Memorandum Circular (M.C.) No.: 2021-031

TO: ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, BARMM MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUNONG BARANGAYS AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF INSTRUCTIONS UNDER MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2020-068 OR THE POSTPONEMENT OF ALL ADMINISTRATIVE DEMOLITION AND EVICTION ACTIVITIES

DATE: 11 MAR 2021

This is in reference to Memorandum Circular No. 2020-068 on the Postponement of all Administrative Demolition and Eviction Activities during the Enhanced Community Quarantine and State of National Emergency issued on 2 April 2020, which has directed all Local Government Units (LGUs) to postpone all administrative demolition and eviction activities during the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and State of Calamity throughout the Philippines. The Memorandum Circular was issued to minimize the movement of people and to instruct LGUs to accommodate all displaced citizens situated within their respective jurisdictions in order to safeguard their health and safety. From then, it was reported that a number of Informal Settler Families (ISFs) have started to construct dwellings on several danger areas.
In October 2020, super typhoon “ROLLY” struck the country. According to National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRMMC) Sitrep No. 12 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Super Typhoon “ROLLY,” a total of 522,600 families or 2,030,130 persons were affected. The typhoon claimed the lives of 25 people and injured 399 persons. Following typhoon “ROLLY,” in November 2020, super typhoon “ULYSSES” hit the country, and per NDRMMC Sitrep No. 28 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Typhoon “ULYSSES,” a total of 1,202,877 families or 4,945,376 persons were devastated. ULYSSES left more casualties than ROLLY, which claimed the lives of 101 people and injured 85 persons.

As of this date, majority of the regions have been placed under the less stringent General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ). Thus, in light of the easing of the quarantine restrictions, and in consideration of the pressing urgency to safeguard the safety of ISFs living in danger areas, the postponement of all administrative demolition and eviction activities by LGUs prescribed by M.C. No. 2020-068 is hereby lifted. LGUs who will conduct demolition and eviction activities are directed to partner with capacitated LGUs who can shelter the displaced ISFs pursuant to DILG MC 2020-160.

For your information and guidance.

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Feedback

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