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**SUBJECT: Creation of the DPWH COVID-19  
Coordination Committee and its  
Technical Working Group (TWG)**

In order to institute direction and make decisive actions on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) response, the DPWH COVID-19 Coordination Committee is hereby created with the following composition:

**DPWH COVID-19 COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

Chairperson:

**Senior Undersecretary RAFAEL C. YABUT**  
Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Luzon,  
except NCR and Region IV-B

Vice-Chairperson:

**BGEN. JOHN DOMINIC P. PULIDO (Ret.)**  
Office of the Secretary

Members:

**Undersecretary ROBERTO R. BERNARDO**  
**Undersecretary MA. CATALINA E. CABRAL**  
**Undersecretary EMIL K. SADAIN**  
**Undersecretary DIMAS S. SOGUILON**  
**Assistant Secretary MARICHU A. PALAFOX**  
**Assistant Secretary MEL JOHN I. VERZOSA**

**DPWH COVID-19 COORDINATION COMMITTEE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP  
(TWG)**

Head:

**Director ERNESTO S. GREGORIO JR. (BOM)**

Members

**Director ARISTARCO M. DOROY (BOD)**  
**Director TORIBIO NOEL L. ILAO (BOE)**  
**Director ERIC A. AYAPANA (BOC)**  
**Director MA. NIEVA S. DELA PAZ (IMS)**  
**Director MICHAEL S. VILAFRANCA (HRAS)**  
**Director GENEVIEVE E. CUARESMA (FS)**  
**Director RODRIGO I. DELOS REYES (UPMO-BMC)**  
**Regional Director ADOR G. CANLAS (NCR)**  
**Mr. ANDRO V. SANTIAGO (President, DPWH-EU)**

The DPWH COVID-19 Coordination Committee is primarily tasked to perform the following:

- Implement in all DPWH offices the relevant guidelines issued by the respective Department Agencies and authorities; and extend full cooperation to the DOH and other government agencies to address the world health emergency;
- Set up a communication protocol and identify an official portal/platform for prompt dissemination of, and quick access to, relevant official information for all employees of the Department;
- Review regular status updates and situation reports from the Bureaus, Services, Regional Offices, District Engineering Offices and UPMOs, concerning confirmed COVID-19 cases, as well as those suspected of having contracted COVID-19 or Person Under Investigation (PUI) cases;
- Recommend appropriate measures on all relevant matters that may deem necessary in connection with the purpose; and
- Monitor the alternative work arrangements implemented by various offices during the Enhanced Community Quarantine period.

It shall also be the role of the said Committee to guide and strengthen the implementation of all programs, projects, and services in this Department, and to ensure tighter cooperation against the rapidly evolving outbreak of COVID-19. The committee may call on any employee of the Department to assist in the implementation of the directives herein provided.

This order shall take effect immediately.



**MARK A. VILLAR**

Secretary