



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 41 -2020  
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### ORGANIZING THE ISABELA PROVINCIAL *BUILD BACK BETTER* TASK FORCE FOR POST DISASTER REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY EFFORTS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY TYPHOONS

**WHEREAS**, Section 16, Article II of the Constitution declares it a policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, it is also the policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional right to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM), and building the resilience of local communities to disasters, including climate change impacts;

**WHEREAS**, under Sections 3 (aa) and (ee) of RA No. 10121, and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan 2011 to 2028, Disaster Recovery and Rehabilitation aims to restore and improve facilities, livelihood and living condition, and organizational capacities of affected communities, and reduce disaster risks in accordance with *Build Back Better* Principle;

**WHEREAS**, RA No. 10121 and RA No. 7160 or the "Local Government Code" gave local government units (LGUs) authority on disaster rehabilitation and recovery response within their respective jurisdictions, as it was proven that typhoons usually affect several political jurisdictions, and the magnitude of devastation and enormous amount of resources needed to restore normalcy in affected areas may overwhelm the LGUs resources and manpower;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) is a provincial government entity mandated to established policy and protocols on disaster management, and relevant to the scenarios experienced on the great flooding of 2020 and other disasters that hit the province, needs to adopt a localized Rehabilitation and Recovery Planning Guide (RRPG) that will provide a comprehensive framework in planning and expediting processes for post-disaster rehabilitation and recovery in accordance with the approved RRPG by the NDRRMC in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, as the Province of Isabela is located in the northeastern front of Luzon Island facing the Pacific Ocean where majority of cyclones are formed, with some of the strongest recorded making direct landfall on its area of responsibility bringing destructive winds, landslides and massive flooding;

**WHEREAS**, the present and imminent DRRM demands, and the realities inherent to the bureaucratic structure in place, warrants an institutional platform and a more permanent body that will allow the Provincial LGU to work in a sustained and integrated manner, with well-defined set of directives, during post calamity recovery and rehabilitation phase;

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**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Provincial Government of Isabela, as provided for in Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code, to carry out emergency measures as may be necessary before, during and in the aftermath of disasters and calamities;

**WHEREAS**, Section 465 in relation to Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Local Chief Executive to carry out measures for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree the following:

**Section 1. Organization.** There is hereby organized an Isabela Provincial *Build Back Better Task Force (IPBBBTF)*.

**Section 2. Composition.** The Isabela Provincial Build Back Better Task Force shall be constituted, to wit:

<i>Chairperson :</i>	<i>Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III Governor</i>
<i>Vice Chairperson:</i>	<i>Hon. Faustino G. Dy III Vice Governor</i>
<i>Action Men:</i>	<i>Engr. Virgilio S. Lorenzo Provincial Engineer</i>  <i>Atty. Eduardo R. Cabantac PPDC- Isabela</i>  <i>For. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. Environment and Natural Resources Officer</i>
<i>Members:</i>	<i>Federation President League of Municipalities-Isabela</i>  <i>Federation President Liga ng mga Barangay-Isabela</i>  <i>All District Engineers DPWH-Isabela</i>  <i>Engr. Corazon D, Toribio Provincial Director-DILG</i>  <i>Mr. Winston T. Singun Provincial Director-DTI</i>  <i>Engr. Rolando D. Pedro DA-CVRC</i>  <i>Engr. Wilferdo C. Gloria National Irrigation Administration</i>  <i>Schools Division Superintendent SDO-Isabela</i>  <i>Schools Division Superintendent SDO- City of Ilagan</i>

