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MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-056

TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

SUBJECT : EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 120: CREATION OF THE *BUILD BACK BETTER* TASK FORCE

This refers to Executive Order (EO) No. 120 entitled "**STRENGTHENING REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY EFFORTS IN TYPHOON-HIT AREAS THROUGH THE CREATION OF THE *BUILD BACK BETTER* TASK FORCE**" issued by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on November 18, 2020.

With the frequent occurrence of typhoons in the country, averaging at around 20 to 21 per year, the national government deemed it necessary to create a group who shall undertake the needed activities to fast track rehabilitation and recovery efforts in affected areas.

This is also in pursuance of Section 16, Article II of the Constitution declaring a policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature and in pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010,".

RA 10121 also declares it a policy of the State to adopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated and proactive in lessening the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of disasters including climate change, and one that promotes the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community;

Further, Under Sections 3 (aa) and (ee) of RA No. 10121, and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan 2011 to 2028, Disaster Recovery and Rehabilitation (DRRM) aims to restore and improve facilities, livelihood and living conditions, and organizational capacities of affected communities, and reduce disaster risks in accordance with the *Build Back Better* principle.

Under this EO, the creation of the *Build Back Better* Task Force for post-disaster rehabilitation and recovery efforts in areas affected by typhoons was established. It will be composed of various government agencies to be chaired by the Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) with the Secretary of Department of Public Works and Highways as vice-chair and the Secretary of DOE and the Administrator of NEA, as among its members.

Among the functions of the Task Force is to serve as the overall and central body to ensure whole-of-government implementation and monitoring of post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation efforts of the national government in typhoon-affected areas, taking it to consideration the Rehabilitation and Recovery Planning Guide (RRPG)

The Power Rapid Restoration Deployment-Task Force Kapatid (PRRD-TFK), as the established response mechanism of NEA, through the ECs with the able management of the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA), now becomes a vital participant in this undertaking. This development has also affirmed and emphasized the important role of Electric Cooperatives (ECs) in the government's effort to ensure an immediate, efficient response to disasters in order to effect fast recovery and build back better the country from destructive calamities.

In view of this, all Electric Cooperatives (ECs), as NEA's partners, are enjoined to fully observe and adhere to this directive.

Attached is the copy of the Executive No. 120 for further details and guidance.

Thank you for your cooperation.


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