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**ADVISORY**

**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, BARMM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : INCLUSION OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (ICCs/IPs) IN LGU PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANCE DURING THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

In accordance with Section 2(d) of Republic Act No. 8371 or the 'Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997': *"The State shall take measures, with the participation of the ICCs/IPs concerned, to protect their rights and guarantee respect for their cultural integrity, and to ensure that members of the ICCs/IPs benefit on an equal footing from the rights and opportunities which national laws and regulations grant to other members of the population."* Further, with the extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the protection of the rights of the ICCs/IPs is reiterated in this time of national health emergency.

Local government units (LGUs) are therefore advised to make sure that ICCs/IPs within their areas of jurisdiction are included in all the programs and assistance pertaining to the relief efforts of the National Government during the ECQ. Such programs and assistance shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) distribution of relief packs, (2) rendering of medical assistance, (3) arrangement for necessary transportation, (4) provision of a market for food and produce, in case the ICCs/IPs are farmers, fishermen, and the like; and (5) ensure the inclusion of qualified ICCs/IPs in the Social Amelioration Program of the DSWD.

Moreover, LGUs are reminded to abide by the issuances of the Department pertaining to the Unrestricted Movement of Food Supply and the Provision of Market for Municipal Fisherfolk and Small Farmers so as to guarantee that all farming and fishing activities continue for the sufficiency of food supply across the country.

All DILG Regional Directors and the BARMM Minister for Local Government are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Advisory.

For your strict compliance.

  
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Secretary



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