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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - NATIONAL EL NIÑO TEAM (DA-NENT)

In view of the change of officials in the concerned DA offices and to prepare the action plan to mitigate the adverse effects of the El Niño phenomenon which was forecasted by the DOST-PAGASA to happen between July to September 2023 and may persist until 2024, the Department of Agriculture - National El Niño Team (DA-NENT) is hereby constituted as follows:

CHAIRPERSON : Director Field Operations Service

VICE CHAIRPERSON : Director, Bureau of Soils and Water Management

MEMBERS : Representatives from NIA, NFA, SRA, PCA, PhilRice, PhilMech, BFAR, ATI, CRAO, FMS, AFID, National Banner Programs (NRP, NCP, NLP, HVCDP, NOAP)

Functions:

1. Work closely with other institutions and agencies, particularly with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), among others, to ensure efficient implementation of the program;
2. Disseminate information, education and communication (IEC) materials on the possible impact of the El Niño phenomenon to farmers, fisherfolk and other relevant stakeholders;
3. Monitor, assess, and validate the impact of the El Niño to the agriculture and fishery areas (e.g. damage and losses, reduction of water supply in major dams, crop pest and diseases, animal diseases outbreaks);
4. Facilitate the implementation, fund sourcing and operationalization of assistance schemes to affected farmers and fisherfolk;
5. Perform other tasks as deemed necessary and as instructed by the Chairperson.

SECRETARIAT : Field Programs Operational Planning Division

Functions:

1. Coordinate closely with DOST-PAGASA, NDRRMC, DA Operating Units and other concerned institutions, offices, sectors and stakeholders to harmonize and efficiently implement the El Niño Plan of Actions;

2. Gather, analyze and submit reports to the Head of the El Niño Team through the Chairperson of the Technical Working Group, the following:
 - Impact of the El Niño to the agriculture and fishery areas (e.g. damage and losses, reduction of water supply in major dams, crop pest and diseases, animal diseases outbreaks);
 - Identified programs, projects and activities for the implementation, as corresponding budgetary requirements for each PPAs
3. Facilitate requests for rehabilitation and recovery programs, projects and activities, subject for possible funding under the Quick Response Fund or the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund;
4. Perform other tasks as deemed necessary and as instructed by the Chairperson.

The composition and functions of the National El Niño Team shall be replicated at the regional level chaired by the Regional Executive Directors, in collaboration with the DA Operating Units at the regional level.

All activities in relation to the implementation of the El Niño Mitigation and Action Plan shall be chargeable against the funds of their respective agencies/units, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 15th day of May, 2023


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