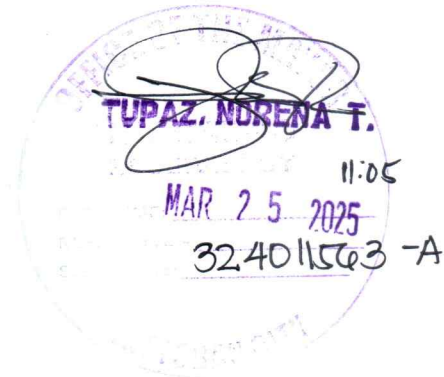




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Subject: Endorsement and Urgent Formulation of a Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan (CFCMP) for Tacloban City

Dear Mayor Romualdez,

Warm greetings!

Tacloban has made significant progress in building resilience, and we firmly believe that through unity and decisive action, we can realize a flood-resilient future. In line with this, we partnered with Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU) to convene the Flood Control & Mitigation Forum on March 7, 2025, bringing together key stakeholders to discuss sustainable flood mitigation strategies.

During this forum, representatives from the City Planning and Development Office and the City Engineer's Office presented ongoing flood control initiatives. However, it was concerning to learn that Tacloban City has yet to adopt a legally mandated Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan (CFCMP), a crucial blueprint for long-term flood mitigation.

Legal Basis for the CFCMP

The formulation of a Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan is not only a necessity but a legal obligation under the following national laws, policies, and directives:

1. **Republic Act No. 10121 (Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010)** – Mandates LGUs to develop disaster risk reduction and management plans, including flood control measures, to mitigate the impact of climate-induced disasters.
2. **Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991)** – Assigns LGUs the responsibility to implement local infrastructure projects, including flood control and drainage systems.

3. **Republic Act No. 9729 (Climate Change Act of 2009)** – Requires LGUs to integrate climate adaptation and flood mitigation measures into local development plans.
4. **DPWH Department Order No. 41, s. 2016** – Directs LGUs to integrate flood control master plans into their respective development plans, ensuring systematic and sustainable urban planning.
5. **DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-068** – Instructs LGUs to adopt science-based flood control and water management strategies in compliance with the National Climate Change Action Plan.

Endorsement of the CFCMP and Proposed Timeline

Recognizing the urgency of this matter, the participants of the forum—composed of government agencies, academic experts, civil society organizations, and professional engineers—have collectively signed a Manifesto endorsing the immediate formulation of the Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan for Tacloban City. We are attaching this signed Manifesto for your consideration and action.

To ensure an inclusive, transparent, and effective process, we propose the following timeline for the development and adoption of the CFCMP:

- **March-April 2025** – Creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of representatives from the LGU, DPWH, NEDA, DOST-PAGASA, EVSU, and other relevant agencies.
- **May-June 2025** – Conduct of public consultations and technical studies, including flood risk mapping, hydrological modeling, and infrastructure assessments.
- **July-August 2025** – Drafting of the CFCMP, incorporating stakeholder inputs and technical recommendations.
- **September 2025** – Presentation of the draft CFCMP in a public hearing for validation and further refinements.
- **October 2025** – Endorsement of the finalized CFCMP to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for adoption through a City Resolution.
- **November 2025** – Elevation of the adopted CFCMP to Congress and the Office of the President for national-level support and budget allocation.

Call for Immediate Action

To move forward with this initiative, we respectfully request:

1. The immediate formation of the Technical Working Group to spearhead the CFCMP formulation.
2. The scheduling of a public hearing where the EVSU Engineering Department and the Metro Tacloban Civil Engineers Association can present technical recommendations.
3. Formal adoption of the CFCMP through a City Resolution by October 2025.
4. Coordination with national agencies to secure funding and implementation support.

We firmly believe that with your leadership and the commitment of all stakeholders, Tacloban can serve as a model for climate resilience and flood mitigation. We remain eager to collaborate with your office to ensure the realization of this crucial initiative.

We look forward to your response and remain available for further discussions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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