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Latest News and Stories for the Month of April



DOE gears up for "The Big One," updates National Energy Contingency Plan

As part of the Department's initiative in a whole nation's approach to the Energy sector, DOE, in partnership with the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, Presidential Management Office - Earthquake Resiliency of the Greater Metro Manila Area (GMMA), Office of Civil Defense, and the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, gathered together various energy stakeholders from the power and oil sectors and other concerned government agencies to test and improve the protocols and response arrangements of the energy sector in a worst-case scenario of an M7.2 earthquake that may strike in GMMA. The exercise was designed and led by the PDRF Operations Team.

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USAID launches Climate Resilient Cities Project

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the Climate Resilient Cities (CRC) Project, a five-year, \$15M activity that aims to improve resilience by strengthening the adaptive capacity of cities to adapt to, mitigate, and manage the impacts of climate change and disasters. The project will focus on six cities (Batangas, Borongan, Cotabato, Iloilo, Legazpi, and Zamboanga), of which four are Cities Development Initiative partners of the USAID Philippines Mission.

The CRC Project is being implemented by the Catholic Relief Services in collaboration with Conservation International, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, the University of the Philippines Resilience Institute, and Rocky Mountain Institute.

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UNDP visits PDRF Emergency Operations Center

Last March 14, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) visited the PDRF Operations Center in Clark. Chief Resilience Officer Bill Luz led the discussions on opportunities for collaboration for preparedness and recovery focused on micro, small, and medium enterprises and emergency logistics. UNDP also gave helpful insights on how PDRF can improve the resilience of its Emergency Operations Center, especially on data management.



PDRF presents at Bohol Resiliency Summit

Last March 14, PDRF President Butch Meily participated in the Bohol Resiliency Summit as a Guest Presenter where he highlighted the role of stakeholders in disaster recovery and how PDRF strengthens private sector engagement during disasters.

Bohol is one of the target provinces for PDRF's response and early recovery efforts on Typhoon Odette.

This event was organized by the World Bank in collaboration with NDRRMC, PDRF, and Holy Name University.



PDRF opens field school for Catanduanes abaca farmers

PDRF, with the support of Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, opened the first Farmers Field School on Abaca Production cum Integrated Diversified Organic Farming System in two barangays in Virac and San Andres, Catanduanes.

The school aims to address the issues abaca farmers face and establish a Techno Demo Farm for abaca production that follows Good Agricultural Practices to ensure sustainability and recovery of the abaca industry in the province. This 6-month project will also equip 60 abaca farmers with additional knowledge and skills on abaca production and provide other sources of income by integrating and promoting diverse farming systems.

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PDRF recognized as Best Donor by DSWD

PDRF was recognized as the Best Donor/Partner by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) last March for its contribution to the response operations during the Taal Eruption.

Through the Pagkilala sa Natatanging Kontribusyon sa Bayan (PaNata ko sa Bayan) Awards, DSWD acknowledges the efforts of its partners who share their resources and time in providing better opportunities for disadvantaged sectors. This event also encourages more individuals, groups, and organizations to support the programs and services of the Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Business Continuity Planning Webinar

Department of Trade and Industry - Cavite

May 20, 2022 | 9:00 AM | Virtual

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