hazards by communicating the right information at the right time in order to help save lives.

The suggested 6 Focal Points serve as a guide for broadcasters when covering disasters.

A. Danger
Determine the “danger” associated with the natural hazard that can endanger lives.

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2. DOST PAGASA’s weather bulletins  
3. Project NOAH’s doppler radars  
4. DOST PAGASA’s Processed MTSAT |
| ii. Strong winds that can topple down trees and houses as well as send GI roofs of houses flying | 1. DOST PAGASA’s weather bulletins issued on the website and announced in the media |
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| iv. Rain-induced landslide (and debris flow) | 1. Refer to hazards maps by Project NOAH DREAM, DENR, NAMRIA and MGB |

B. Location
Determine the exact location of the communities at risk to different hazards like typhoon path, flood, storm surge, etc.

The media and the public can also dig deeper by understanding the topography of areas in communities that are usually prone to flooding during the rainy season. Using the high-resolution barangay-scale maps produced under the Project NOAH/ UP DREAM Project, the public can also access information about the natural topography and elevation of an area and the history of worst floods to hit the area. These visual or graphical information can help people better locate areas of safety where they can go for evacuation, or even with parking cars for safety.

C. Scale or Magnitude
The scale or magnitude of a natural hazard can be:
- a. local in scale that disrupts normal life of a city, town or province
- b. regional in scale that disrupts life in multiple provinces
- c. multi-regional in scale that disrupts life in multiple regions and can impact supply chains and services at the national level.

Scales or magnitudes will help determine the level of response and coordination between the local and national agencies before, during, and after a disaster. If there is an expected regional or multi-regional impact, agencies concerned have to adjust the prepositioning of primary relief goods, heighten security details and enhance emergency communication system are convened to help strengthen pre-disaster preparedness plans.

D. Timing and Duration
Timing refers to the time when the hazard will be felt or experienced. Duration refers to the length of its stay within a specific region or locality.

E. Impact
The impact of the hazard represents the effect on the community and its residents that includes threat to life and property.

For example: Under PAGASA’s Public Storm Warning Signal system, there are forecast impacts depending on the strength of the winds and the amount of rainfall expected from the typhoon.
F. Response
Using science-based forecasts and scenario-driven warnings from DOST warning agencies, national and local disaster risk reduction offices and communities implement their respective disaster preparedness and response plans with a clear goal of preventing loss of life and damage to property.

Using the maps issued by warning agencies, local disaster responders and local chief executives can coordinate with DOST-PAGASA, Project NOAH, UP DREAM and NDRRMC OCD to receive the free hazard maps for their local communities. These maps and data can help in local disaster planning and beyond, with applications ranging from land use plans and seasonal agriculture plans.

By asking these pieces of information from national and local disaster responders, as well as community leaders at LGUs, the media can elevate its performance of its role as a sentinel, a public watchdog to help monitor if local government units are performing their role to ensure community disaster preparedness, instead of the usual reactive stance of only acting after a typhoon hit the area.

It is highly suggested that field reporters, news anchors, producers, and desk editors coordinate with the assigned warning agencies to clarify information as deemed necessary for the report.

GUIDE QUESTIONS
WHEN COVERING DISASTERS

1. What is the difference between a natural hazard and a disaster?
2. What makes a community more vulnerable to the impact of disasters?
3. During typhoon season, what are the basic details that warning agencies and local government units should be able to provide the public?
4. Where can the people in risk-prone areas go for safety?
5. What should be in an emergency bag?
6. What are the lessons and best practices learned by emergency preparedness teams and communities in this disaster?
7. Should the public lose confidence in our weathermen and technology capability of the country if the typhoon diverts out of the forecast track?
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**Richter Magnitude Scale**

