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REGISTRATION OF NGOs ENGAGING DRRM FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS AS VOLUNTEER MOBILIZING ORGANIZATIONS (VMOs) PURSUANT TO NDRRMC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 64 S. 2021

Whereas, Section 12(a) of Republic Act 9418 entitled “An Act Institutionalizing a Strategy for Rural Development, Strengthening Volunteerism and for Other Purposes” or the Volunteer Act of 2007 mandates the PNVSCA to develop and establish a system of national registration and networking as a mechanism to improve the coordination of volunteers and volunteer service organizations and widen the horizon for sharing and complementing information, experiences and resources;

Whereas, Section 13 of Republic Act 10121 also known as “**An Act Strengthening the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System**, directs the “**Accreditation, Mobilization, and Protection of Disaster Volunteers and National Service Reserve Corps, CSOs and the Private Sector;**”

Whereas, in response to the directive stated in Section 13 of RA 10121, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) issued Memorandum Circular No. 64 s. 2021 dated 8 June 2021 prescribing the guidelines on the accreditation, mobilization, and protection of community disaster volunteers that present the enabling policies needed to operationalize the accreditation, mobilization and protection of community disaster volunteers and respond to the call to promote, adopt and strengthen volunteerism among Filipinos, particularly in addressing disaster risk reduction and management;

Whereas, the PNVSCA, as a clearinghouse for matters pertaining to international volunteer services, promulgates guidelines for local partner institutions (LPIs) which include the National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academic institutions and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to ensure the alignment of volunteering initiatives with the National Volunteer Deployment Framework (NVDF);

Whereas, the NVDF has identified DRRM mainstreaming, safety and resilience as among the priority cross cutting themes for foreign volunteer assistance;

Whereas, the registration of NGO Local Partner Institutions (NGO-LPIs) as Volunteer Mobilizing Organizations (VMOs) ensures that volunteering efforts of foreign volunteers are aligned with community thrusts and priorities;

Now, Therefore, all NGO-LPIs engaging DRRM foreign volunteers are directed to register as VMOs in their areas of operation pursuant to NDRRMC MC No. 64 s.2021.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 1st day of October in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-one in Quezon City, Philippines.



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