

**[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 62, December 06,
2013]**

**PROVIDING FOR THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL
ASSISTANT FOR REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY**

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan) caused widespread destruction, substantial damage and death in several areas, including Samar, Leyte, Negros, Cebu, Bohol, Capiz, Aklan, Antique, Iloilo and Palawan ("the affected areas");

WHEREAS, the President has appointed a Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery ("the Presidential Assistant") to unify the efforts of government and other agencies involved in the rehabilitation and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for and specify the functions of the Presidential Assistant.

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. The Presidential Assistant shall have the following functions:

a) Act as over-all manager and coordinator of rehabilitation, recovery, and reconstruction efforts of government departments, agencies, and instrumentalities in the affected areas, to the extent allowed by law;

b) Coordinate with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and its member agencies and consult with the concerned local government units (LGUs) in the formulation of plans and programs for the rehabilitation, recovery and development of the affected areas ("the plans and programs"), including an over-all strategic vision and integrated short-term, medium-term and long-term programs, which shall be submitted to the President for approval;

c) Propose funding support for the implementation of the plans and programs;

d) Exercise oversight over the relevant government agencies with respect to the implementation of the plans and programs;

e) Call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs), LGUs, and request non-government organizations (NGOs), the private sector, and other entities for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require in carrying out his mandate;

f) Engage the assistance of consultants, experts, and professional advisors whenever necessary, subject to applicable government rules and regulations;