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<td>Most earthquakes with magnitude below 3 are the “hardly perceptible shocks” and are not felt. They are only recorded by seismographs of nearby stations.</td>
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<td>Earthquakes with magnitude 3 to 4 are the “very feeble shocks” and only felt near the epicenter.</td>
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<td>Earthquakes with magnitude 4 to 5 are the “feeble shocks” where damages are usually not reported.</td>
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<td>Earthquakes with magnitude 5 to 6 are the “earthquakes with moderate strength” and are felt over the wide areas, some of them cause small local damages near the epicenter.</td>
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<td>Earthquakes with magnitude 7 to 8 are the “major earthquakes” and can cause considerable damages near the epicenters. Shallow-seated or near-surface major earthquakes, when they occur under the sea, may generate tsunamis. First class seismological stations can observe them wherever they occur within the earth.</td>
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<td>Earthquakes with magnitude 8 to 9 are the “great earthquakes” occurring once or twice a year. When they occur in land areas, damages affect wide areas. When they occur under the sea, considerable tsunamis are produced. Many aftershocks occur in areas approximately 100 to 1,000 kilometers in diameter.</td>
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<td>Earthquakes with magnitude over 9 are rare. Only six have been recorded since the start of seismographic observations.</td>
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Source: PHIVOLCS
I. SCARCELY PERCEPTIBLE
- Perceptible to people only under favorable circumstances.
- Delicately-balanced objects are disturbed slightly.
- Still water in containers oscillates slightly.

II. SLIGHTLY FELT
- Felt by few individuals at rest indoors.
- Hanging objects swing slightly.
- Still water in containers oscillates noticeably.

III. WEAK
- Felt by many people indoors specially in upper floors of buildings. Vibration is felt like the passing of a light truck. Dizziness and nausea are experienced by some people.
- Hanging objects swing moderately.
- Still water in containers oscillates moderately.

IV. MODERATELY STRONG
- Felt generally by people indoors and some people outdoors. Light sleepers are awakened. Vibration is felt like the passing of a heavy truck.
- Hanging objects swing considerably. Dinner plates, glasses, windows and doors rattle. Floors and walls of wood-framed buildings creak. Standing motor cars may rock slightly.
- Water in containers oscillates strongly.
- Rumbling sounds may sometimes be heard.

V. STRONG
- Generally felt by most people indoors and outdoors. Many sleeping people awakened. Some are frightened; some run outdoors. Strong shaking and rocking are felt throughout the building.
- Hanging objects swing violently. Dining utensils clatter and click; some are broken. Small, light and unstable objects may fall or overturn. Liquid spills from tilted open containers. Standing vehicles rock noticeably.
- Shaking of leaves and twigs of trees is noticeable.

VI. VERY STRONG
- Many people are frightened, many run outdoors. Some people lose their balance. Motorists feel like driving with flat tires.
- Heavy objects and furniture move or may be shifted. Small church bells may ring. Wall plaster may crack. Very old or poorly built houses and man-made structures are slightly damaged, though well-built structures are not affected.
- Limited rockfalls and rolling boulders occur in hilly areas. Trees are noticeably shaken.

VII. DESTRUCTIVE
- Most people are frightened and run outdoors. People find it difficult to stand in upper floors.
- Heavy objects and furniture overturn or topple. Big church bells may ring. Old or poorly built structures suffer considerable damage. Some well-built structures are slightly damaged. Some cracks may appear on dike, fish ponds, road surfaces, or concrete hollow floor walls.
- Limited liquefaction, lateral spreading and landslides are observed. Trees are shaken strongly. (Liquefaction is a process by which loose saturated sand loses strength during an earthquake, and behaves like liquid.)

VIII. VERY DESTRUCTIVE
- People are panicked. People find it difficult to stand even outdoors.
- Many well-built buildings are considerably damaged. Concrete dikes and foundations of bridges are destroyed by ground settling or toppling. Railway tracks are bent or broken.
- Trees are shaken very violently. Some are uprooted. Numerous landslides and rockfalls occur over mountainous hilly terrains. Boulders are thrown out from their positions particularly near the epicenter. Fissures and fault rupture may be observed. Trees are violently shaken. Water splashes or splots over dikes or banks of rivers.

IX. DEVASTATING
- People are forcibly thrown to the ground. Many cry and shake with fear.
- Most buildings are totally damaged. Bridges and elevated concrete structures are toppled or destroyed.
- Numerous utility poles, towers and monuments are tilted, toppled or broken. Water and sewer pipes are bent, twisted or broken.
- Landslides and liquefaction with lateral spreading and sandboils are widespread. The ground is distorted into undulations. Trees are shaken very violently with some uprooted or broken. Boulders are commonly thrown out. River water splashes violently or splots over dikes and banks.

