



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH STEERING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01-2016

TO: The Heads of Departments, Agencies, Bureaus, Offices and Instrumentalities of the National Government, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations, Government Financing Institutions, State Universities and Colleges, Local Government Units and the Private Sector

SUBJECT: Celebration of the National Volunteer Month (NVM) in December 2016

DATE: 20 September 2016

I. Rationale

The culture of volunteerism is a proud legacy of the Filipinos as a people and as a nation. Volunteers play a vital role in development and the time, effort and resources shared by the volunteers to those who are in need is a valuable contribution to the improvement of the quality of life of individuals and communities.

To pay tribute to the tireless efforts and dedicated service of volunteers, the Philippine Government has declared the month of December as the National Volunteer Month (NVM) in the Philippines, through Presidential Proclamation No. 55, series of 1998.

II. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all agencies of the government, local government units, the academe, and the private sector to participate in the celebration of NVM 2016 as a common venue to promote volunteerism for development.

III. Objectives

The NVM celebration aims to:

- Build nationwide public awareness and appreciation of volunteerism and the role it plays in social, economic and political development of the country.
- Create the environment for bolstering voluntary action in development.
- Recognize the noble acts of volunteerism by individuals, families, institutions and communities as vital partners in economic and community development.

IV. Theme

The NVM 2016 theme "*Volunteer for Sustainable and Inclusive Development: Isulong, Ibahagi, I-ugnay, Isagawa!*" in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

V. Suggested Activities

1. Disseminate NVM information through display of NVM 2016 banner and poster; announcements and distribution of NVM 2016 promotional materials through the institution's public information facilities such as printed publications, bulletin boards, social media, and advocacy events; and issuance by national government agencies of circulars to regional and local offices.
2. Organize and/or participate in volunteering events and activities, especially those that support the NVM theme, before and during the month of December.
3. Recognize the work of volunteers and the participation of partners in the NVM through awards, documentation of the activities, and sharing good practices.

VI. Focal Agency

The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) serves as the focal agency and secretariat of the NVM.

VII. Coordination of Activities at the National Level

The PNVSCA is assisted by the National Volunteer Month Steering Committee (NVM-SC) in planning, advocacy and conduct of NVM events and activities. The NVM-SC is composed of the following:

Chair	National Economic and Development Authority
Co-Chairs	Department of Foreign Affairs Department of the Interior and Local Government
Vice Chair	Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency
Members	Civil Service Commission Commission on Higher Education Department of Budget and Management Department of Education National Youth Commission Philippine Information Agency Technical Education and Skills Development Authority University of the Philippines Metrobank Foundation, Inc. Filipino UNV Association International Association for Volunteer Effort-Philippines United Nations Volunteers United States Peace Corps

Honorary Chair 2015-2016	Sister Eva Fidela C. Maamo, SPC, MD SOV 2012 Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Awardee President and Founder, Our Lady of Peace Mission, Inc.
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VIII. Coordination of Activities at the Regional Level

To cascade the celebration and enhance the profile of volunteerism at the regional and local levels, the NVM Regional Committees (NVM-RC) are constituted and chaired by the NEDA Regional Offices (NROs), and by the Regional Planning and Development Office (RPDO) for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Participating institutions in the region are enjoined to coordinate with the NROs and RPDO-ARMM.

IX. Submission and Sharing of Activities and Events


NVM partner organizers are requested to submit the PARTICIPATION FORM to PNVSCA for inclusion in the NVM Calendar, documentation and recognition. The information is intended to promote the events/activities, recognize the participation of the groups/institutions and establish linkage for sustained cooperation.

The form may be submitted to:

The NVM Secretariat
PNVSCA
Sugar Center Building, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Email: info@pnvsca.gov.ph.

For further information, please visit www.pnvsca.gov.ph and www.facebook.com/innovatecooperateinspire or contact the NVM Secretariat at telephone nos: (02) 277 73 89, mobile 0929 640 6987 or e-mail info@pnvsca.gov.ph.



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- Annex A. Proclamation No. 55
- Annex B. NVM 2016 Participation Form
- Annex C. NVM 2016 Promotional Materials