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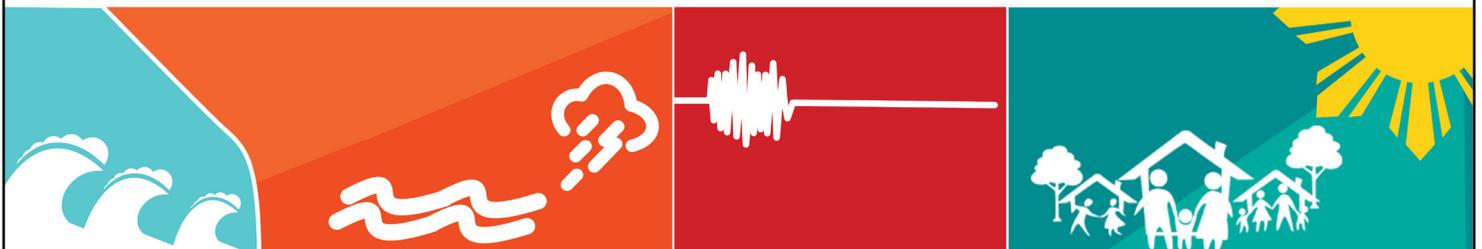
DILG SUPPORTS *Development Policy Research Month*



Department of the Interior and Local Government
joins the nation in celebrating the



14th DEVELOPMENT POLICY RESEARCH MONTH
September 2016



Investing in Risk Reduction for a Resilient Philippines

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The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) takes an active role in stepping up its efforts in disaster preparedness by supporting the national observance of Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) with the focus on risk reduction and building a resilient economy this September.

In accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 247, the month of September is declared as DPRM to raise public awareness on the importance of policy research in nation-building and promoting broad-based literacy of development issues confronting the Philippines.

For this year's DPRM celebration, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), the agency designated to lead and coordinate the activities for the annual observance of the DPRM, crafted the theme "*Angkop na Kahandaan: Matatag na Ekonomiya at Lipunan*" or "*Investing in Risk Reduction for a Resilient Philippines*." The theme highlights the need for in-depth reflections and analyses of resilience building, risk reduction and structural transformation. It will also give emphasis on the role of appropriate policy interventions in building the country's resilience to various economic, environmental, political and social risks and stresses.

As part of this yearly celebration, the DILG has issued a Memorandum Circular enjoining local government units (LGUs) to undertake the following activities: (1) Display banner/streamer within the institution's

premises containing this year's theme; (2) Feature announcements about the DPRM and its theme in their publications and websites; and (3) Organize activities relevant in the presentation of the theme or to policy research.

Policy research has been significant in determining the indicators and criteria used for the assessment of qualified LGUs for the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) of the DILG. The Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS) and Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) are among the assessment tools utilized by the Department.

A press conference was held last week at the Philippine Information Agency's (PIA's) office in Quezon City to formally launch the DPRM. Invited resource persons were National Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Executive Director Ricardo Jalad, Health Secretary Paulyñ Jean Rosell-Ubial, Project NOAH Executive Director Mahar Lagmay, and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando Tetangco, Jr.

Topics covered during the press conference include the country's national risk reduction and management framework, health preparedness and response plan for infectious diseases and pandemics, the role of science and technology in risk reduction, and reducing financial risks through proper macroeconomic policies and prudent oversight.

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