X. COMPLETELY DEVASTATING
- Practically all man-made structures are destroyed.
- Massive landslides and liquefaction, large scale subsidence and uplifting of landforms, and many ground fissures are observed. Changes in river courses and destructive swells in lakes occur.
- Many trees are toppled, broken or uprooted.

Source: PHIVOLCS
OBJECTIVE OF THE TEST

This “House self-check” serves to understand and evaluate the integrity of your house and its vulnerability to strong earthquakes. The initial result will verify whether your house was properly built and have followed appropriate construction procedures and recommended measures or if it will require necessary strengthening.

TARGET USERS / HOUSE TYPE

This evaluation is initially intended for 1 to 2-storey Concrete Hollow Block (CHB) houses, including those residences with small shops, offices, garages and the like. It will help the house owners of this type to evaluate their houses by themselves and to understand the likely behavior of their houses during a strong earthquake.

Full scale shaking table test of CHB Houses

A full-scale shaking table experiment on CHB masonry structures was conducted in Japan to showcase two types of CHB houses. One model represented a code-compliant CHB house (Model A) and the other represented the more common residential CHB house (Model B) in the Philippines. The aim of the test was to better understand the vulnerability of its different parts and sections, the failure pattern and the overall behavior of similar structures during large earthquakes.

For the Philippine CHB houses, the application of mortar is another crucial construction activity that should be given equal importance as with appropriate reinforcements. Mortar should be properly applied and compacted requiring proper mixing, pouring and curing to produce homogeneous fill and bond.

Request and notes to those who distribute this material.

This method in evaluating CHB Houses was developed as an easy and manageable test for laymen to promote inexpensive yet practical performance evaluation of residential houses against earthquakes and to subsequently disseminate information and strategies for strengthening. It aims to help the house owners enhance their awareness and acquire relevant information by doing the evaluation themselves. This test shall lead to a more detailed assessment with assistance from building experts for what the house owners need to know about their house, allay their fears and confusion and learn what to do thereafter.

This earthquake disaster awareness material was prepared by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in collaboration with the Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines (ASEP) under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) - Japan Science and Technology (JST) Project on the “Enhancement of Earthquake and Volcano Monitoring and Effective Utilization of Disaster Mitigation Information in the Philippines”.

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### Self-check for Earthquake Safety of Concrete Hollow Block (CHB) Houses in the Philippines

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<td>B: Not built by a licensed civil engineer/architect. - 0</td>
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This describes the overall physical state of the house and checks for defects or any deterioration.
Self-check for Earthquake Safety of Concrete Hollow Block (CHB) Houses in the Philippines

Please sum up the points of question 1 to 12.

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<td>0 - 7 points</td>
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COMMENTARY AND RECOMMENDATION FOR SAFER CHB HOUSES

The National Building Code, the National Structural Code of the Philippines and the Full Scale Shaking Table Test for CHB Houses emphasizes adherence to design standards and proper construction implementation for CHB type of structures in the Philippines. The walls of CHB houses play a vital function as the main support of the structure. The code prescribes the use of at least 6" (150mm) thick CHB reinforced with vertical and horizontal steel bars with a minimum diameter of 10 millimeters spaced at 40 centimeters and 60 centimeters on center respectively. It also highly recommends that all CHB cells and joints are filled and compacted with mortar using the correct mix of 1 part of cement to 4 parts (1:4) of washed river sand.

This safety evaluation tool intends to provide more understanding and guidance whether your CHB house conformed with the minimum construction standard.

