



URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY LEADS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Urdaneta City University (UCU) continues to reinforce its commitment to sustainability, resilience, and inclusive community development through active participation in cooperative planning for climate change disaster preparedness. The University, through **its Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Office**, works in close coordination with local government units (LGUs), industry partners, and national agencies to promote a culture of readiness and to strengthen disaster resilience across Pangasinan and nearby provinces.



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION and MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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VISION

To be an institution that is responsive in terms of disaster management, encompassing preparedness, mitigation, and resiliency, thereby creating a safe and hazard-free environment for its stakeholders and employees.

MISSION

To provide an outcome-based, adaptable, and swift response to various types of disasters, facilitating quick recovery and minimizing losses for both the institution and its stakeholders.

OBJECTIVES

1. To instill the skills required to be prepared for any type of disaster that may occur within the place of study or at home;
2. To provide skilled individuals who can perform safety operations during times of disaster;
3. To help the institution minimize potential damage caused by the impact of any given disaster; and
4. To facilitate a swift recovery from the impact of various types of disasters, thereby creating an environment that can be used to assist the needs of those who are still affected.



EXTERNAL/INTERNAL SERVICES

1. Emergency Response

Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Fire Suppression Services
Emergency Search and Rescue and Retrieval Services

Office or Division	Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office			
Classification	Highly Technical			
Type of Transaction	G2 - Government to Public/Government to Government			
Who may avail	All the people within the scope of Urdaneta City University in need of emergency assistance			
STEP	UCU PERSONNEL	SUPPLY OFFICE ACTIVITY	DURATION	PERSON-IN-CHARGE
1	Fill out the temporary Request Slip. Submit the request slip to the supply office	DRRMO call takers immediately receives the call and send it to call dispatchers for appropriate response	1 minute processing time and 5 minutes average response time depending on the location and type of emergency	DRRMO Director
2	Stay on the line or on the site for verification of calls	Gather all initial necessary information about the incident. And endorse client's information to available nearest responder.	An average of 5 Minutes	DRRMO Director DRRMO Staff
2.1		Dispatch emergency medical responders.	2 minutes upon receipt of necessary	DRRMO Director DRRMO Staff
2.2		If responders will be other responding offices such as BFP EMS, forward complete information on the incident	3 Minutes	DRRMO Director DRRMO Staff
2.3		Prepares Post Operation Report and submits it to the Head of the Office	15 minutes (Upon return to the Operation Center)	DRRMO Director DRRMO Staff
		Total	30 minutes - 40 minutes	

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2. Inspection of Hazard and Non-Hazard Prone Areas

Office or Division	Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office				
Classification	Technical				
Type of Transaction	G2 - Government to Public/Government to Government				
Who may avail	All the people within the scope of Urdaneta City University				
STEP	UCU PERSONNEL	SUPPLY OFFICE ACTIVITY	DURATION	PERSON-IN-CHARGE	
1		Client will give letter of request or thru Email ucu_drrmo2020@gmail.com	Accept and record the letter	5 minutes	DRRMO Staff
2			Approves and endorse the request letter to the Head	5 minutes	DRRMO Director
2.1			Coordinate with requesting party for pertinent information related to the letter	5 minutes	DRRMO Director DRRMO Staff
2.2			Conducts inspection on site and submit report	1 day	DRRMO Director DRRMO Staff
			Total	1 day and 15 minutes	

End of Transaction

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Institutional Role and Partnerships

Through its Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, UCU implements policies and programs focused on preparedness, mitigation, and community-based response. The DRRM Office coordinates with the Urdaneta City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and other municipal offices to facilitate evacuation planning, disaster simulation exercises, and the development of adaptive measures for vulnerable sectors.

The University also engages in Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with partner institutions and government agencies to jointly develop training modules, capacity-building programs, and public awareness campaigns addressing emergency management and disaster resilience. These cooperative efforts support the local government's broader climate adaptation strategy, particularly in preparing communities that may face relocation due to severe flooding, typhoons, or other climate-driven events.

A significant milestone in UCU's international collaboration came in July 2023, when UCU and Santa Fe College (Florida, USA) signed a partnership agreement to offer virtual student exchanges and programs on disaster resilience. This agreement, signed on July 28, 2023, creates a bridge for Filipino and US students to exchange knowledge and design solutions for disaster-related challenges, such as hurricanes and typhoons. MNLtoday.ph



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Capacity-Building and Student Involvement

As part of its National Service Training Program (NSTP), UCU regularly conducts Emergency Preparedness and Gender-Sensitive Disaster Response Workshops. These sessions empower students and community members to respond effectively to emergencies and ensure that disaster responses are inclusive, prioritizing the needs of women, children, and marginalized groups.

By engaging its students directly in these activities, UCU nurtures a new generation of environmentally conscious and community-oriented citizens who contribute meaningfully to disaster risk reduction and adaptation strategies.

Collaboration for Climate-Resilient Communities

UCU's collaborative framework extends to partnerships with local and national agencies, including the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and other institutions engaged in sustainable development and environmental protection. These partnerships are instrumental in designing localized adaptation measures such as risk mapping, resource monitoring, and training for barangay officials and residents in high-risk areas.

Although the University's current efforts are focused primarily on local displacement preparedness, its initiatives lay the groundwork for future participation in regional and international frameworks concerning cross-border displacement and planned relocation programs due to climate change.

Commitment to Sustainable and Inclusive Development

Urdaneta City University's continuous participation in cooperative disaster planning underscores its dedication to creating a safer and more sustainable environment for all. Through education, training, and partnerships, the University not only protects lives but also contributes to long-term community resilience and adaptive capacity.

By embedding climate action and partnership principles within its institutional operations and community outreach programs, UCU reaffirms its vital role in ensuring that preparedness, compassion, and collaboration remain at the heart of its service to the nation



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