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PRIORITIZATION ON THE UTILIZATION OF 2022 QUICK RESPONSE FUND (QRF)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

- Attached is OUA Memorandum 00-0222-0113 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, Alain del B. Pascua, dated 17 February 2022 re Prioritization on the Utilization of 2022 QRF, with information that of the P102,431,928,000.00 worth of damages to both infrastructure (P22,081,000,000.00) and non-infrastructure (P80,350,930,000.00) in 3,161 schools caused by Typhoon Odette, only less than 10% of infrastructure damages can actually be repaired and/or reconstructed by QRF 2022. The rest will be submitted by the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (NDRRM) Council for access to the NDRRM Fund.
- As such, recipient schools are prioritized according the following:
 - Schools belonging to 6th and 5th class municipalities;
 - Last Mile Schools (LMS); and
 - Central Elementary Schools (CES) vital to DepEd operations.
- The policies adopted in this implementation is provided in the aforecited Memorandum for the guidance of the Region and the Schools Divisions.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

for **EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**
Regional Director *dy*

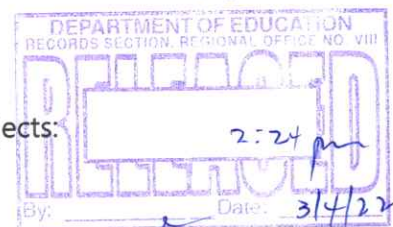
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References: OUA Memorandum 00-0222-0113

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PRIORITIZATION QRF FUND

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MEMORANDUM
17 February 2022

For: **Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
School Division Superintendents
ESSD and SGOD Chiefs
DRRMS, EFD, Engineers/Architects, and DRR Coordinators**

Subject: **PRIORITIZATION ON THE UTILIZATION OF 2022 QRF**

In December 2021, Typhoon (TY) Odette caused damage to some 3,161 schools in the amount of P22,081,000,000.00 for Infrastructure, and P80,350,930,000.00 for Non-infrastructure (computers, furniture, learning resources, etc.), totaling to about P102,431,928,000.00. Attached is an Aide Memoire on the *Urgent Need to Fund the Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Damages of Schools Due to Various Disasters from 2016 to January 2022 (Including Ty Odette)* for easy reference.

The General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2022, however, has only allocated P2 Billion for the Quick Response Fund (QRF) for the entire 2022 and last quarter of 2021.

With this situation, **it is most unfortunate that only less than 10% of infrastructure damage can be actually repaired and/or reconstructed by QRF 2022.** By inference, **only about 300-400 schools may be recipients of this year's QRF.** The rest will be submitted by the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (NDRRM) Council for access to the NDRRM Fund, while we also wait for the approval of our request as per AM, or be included in next year's budget proposal, as we need to explore various fund sources to address the massive damage caused by TY Odette.

As such, the following prioritization of recipient/target schools is adopted for the judicious utilization of this very limited fund:

1. Schools belonging to 6th and 5th class municipalities
2. Last Mile Schools (LMS)
3. Central Elementary Schools (CES) vital to DepEd operations



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The rationale behind this prioritization is to give appropriate resources to schools who do not have enough resources and have no capability to repair, reconstruct, and/or rehabilitate school infrastructure damage, while providing adequate support to schools vital to DepEd operations in the area.

Moreover, the following policies are likewise adopted for the guidance of the Divisions, Regions, and the Central Office:

1. The allocation of the limited fund will be prorated in accordance with the estimated amount of damage per region and per division. However, prorating will only be applied once the priority schools mentioned above have been addressed. DRRMS and Education Facilities Division (EFD) are hereby assigned to determine these allocations with final approval from the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA);
2. The allocations must first strictly satisfy the priority recipients identified above;
3. The RADaR submissions to the DRRMS vetted by the Schools Division Superintendents (SDSes) shall be categorized by the DRRMS according to the prioritization criteria set above, together with the corresponding Program of Works (POWs) from the EFD if already available. The consolidated list will be given by the DRRMS to the SDSes for final vetting and ranking of priority schools on February 21, 2022, so that if any of those in the list cannot be accommodated within the 2 billion QRF, the EFD and the DRRMS would be able to determine which to de-list as per the ranking provided. The SDSes should submit the vetted list with the ranking of schools to the EFD and DRRMS by February 25, 2022;
4. All engineers, architects, and DRRM Coordinators are directed to immediately work out the needed POWs and required documentations for remaining schools that are in the RADaR submissions to the DRRMS which have been vetted by the SDS.
5. In addition, the SDSes should vet the RADaR list that the DRRMS have returned to them for vetting, so that the engineers, architects, and DRRM Coordinators can likewise work on the POWs and other documentary requirements.
6. All POWs for Items 4 and 5 shall be submitted by the EFD to the OUA and DRRMS on or before March 7, 2022;
7. The Regional Directors (RDs) are enjoined to evaluate thoroughly, but with dispatch, the priority lists submitted by the SDSes, ensuring that the prioritization of recipient/target schools are followed to the letter.
8. After submissions of POWs and documentations of priority schools, all engineers, architects, and DRRM coordinators must then work out the needed POWs and documentations of all other schools so that the same will be readily available for access to the NDRRM Fund which the DRRMS will begin to process, and once the requested funds under the



attached Aide Memoire is granted;

9. If the QRF allocations per region/division have adequately and satisfactorily addressed the priority schools mentioned above in their areas, and there are still remaining funds, the same may be allocated to schools with damage that affect most/many learners. The SDSes may then submit this secondary list to their RDs, and to EFD and DRRMS, for evaluation. The secondary list must indicate justification for the inclusion of the said schools. The evaluated list will then be submitted to OUA for final approval;
10. The determination of regional and division implementing policies and instructions and the identification of priority and secondary schools rests upon the RDs and the SDSes. Engineers, architects, and DRRM coordinators, for that matter, are strictly confined in providing data on the damages incurred, and in complying with the needed POWs and documentations; and
11. The DRRMS and EFD are hereby instructed to draft within ten (10) days from the issuance of this memorandum a comprehensive issuance on the scope and utilization of QRF amending DO No. 104, s. 2011 titled Guidance for the QRF, and other issuance related to QRF, given the limited amount of funds being appropriated, the massive destructions, and all other considerations, and submit the same to OUA for consideration.

Widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired in order to avoid misunderstanding and confusion in the field.

All are earnestly enjoined to completely explain to all concerned the reasons behind the priorities and policies.

For strict compliance and guidance.


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Undersecretary



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