- It is assumed that building construction standards were most likely observed if authorized people took charge of the construction.
- It rates the chance that your house was built compliant to the recent earthquake-resistant building standards similar to special seismic detailing introduced in 1982.
- If damaged by previous earthquakes and disasters and not repaired, the structure is weakened making it vulnerable to a partial or total collapse during a strong ground shaking.
- The shape of the house influences its behavior during strong ground shaking. Box-type or rectangular-shaped houses behave better than those with irregular or unsymmetrical configurations.
- It is assumed that supervised expansion or extension leads to safer and stronger structures.
- The use of standard 6" CHB for external walls produces more stable and stronger structures. This was realized in the Full Scale Shaking Table Test conducted for CHB houses on two models on Feb 2011 in NIED Tsukuba, Japan. Avoid using sand and gravel taken from the shorelines and beaches as materials for CHB, mortar, plaster and concrete mix for foundation for they are known to corrode the steel bars over time resulting to thinner diameter and loss of bond.
- Steel bars embedded in CHB walls, concrete columns, floors and foundation resist the impact of ground shaking. The use of the standard 10 millimeters diameter steel bars spaced at 40 centimeters from side to side and properly connected and tied to steel bars laid every 5 layers of CHB (~60 centimeters) prevents collapse of walls during earthquakes.
- Walls wider than 3 meters span without any perpendicular walls or supports are susceptible to collapse in a strong ground shaking.
- The shaking table test for CHB Houses exhibited that the unanchored gable part of the wall show larger horizontal movement during strong ground shaking. It is recommended that well-reinforced and well-anchored CHBs or Tig TIME materials be used for the gable wall.
- Reinforced concrete wall foundation resists shaking, slipping and tilting better than stone-foundations.
- Rock or soil provides better support. Soft soils usually amplify strong ground shaking and tend to spread and subside the ground which may weaken damage to structure. For houses on slopes, tie beams or concrete walls should be used to prevent uneven settlement during strong ground shaking.
- It is important to observe the state of our house over time. Regular house maintenance must be done to prevent deteriorations like sagging roof, chipped-off plaster and cracks on walls.

It is highly recommended however that the state of your house be consulted to the proper authorities. The Engineers/Experts of your Local Government Unit may have recommended methods using affordable or low-cost materials to strengthen your house (specifically its walls) in order to protect it from collapse, and to minimize possible falling debris during strong earthquake ground shaking.

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TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINE

How does a community go about preparedness and planning for tsunami?

The following is an initial checklist that a community can answer to gauge the level of preparedness on tsunami.

**GENERAL CHECKLIST**

- Do members of your community know the basic information about earthquakes and tsunami?
- Does your community have organized efforts based on: a) community needs? b) resources immediately available to help?
- Does your community have hazard maps to guide in your preparedness efforts?
- Does your community have evacuation maps to guide in your preparedness efforts?
- Are members of the community involved in tsunami preparedness a) to educate everyone about evacuation scheme? b) to inform everyone with things they can do to increase community safety?
- Does your community conduct tsunami drills?
- Is there an established community-based tsunami warning system?
- Is there a long-term development plan wherein tsunami risk reduction measures are incorporated?
- Is there a plan on how to sustain the efforts in the long term?

From the initial checklist, a community can move further following the suggested step by step procedure on tsunami preparedness. Some activities may be applicable. Some activities can be adjusted depending on the needs of a particular community.

1. **Increase awareness on basic tsunami information**
   Introduce key concepts and basic information, such as natural signs of an impending tsunami, to a capable team or core group of people in the community who will be the prime advocates of tsunami preparedness.

2. **Tsunami hazard and risk mapping**
   A tsunami hazard map shows areas that can be affected by a tsunami. Most often, this kind of map is generated by experts and specialists after careful study of the area.

3. **Tsunami evacuation planning**
   A tsunami evacuation map shows areas identified as safe and areas that are within the hazard zones. This kind of map provides information on how to evacuate to the identified safe areas.

4. **Educating the community**
   After preparing the tsunami evacuation map, another series of information dissemination about the tsunami evacuation plan should be conducted. The three main activities under this are: Community information campaigns, putting up of tsunami signages and conduct of tsunami drill.

5. **Establishing tsunami warning system:**
   - Identify key offices and officials that will be part of the communication flow for information and warning.
   - Identify existing equipment (2-way radio, sirens, bell, megaphones, etc.) available in each identified various points to reach the community.
   - Identify appropriate warning system scheme and establish final warning system procedure for community (church bell, siren, etc)
   - Install additional equipment for warning system
   - Establish final flowchart of information test warning and communication system.

6. **Identify tsunami mitigation measures**
   Choice of which mitigation measures to use depends on the community and capability to adapt whichever type of mitigation measure.

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Tsunami Prone Areas in the Philippines
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Source: PHIVOLCS
DISTRIBUTION OF VOLCANOES IN THE PHILIPPINES

LEGEND
- Trench
- Transform fault
- Collision zone
- Transpression faults
- Active volcano
- Potentially active volcanoes
- Inactive volcano

Reference for Emergency & Disasters
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WEATHER
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Temperature Contour
Pressure Contour
Humidity Contour

Temperature, Pressure, and Humidity are used to check additional weather parameters.

