

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 151, December 02, 1968]

CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON DISASTER OPERATIONS

In order to insure effective coordination of operations of the different agencies during disasters caused by typhoons, floods, fires, earthquakes, seismic sea waves (tidal waves), volcanic eruptions, epidemics, major accidents and other similar calamities, a National Committee on Disaster Operations is hereby created to be composed of the following:

The	Executive					Secretary Chairman
The	Secretary	of	Social			Welfare Vice-Chairman
The	Secretary	of	National			Defense Member
The	Secretary	of				Health "
The	Secretary	of	Public	Works	and	Communications "
The	Secretary	of	Agriculture	and	Natural	Resources "
The	Secretary	of	Commerce &			Industry "
The	Secretary	of				Education "
The	Commissioner	of	the			Budget "
The	Secretary	of	Community			Development "
The	Secretary-General,	Philippine	National	Red	Cross	"
The	National	Civil	Defense	Administrator "		

Likewise, there shall be designated a National Coordinator to implement the policies, rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee under this Order. He shall be assisted by personnel to be detailed from the implementing agencies of the Committee, to compose the Plans and Operations and the Administrative staffs.

Salaries and other expenses of the personnel detailed by various offices or agencies in accordance with the foregoing provision shall continue to be for the account of their respective offices.

The Committee is hereby authorized to create committees on the provincial, city and municipal levels, which shall function as sub-committees in accordance with the policies set forth under this Order.

I – DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

The duties and functions of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. To provide policy guidance on disaster operations which shall include:
 - a. preparedness program
 - b. rescue
 - c. relief
 - d. rehabilitation
2. To determine and evaluate the requirements for major disaster and submit recommendations to the President for the allocation of critical resources.
3. To advise the President on the necessity of declaring the existence of a state of emergency in areas affected by disasters.

Disaster, operations require immediate action to save lives, alleviate sufferings, prevent epidemics, protect rights, maintain law and order, and develop among the victims an attitude of self-reliance and fortitude.

II – AUTHORITY TO CALL UPON OTHER AGENCIES

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon officials of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, as well as to request or appeal to non-governmental agencies, for such assistance as may be required in the discharge of its duties and functions.