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RDRRMC Advisory No. 1

To : **Chairpersons, Provincial/City/Municipal DRRM Councils and
Barangays DRRM Committee
Members, RDRRMC**

From : **The Chairperson, RDRRMC**

Subject : **Preparedness and Response Measures for Tropical Depression
MARCE**

Date : **November 24, 2016**

- 1) The Low Pressure Area (LPA) East of Mindanao has developed into a Tropical Depression and was named “Marce” on November 23, 2016. It has maximum sustained winds of 45kph near the center and gustiness of up to 55kph and is forecasted to move West Northwest at 17kph. It is expected to make landfall over Surigao Province on November 24, 2016. The provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Dinagat Islands and Butuan City are placed in Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal (TCWS) No. 1.
- 2) The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Operations Center of Caraga has been activated on 24/7 RED ALERT Status to monitor, assess and coordinate appropriate actions in response to the possible effect of Tropical Depression MARCE in our region;
- 3) As a result of the Pre Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) for TD Marce conducted by the RDRRMC PDRA Core Team, all concerned are advised to:
 - Activate Incident Command System (ICS) for effective response;
 - Preposition all response assets/resources (5 Ms – Manpower, Machine, Money, Methodology, Material);
 - Conduct pre-emptive evacuation especially in high risk areas for flood, landslide and storm surge; and
 - Activate Operations Center on a 24/7 basis
- 4) In light of this, the public is advised to be vigilant and to take precautionary measures in response to the weather disturbance. Likewise, all are directed to ensure widest dissemination of the RDRRMC advisory and situational reports/updates to the general public;
- 5) Further, Local DRRMCs are requested to submit reports on their preparedness measures for this weather disturbance to RDRRMC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) through fax at Telefax (085) 342-8753 or e-mail at civildefensecaraga@gmail.com;
- 6) RDRRMC EOC will continue to send SMS weather advisories and bulletins to local DRRM councils and stakeholders in the region and maintains 24/7

monitoring to undertake frequent coordination with the Local DRRM Councils for situational update;

- 7) Emphasis should be on proactive measures – evacuation rather than rescue to ensure zero casualty;
- 8) For information and guidance.

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