Rainfall Contour
3-Hour Rainfall
6-Hour Rainfall
12-Hour Rainfall
24-Hour Rainfall

Rainfall Contours give the latest rainfall accumulation in any area using the rainfall color scale as a guide. Make sure you get the latest information by checking the time stamp, which is updated every 15 minutes. It displays 3, 6, 12 and 24 hour rainfall readings.

The Pressure Contour map can be used along with the typhoon track of PAGASA to validate if the storm or typhoon is going to pass through the region where atmospheric pressure is lowest. There is normally a drop in the atmospheric pressure before a storm arrives.
WEATHER
Track Incoming Typhoons or Weather Disturbances

- Weather Outlook
- PAGASA Cyclone Update

Click the Weather Icon to show the Weather Drop Down Menu.

Click Weather Outlook. Click PAGASA Cyclone Update.

PAGASA Cyclone Update shows the cyclone track across the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR).

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WEATHER
4-Hour Rainfall & 4-Day Weather Forecast

4-Hour Rainfall Forecast
Click the Weather Icon to show the Weather Drop Down Menu.
Click 4-Hour Rainfall Forecast. Click on any of the icons on the map to show the rain forecast for that location in the next four (4) hours.

Weather Outlook
Click Weather Outlook.

4-Day Weather Forecast
Click 4-Day Weather Forecast. Click on any of the icons on the map to show the rain forecast for that location in the next four (4) days.
FLOOD

Know worst flooding incidents, flood levels and safest area

Flood Hazards

Click on Flood Hazards.

Flood Reports

Click on Flood Reports to show Flood Reports Drop Down Menu. Choose from 2009 to 2014 to show Flood Reports for specific year.
Click the Sensors icon to show the Sensors Drop Down Menu.
SENSORS

Index - Sensors

Click the Sensors Icon to show the Sensors Drop Down Menu.

Weather Stations
Weather Stations blue push pins

Tide Levels
Tide Levels yellow push pins
Across the Philippines, water level sensors have been strategically placed to properly monitor and forecast the water level in major and critical rivers. Regularly visit the Water Level Forecast page to know the water level in the rivers near your area and what the predicted water level will be in the next 12 hours. Also, you will find historical data on rainfall and the resulting water level for each river, and cross-section snapshots of certain parts of the river.

DREAM products cover the 18 major river basins, and will cover 285 river basins in the next few years. The LiDAR Coverage page shows which localities already have available LiDAR data.

Through the use of state-of-the-art technologies, the UP DREAM Program is able to produce three-dimensional information products that have practical applications in the fields of urban planning, agricultural mapping, and disaster preparedness. These products are freely available to local government units. For private entities, on the other hand, approval and recommendation from DOST and UP must first be secured for data request. Some charges may also apply. Product samples are downloadable as well.
LiDAR Coverage

The Program identified the most flood-prone and high-risk areas in the country, based on existing disaster data, to come up with an initial listing of 17* target critical river basins. Other priority areas, such as Infanta and Lucena, and cognate systems, like Iponan and Mandulog, were added to the list in the course of the implementation of the Program.

*LiDAR data used for the generation of the Marikina-Pasig flood hazard map was obtained from the GMMA-RAP Project.

Major river basins covered:

- Agno
- Agus
- Agusan
- Bicol
- Buayan-Malungun
- Cagayan
- Cagayan de Oro
- Iponan
- Davao
- Iligan
- Mandulog
- Ilog Hilabangan
- Jalaur
- Mag-asawang Tubig
- Mindanao
- Pampanga
- Panay
- Tagoloan
- Tagum

Other Priority Areas:

- Infanta
- Lucena

The DREAM Program, represented by its Program Leader Enrico C. Paringit, D.Eng. and Department of Science and Technology Secretary Mario G. Montejo, received on May 8 the Geospatial World Excellence in Policy Implementation Award for 2014, in the Geospatial World Forum awarding ceremony held in Geneva, Switzerland.