*Schools Division Superintendent  
SDO- Cauayan City*

*Dr. Elsie A. Pintucan  
Development Management Officer- DOH*

*Mr. Rodrigo T. Sawit  
Provincial General Service Officer*

*PBGEN Jimmy U Rivera Sr (Ret.)  
PDRRMO*

*Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan  
IPHO-Isabela*

*Ms. Lucilla M. Ambatali  
PSWDO-ISabela*

*Ms. Marites E. Frogoso  
Provincial Agriculturist*

*Ms. Maria Theresa A. Flores  
Provincial Treasurer*

*Ms. Elsa M. Pastrana  
Provincial Budget Officer*

*Ms. Antonieta M. Bulan  
OIC Provincial Accountant*

*Ms. Marilyn G. Lopez  
Provincial Internal Audit and Control Officer*

*Ms. Lilia C. Castillo  
PCDO-Isabela*

*Atty Elizabeth C. Binag  
Provincial Information Officer*

*General Manager  
Isabela Electric Cooperative 1*

*General Manager  
Isabela Electric Cooperative 2*

*Representative  
Isabela Local Water Utilities Administration*

*Provincial Field Officer  
DOLE-Isabela*

*All Station Chiefs  
Land Transportation Office*

*Representative  
National Housing Authority*

*Representative  
Land Registration Authority*

*Representative  
Department of Science and Technology*

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As may be necessary, the Task Force may call on other relevant government agencies as additional permanent members, subject to the approval of the Office of the Governor.

The Task Force members may designate their respective alternate representatives, who must be next-in-rank to the principal member and fully authorized to decide for and on their behalf.

The Office of the Environment and Natural Resources shall provide secretariat support to the Task Force. For this purpose, the Isabela ENRO shall be assisted by existing personnel from member-agencies of the Task Force.

**Section 3. Functions.** The Isabela Provincial Build Back Better Task Force shall have the following functions;

- a. Serve as the overall and provincial body to ensure whole-of-government implementation and monitoring of post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation efforts of the provincial government in typhoon-affected areas, taking into consideration the localized Rehabilitation and Recovery Planning Guide (RRPG).
- b. Expedite and lead the preparation, implementation and monitoring of a Post Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery Program for typhoon- affected areas aligned with RRPG.
- c. Ensure availability and adequacy of key lifelines such as basic needs, medical services, electricity, water, telecommunication and transportation that can be mobilized immediately after the typhoon;
- d. Help rebuild and repair houses to be more resilient to hazards and build safer sites for housing under the township approach;
- e. Restore, and if possible, strengthen or expand economic activities in typhoon-hit areas in close partnership with the relevant government agency;
- f. With the DPWH as lead, ensure disaster and climate change-resilient infrastructure in the areas affected by the typhoon;
- g. Create committees or technical working group based on identified needs and desired outcomes and call on other government agencies, LGUs and partner stakeholders to participate therein;
- h. Strengthen the institutional knowledge and expertise of LGUs on disaster recovery and rehabilitation;
- i. Formulate protocols, specific timelines, and undertake activities necessary to carry out the objectives of this Order; and
- j. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Governor;

**Section 4. Operational Mechanism.** The Task Force shall focus on the post-disaster rehabilitation and recovery phase in typhoon- affected areas, beginning with those hit by the recent typhoons or disasters. The PDRRMC shall continue to pursue its mandates in all thematic areas of DRRM system for other natural and human-induced disasters in the province.

The Task Force may designate heads to lead recovery and rehabilitation efforts of the Provincial Government in a specific- typhoon- affected area or municipality/city, without prejudice to the Governor's prerogative to make such designations.

The Philippine National Police, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Fire Protection and other uniformed personnel operating within the province to provide logistical and technical assistance in the rehabilitation and recovery efforts pursuant to this order.

**Section 5. Whole-of-society.** The Task Force shall consult and engage affected communities and non-government, youth and civic organizations in the crafting, implementation and evaluation of the various rehabilitation and recovery programs and projects to be implemented pursuant to this order.

**Section 6. Reports.** The Task Force shall submit to the Governor, a quarterly report on the implementation of this Order, and publish an annual report on its accomplishments, including projects and programs implemented and budget utilized.

**Section 7. Support and Assistance.** All government agencies, including government-owned or- controlled corporations and government financial institutions, as well as state colleges and universities in the province of Isabela, and LGUs are hereby enjoined, to provide the necessary support and assistance to the Task Force in the implementation of this order.

**Section 8. Funding.** All expenses pertaining to the operation of the Task Force shall be sourced from available funds of the Provincial Government and all funding necessary for the implementation of the components of the Post- Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery Program shall be sourced from existing appropriations of the agencies involved, the DRRM Fund as may be appropriated, and such other funding sources that the National Government may identify through DBM or concerned agency/ies subject to the usual budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations;

**Section 9. Repealing Clause.** All orders and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. Separability Clause.** In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this order is declared invalid for any reason, other provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 11. Effectivity.** This order shall take effect immediately and let copies hereof be provided to all concerned for their information, reference, and guidance.

Done in the City of Ilagan, Isabela, November 24, 2020.

  
RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor 