



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

MEMORANDUM  
No. 17, s. 2014

TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Institutionalization of the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA)

DATE : AUG 18 2014

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1. **References: Republic Act 10121**

- 1.1. Section 2 , items (k) and (l) to recognize the local risk pattern across the country and strengthen the capacities of communities and LGU for DRR, specifically on mitigating and preparing for, responding to and recovering from the impact of disasters;
- 1.2. Section 6, item (j) develop assessment tools on the existing and potential hazards and risks brought about by climate change

2. **Background:**

The Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) is a process to evaluate a hazard's level of risk given the degree of exposure and vulnerability in a specific area. It presents the possible impacts on the populace and forms a basis to determine the appropriate level of response actions from the national level government agencies down to the local government units.

PDRA further plays an important part in policy formulation and decision-making for both public and private organizations and other stakeholders in disaster risk reduction. PDRA looks into both historical data and probabilistic scenarios to address risks.

In view of the need to step up efforts to reduce disaster risks, the Council has approved the institutionalization of the PDRA during its Full Council Meeting on June 11, 2014.

3. To effect the immediate implementation of the PDRA, scientific and technical government agencies, such as DOST to include PAGASA, PHIVOLCS and DENR to include NAMRIA and MGB, developed tools to assess risks in specific areas of the country to be utilized in the process. The PDRA will produce a hazard-specific, time-bound and area-focused assessment of probable impacts. The calibrated assessment will be officially disseminated to trigger the implementation of action plans and protocols of organizations/units, at all levels.

4. **Creation of the PDRA Core Team:**

Hereby created is the PDRA Core Team to be composed of authorized and designated representatives from the following member-agencies:

Department of Science and Technology to include PAGASA and PHIVOLCS  
Department of Interior and Local Government  
Department of Social Welfare and Development  
Department of Interior and Local Government  
National Economic and Development Authority

Department of Environment and Natural Resources to include MGB and  
NAMRIA  
Office of Civil Defense

As members of the PDRA Core Team, abovementioned members are directed to organize and may wish to call on other NDRRMC member-agencies and organization to facilitate the immediate execution of needed assessment and dissemination of results, as deemed necessary.


**5. Funding Sources:**

To effectively carry out the activities of PDRA, the Quick Response Fund shall be utilized for this purpose.

**6. Monitoring and Reporting:**

The Executive Director of the NDRRMC shall oversee the execution and sustain the PDRA as often as necessary. Periodic PDRA reports shall be submitted to the undersigned, as needed.

For guidance and immediate compliance.

  
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