With its receipt of the recognition, the DREAM Program joins the roster of other high-profile international science and technology agencies, such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States, Standards Agentschap voor Geografische Informatie Vlaanderen (AGIV) of Belgium, and Indonesia Geospatial Information Agency (BIG), among others.

As cited in the organization’s website, “[t]he Geospatial World Policy Awards were presented to organisations for exemplary formulation and implementation of geospatial policies which directly or indirectly encourage the geospatial industry.”
FLOOD HAZARD MAPS FOR 18 MAJOR RIVER BASINS
SURVIVAL KIT

- Transistor radio and batteries
- Canned food
- Flashlight and batteries
- First aid kit
- Waterproof bag
- Pocket knife
- Matches
- Whistle
- Lighter
- Powerbank
- 15-meter rope
- Sanitary napkin
- Watch
- Blanket
- Important documents
- Drinking water
- Extra clothes
- Money
- Cellphone
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Office of Regional Director:
(632) 407-1230

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Road Repair/Maintenance:
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Text Hotline: 0918-912-2813
Trunkline: (632) 931-8101 to 07
Disaster Response Unit: (632) 856-3665, (632) 852-8081

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Central Hotline: (632) 727-7960 to 69
Public Assistance Center: 7890

DISASTER MANAGEMENT OFFICE
134 (Staff), 132 (Manager), 133 (Radio Room)
Fax: (632) 527-0864

LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB)
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Public Assistance Office: (632) 426-2515
Admin Div: (632) 426-2501
Tel No: (632) 929-6789, (632) 929-7366, (632) 926-6346
Chairman: (632) 426-2505

LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
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LAS PIÑAS TRAFFIC
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Investigations: (632) 874-3927
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Traffic: (632) 534-2993
Command Control Center/C3:
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MANILA TRAFFIC HOTLINE
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Trunkline: (632) 527-3065

MANILA WATER
Hotline: 1627
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PNP: (632) 646-1631, (632) 646-1651
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PASIG TRAFFIC
Traffic: (632) 641-1907
Command Control Center/C3:
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Trunkline: (632) 643-1111

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Trunkline: (632) 527-8481 to 89
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A
active volcano
Volcano that erupted within historical times (within the last 600 years), with accounts of these eruptions documented by man or erupted within the last 10,000 years based on analyses of datable materials.

atmospheric pressure
The amount of force exerted on a unit surface area. (PAGASA)

C
cold front
The forward edge of an advancing cold air mass which is displacing warmer air in its path. (PAGASA)

dusty air
Air containing a large amount of dust particles.

E
easterly wave
A migratory wave-like disturbance of the tropical easterlies. It is a wave within the broad easterly current and moves from east to west, generally more slowly than the current in which it is embedded. (PAGASA)

epicenter (of an earthquake)
Point on earth's surface located directly above the focus of an earthquake.

eye of the typhoon
A calm region at the center of a tropical cyclone or a break in the clouds marking its location accompanied by light winds, clear skies and temporary good weather. Its size varies and can range from below 10 km to over 200 km across, but most common are about 30 to 60 km in diameter.

eye wall
A roughly circular ring of thick clouds and thunderstorms. It is the area with highest surface winds and heavy rain in the typhoon.

F
fault
A fault is a fracture along which the blocks of crust on either side have moved relative to one another parallel to the fracture. (USGS)

fissure (fissuring)
An elongated fracture of crack at the surface from which lava erupts.

flash flood
Flooding caused by a rapid rise in the water level of rivers, streams or lakes, usually as a result of heavy rains. (PAGASA)

flood
An overflow of water that submerges land which is usually dry. (Wikipedia)

focus (of an earthquake)
Actual location beneath the surface where the earthquake begins.

G
gale
An unusually strong wind, with speed of ranging from 28 to 47 knots (or 51 to 101 kph). (PAGASA)

gale warning
A warning indicating wind speeds in the range of 34 to 47 knots or wind force of 8 or 9 in the Beaufort scale (or 62 to 88 km/h). This is a warning on the occurrence or expected occurrence of gale force winds.

ground rupture
Deformation on the ground that marks the intersection of the fault plane with the earth's surface.

gust
A sudden, brief increase in the force of the wind. (PAGASA)

H
hale
Chunks of ice that may form in layers during thunderstorms. (PAGASA)

inactive volcano
Volcano with no record of eruptions and the physical form is being changed by agents of weathering and erosion.

