

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 79, April 22, 2015]

PROVIDING FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM FOR THE MONITORING OF REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOLANDA-AFFECTED AREAS

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda, the strongest storm to make landfall in recorded history, the President issued Memorandum Order (MO) No. 62 (s. 2013) providing for the functions of the Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (PARR) to unify the efforts of government and other agencies involved in the rehabilitation and recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, more than a year after Typhoon Yolanda and as conditions begin to normalize, the functions of PARR can now be subsumed under the regular functions of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and other relevant agencies under Republic Act (RA) No. 10121, or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of 2010?; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to rationalize and enhance the coordination and monitoring of the implementation of future disaster-related programs, projects, and activities to ensure their more efficient evaluation and reporting to the President.

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

SECTION 1. Institutional Mechanism. The NEDA Director-General, as the NDRRMC Vice-Chairperson for Rehabilitation and Recovery, shall assume the coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of all disaster-related programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) previously under the PARR and ensure the full implementation of this Order. All relevant implementing agencies shall continue the task of implementing all PPAs.

In this regard, all concerned government agencies shall extend their cooperation and support to effectively transfer the functions of PARR and wind-down its affairs, which shall include, among others, the proper inventory and transfer of its assets, equipment, and relevant documents, and the termination or return to the mother units of the PARR officers and personnel.

SECTION 2. Implementation. The NEDA shall make use of existing institutional arrangements pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 376 (s. 1989) entitled "Establishing the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System," as amended, in the monitoring of the PPAs for Yolanda-affected areas. However, NEDA may create a Project Monitoring Office to augment its existing staff complement.

Furthermore, the following Clusters shall be convened at the national and regional levels by the respective Chairpersons to assess the over-all status of rehabilitation and recovery efforts, and address policy issues on rehabilitation and recovery for Yolanda-affected areas.