

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 44, October 28, 2014 ]**

**STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, CERTIFICATIONS, CLEARANCES AND LICENSES FOR HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS IN YOLANDA-AFFECTED AREAS, DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED TO OBSERVE THE SAME AND IMPOSING SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan) caused widespread destruction, substantial damage and death in several areas, including the provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Samar, Eastern Samar, Biliran, Negros Occidental, Cebu, Capiz, Aklan, Antique, Iloilo, Masbate, Palawan and Dinagat Islands, leaving many Filipinos homeless;

WHEREAS, in line with the "Build Back Better" Principle adopted by the Government in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Yolanda-affected areas, as well as the redevelopment thrust of the Government, there is a need to ensure the development of housing and resettlement sites that are safe and resilient from disasters due to hydro-meteorological and geologic hazards;

WHEREAS, the provision of safe shelter is a basic human need, thus, it is imperative for the Government to expedite the identification, construction and development of housing and resettlement sites for families whose houses were damaged by Typhoon Yolanda;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (PARR) for Yolanda, mandated under Memorandum Order (MO) No. 62 (s. 2013) to be the over-all manager and coordinator of rehabilitation, recovery, and reconstruction efforts of government departments, agencies and instrumentalities in the affected areas, has adopted a Cluster Approach in the preparation of Yolanda reconstruction and rehabilitation plans;

WHEREAS, MO 62 directed all departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities of the government, including government -owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and government financial institutions (GFIs), to render full assistance and cooperation to the PARR as may be required to carry out his functions. local government units (LGUs) and the private sector are also encouraged to give assistance to the PARR as the circumstances may require; and

WHEREAS, the Resettlement Cluster has determined the need to streamline, coordinate and fast track the processes and requirements for the issuance of permits, certifications, clearances and licenses for housing and resettlement projects in the Yolanda-affected areas by concerned national and local government agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Designation of Agency Representatives. The following agencies are hereby directed to designate responsible officers for each concerned province and, to the extent allowed by law, delegate to them sufficient authority to facilitate the processing and issuance of necessary permits, certifications, clearances and licenses for housing and resettlement projects in the heavily-hit provinces having municipalities within the 50-kilometer radius of Typhoon Yolanda as identified by PARR:

1. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC);
2. National Housing Authority (NHA);
3. Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB);
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
5. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB);
6. Environmental Management Bureau (EMB);
7. Department of Agriculture (DA);
8. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR);
9. Department of Science and Technology (DOST);
10. Land Registration Authority (LRA);
11. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG); and
12. Other agencies as may be identified by HUDCC.

SECTION 2. Approval Process. A two-step approval process shall be implemented by concerned agencies to expedite the issuance of necessary clearances, certifications, permits or licenses for the housing and resettlement projects in Yolanda-affected areas, as follows:

1. Each dedicated Agency Representative shall assist the NHA and the concerned LGU in facilitating provision of necessary information needed by the agency or its designated signatory to issue the clearance, certification, or license required for the housing/resettlement project. The agency representative shall directly endorse the completed application or report to the agency head or his designated signatory for signature/approval.
2. The agency focal person in the Resettlement Cluster shall oversee the timely issuance of the aforesaid certification, permit, clearance or license by the head of agency or its designated signatory and prepare a report to the PARR and the Resettlement Cluster on the actions taken by such agency.
3. The DILG shall ensure participation of concerned LGUs in the implementation of this Order.

SECTION 3. Time Periods. The head of agencies, or their designated signatory, and LGUs shall dispose of housing-related certification, clearance, permit or license within the time periods prescribed below:

Agency	Permit/ Clearance/ Certification/ License	Timeline (working days)
a. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)	Geohazard Report	2 days
b. Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS)	PHIVOLCS Assessment	2 days
c. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)	DOST Assessment	2 days