intensity (of an earthquake)
Strength of shaking produced by the earthquake at a certain location.

intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ)
Is the area encircling the earth near the equator where the northeast and southeast trade winds come together. The ITCZ appears as a band of clouds, usually thunderstorms, that circle the globe near the equator that can affect the weather. (Wikipedia)

L
lahar
Flowing mixtures of volcanic debris and water.

lava flow
Highly elongated mass of molten rock materials cascading downslope from an erupting vent.

lightning
An electrical discharge produced by a thunderstorm. (PAGASA)

liquefaction
Process where particles of loosely consolidated and water-saturated deposits of fine sand are rearranged into more compact state.

low pressure area
Is a region of the atmosphere in which the pressures are lower than those of the surrounding region at the same level that may bring bad weather. (WMO)
**magnitude**
Energy released at the source of an earthquake; determined by seismographs.

**maximum sustained wind speed**
Constant speed of wind for an average period of one (1) or (to) ten (10) minutes depending upon the regional practice.

**monsoon**
A wind that reverses its direction with the season; blowing more or less steadily from the interior of a continent toward the sea in winter and in the opposite direction during summer. (PAGASA)

**monsoon rain**
Precipitation (can be rain, snow or hail), usually heavy, associated with monsoon winds. (WMO)

**monsoon trough**
Trough over the Indian subcontinent during the summer monsoon, oriented northwest to southeast about 500 km southwest of the Himalayas. (WMO)

**magnetically active volcano**
Morphologically young-looking volcano but with no historical records of eruption.

**pyroclastic flow**
Hot dry masses of fragmented volcanic materials that move along the slope and in contact with ground surface.

**ridge**
A relatively narrow extension of a high-pressure area as shown on a weather chart. (PAGASA)

**seiche**
Sloshing of a closed body of water from earthquake shaking.

**storm surge**
An abnormal rise of water generated by a storm’s winds that can reach heights well over 20 feet and can stretch to hundreds of miles from the coastline. More intense and larger hurricanes (storms) can produce higher surge. In addition, shallower offshore waters contribute to higher storm surge inundation. Storm surge is by far the greatest threat to life and property along the immediate coast. (NOAA)

**subsidence**
Ground deformation resulting from the downward adjustment of surface materials to the voids caused by volcanic activity.

**tectonic earthquake**
Sudden displacements along faults in the solid and rigid layer of the earth.

**thunderstorm**
Weather disturbance that produces, aside from wind and rain, thunder and lightning. Thunderstorms occur locally, often as episodes of cyclones, and, in common with squalls, are marked by abrupt variations in pressure, temperature, and wind. (PAGASA)

**tornado**
A violently rotating column of air that reaches from the base of a cloud to the ground (in funnel shape). In other areas it is called a violent thundersquall that can blow off roofs, topple down trees and cause damage to light and poorly built houses. (PAGASA)

**trade winds**
Two belts of wind, one on either side of the equatorial doldrums in which the winds blow almost constantly from easterly quadrants. (PAGASA)

**tropical cyclone**
The general term for a cyclone that includes tropical depression, tropical storm, cyclones, hurricanes or typhoons that originate over the tropical oceans. (PAGASA)

**tropical depression**
Is a tropical cyclone with winds that do not exceed 63 kph. This may cause few trees to be uprooted or branches broken and roofs of houses made of cogon or light materials may be blown away while rice and corn plants in flowering stage may be adversely affected. (PAGASA)

**tropical storm**
The general term for a cyclone that includes tropical depression, tropical storm, cyclones, hurricanes or typhoons that originate over the tropical oceans. (PAGASA)

**trough**
The elongated area of low barometric pressure that generally stretches north and south. This is the line where the lowest readings of the barometer will be recorded. (PAGASA)

**tsunami**
Giant sea waves generated mostly by submarine earthquakes.

**typhoon**
Is a tropical cyclone with winds that exceed 118 kph. The name is applied to a severe tropical cyclone in the western Pacific. This may cause majority of the roofs of houses made of light materials to be blown away; inflict heavy damage to agricultural and industrial sectors and electrical and communication services may be interrupted. (PAGASA)

**volcanic earthquake**
Earthquake induced by rising lava or magma beneath active volcanoes.
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