

DSWD partners with disaster resilience foundation for better response



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The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has forged a partnership with the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) for the implementation of better disaster response operations.

“This partnership is a significant milestone in the Department’s disaster reconstruction initiatives as the PDRF has long established its unstinting contribution to the country and resilience in extending its arms to help the disadvantaged population,” DSWD Secretary Virginia Orogo said.

Prior to the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), PDRF has been helping DSWD with its disaster operations, providing transportation means that enabled the Department to deliver food packs to Mayon Volcano eruption-affected families, and those affected by storms in Pampanga and Pangasinan.

Likewise, Marawi benefitted from their medical, and educational support.

PDRF is composed of 84 umbrella organizations from top private corporations, disaster-stricken families and communities being served by the DSWD through the partnership.

Under the MOU, PDRF commits to provide capacity augmentation assistance to DSWD, specifically on disaster operations, such as disaster response surge capacity building; interventions along disaster resiliency; and public service continuity for DSWD social welfare and development programs.

PDRF also has corresponding programs in five key sectors created for post-disaster recovery in five key sectors which can be tapped under the partnership.

These five key sectors are shelter; livelihood; education; environment; and water, infrastructure, sanitation, health.

Meanwhile, DSWD will ensure that the assistance of PDRF will be implemented only on disaster response-related operations, and will take charge of daily operational needs such as the preparation of proposals, conduct of monitoring, and preparation of reports.

As partners, the DSWD will also allow PDRF to participate in the monitoring of project implementation.

“DSWD hopes to strengthen government’s public-private sector engagements and encourage more private sector involvement in government towards an inclusive, developed and prosperous Philippines,” Orogo said.