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**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE MECHANISM DURING  
TYPHOONS AND OTHER NATURAL CALAMITIES**

For immediate compliance and guidance of all concerned, all Regional Directors are hereby directed to submit to the Office of the Secretary, this Department, copy furnished the Bureau of Maintenance, their situational reports during calamities on major/secondary national roads and bridges within their respective areas of jurisdiction, using the prescribed format (BOM Format 01) every six (6) hours, i.e., at 8 am, 2 pm, 8 pm and 2 am and shall contain the following information:

1. The name/location of the major road sections.
2. Situation of the affected major road section indicating whether passable or not passable.
3. Action taken on damaged sections (e.g. clearing, rehabilitation, restoration, etc.).
4. Preliminary cost estimate to repair/restore the damaged section.
5. Remarks, indicating whether the damaged section is open or not to all types of vehicle, detour routes available, and estimated time of repair, etc.

In the Central Office, the Bureau of Maintenance shall consolidate the situational reports coming from the Regional Offices and submit to the Office of the Secretary, copy furnished the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC, formerly NDCC) and the Presidential Management Staff (PMS).

Additionally, in order to effect timely and expeditious response during calamities, you are further directed to strictly observe the following guidelines in reporting damages to various infrastructure facilities, as follows:

1. 1. Reports on damages should be categorized into three (3)
  - a. Priority I - Involves immediate rehabilitation of collapsed bridges, cut road sections, breached seawalls and dikes to quickly restore mobility and ensure the safety of the affected areas.
  - b. Priority II - Involves ordinary repair works such as patching potholes, resurfacing of washed-out roads and slightly destroyed flood control structures.
  - c. Priority III - Involves minor repair work and/or improvement to prevent further deterioration such