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MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO/LA NIÑA PHENOMENON  
IN THE SCHOOL LEVEL

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) reported the onset of the El Niño Phenomenon or prolonged drought in some parts of the country. There are clear manifestations that the adverse effects shall be felt in the first six months of the year which will also delay the arrival of the rainy season. El Niño is accompanied by extreme wet weather called La Niña which could also be equally damaging. These weather disturbances could damage severely agricultural production (crop and livestock), halt fishing industry, water and power supplies, cause various health problems and increase the risk of natural disaster.

2. In order to mitigate the adverse effect of El Niño/La Niña, there is an urgent need for sustained AWARENESS campaign to be conducted in the school level. Specifically, the campaign aims to:

- a. educate the learners on disaster preparedness in view of the onset of El Niño/La Niña;
- b. encourage the learners to practice basic water and power supply conservation; and
- c. share correct, updated information to the family members and to the community folks.

3. For an effective information/sustained awareness campaign, the following are recommended activities to be spearheaded by the School Heads, Head Teachers, Area Coordinators and CAT Facilitators:

- a. Citizenship Advancement Training (CAT) students in line with the Community Service component shall conduct information awareness campaign to nearby elementary schools in coordination with the school head;
- b. CAT students shall coordinate with the Barangay Officials to extend the service particularly in line with cleanliness, sanitation, and water/power conservation program;



- c. The Student Government Organization (SGO) through class organization shall conduct "Ulat Butas ng Tubo ng Tubig sa Paaralan at Bahay Campaign". The SGO officers shall consolidate reports and submit said report to nearby Water System Office thru the school head. The report shall be prepared based on the following format:

Owner/Class	Address/Location	Type of Leak	Remark

- d. SGO officers and members shall regularly inspect/check all possible containers like drums, tires, flower vases, plant boxes where mosquitoes breed. Those drums utilized to save water from rain for watering plants shall not be kept for a long period of time;
- e. All school organs shall maintain a column for El Niño/La Niña Information focused on the nature and mitigation of said phenomenon. Students' views and best practices shall be accepted/published;
- f. Topics on mitigating said weather disturbances shall be included in all PTA and school club meetings; and
- g. Other activities to be initiated by the schools are encouraged such as slogan making, poster making and essay writing contests, etc.

4. All teachers, whenever and wherever possible are requested to integrate in their lessons topics on El Niño and La Niña. Emphasis shall be on the nature, adverse effects and how each one can contribute in mitigating the effects of these weather disturbances. Information materials can be requested from local DENR, PAGASA Offices or from the internet.

5. There are 47 provinces identified by PAGASA to be vulnerable to El Niño/La Niña. These are:

**Luzon**

1. Ilocos Sur
2. Ilocos Norte
3. la Union
4. Pangasinan
5. Cagayan
6. Aurora
7. Bataan
8. Abra
9. Apayao
10. Benguet
11. Ifugao
12. Mountain Province
13. Isabela
14. Nueva Vizcaya
15. Quirino
16. Batangas
17. Laguna

18. Quezon
19. Nueva Ecija
20. Bulacan
21. Pampanga
22. Tarlac
23. Zambales
24. Cavite
25. Rizal
26. Occidental Mindoro
27. Palawan
28. Romblon
29. Sorsogon

**Visayas**

30. Capiz
31. Iloilo
32. Negros Occidental

33. Misamis Oriental
34. Aklan
35. Antique
36. Bohol
37. Samar

**Mindanao**

38. Sarangani
39. South Cotabato
40. Zamboanga del Norte
41. Zamboanga City
42. Zamboanga Sibugay
43. Zambaonga del Sur
44. Bukidnon
45. Davao Oriental
46. Davaol del Sur
47. Davao City

6. School/City Division Superintendents of the aforementioned divisions are hereby directed to submit consolidated and documented school reports on the conduct of the recommended activities not later than March 30, 2010 to:

**Hon. JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

Attention: **ANTONIO A. INOCENTES**  
Undersecretary  
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

7. Other School/City Division Superintendents are encouraged to conduct the recommended activities in preparation for any eventualities due to El Niño/La Niña. There is no substitute to sustained awareness and preparedness.

8. This Department, being a member of the Presidential Task Force to Mitigate the Effects of El Niño/La Niña Phenomenon shall monitor and report to the said Task Force the activities conducted in the school level.

9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.

  
**JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

Reference:  
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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