



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. II**  
Series of 2026

### **ESTABLISHING THE PROVINCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD AND MISSING PERSONS CLUSTER**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local government units to exercise powers necessary for efficient and effective governance, including measures to promote the health and safety of their constituents;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health promulgated Administrative Order No. 2007-0018, which provides the National Policy on the Management of the Dead and Missing (MDM) Persons During Emergencies and Disasters;

**WHEREAS**, to institutionalize the MDM by all concerned agencies and stakeholders during emergencies and disasters, providing policies, standards, guidelines, systems, and procedures, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council promulgated Memorandum Circular No. 19, s. 2016;

**WHEREAS**, to guide the systematized operationalization of the MDM operations, the Department of Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2026-003;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Isabela was cited by the Office of Civil Defense in 2025 for its remarkable disaster resilience, having effectively managed the impacts of the nation's disaster challenges that affected the province;

**WHEREAS**, to further strengthen the emergency and disaster preparedness and response, there is a need to establish a functional MDM Cluster in the province;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Creation of Provincial MDM Cluster.** A Provincial MDM Cluster is hereby created, which shall recommend/enhance local systems and procedures to strengthen coordination and collaboration between and among partner agencies, stakeholders, and concerned entities involved in disaster preparedness and response, and ensure timely and well-coordinated actions, including resource-sharing mechanisms.

**Section 2. Composition.** The Provincial MDM Cluster shall have the following sub-clusters to be composed of the following:

**Provincial MDM Lead Convenor** : **ATTY. CONSTANTE A. FORONDA**  
Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction &  
Management Officer

**Disaster Victim Identification** : **DR. NELSON O. PAGUIRIGAN**  
Provincial Health Officer II

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**SA CHRISTOPHER B. MESA**

Director, National Bureau of Investigation -  
Isabela District Office

**Final Disposition/Arrangement of  
the Dead** : **ATTY. CHRISTOPHER A. MAMAUAG**  
Provincial Administrator

**MR. RODRIGO T. SAWIT**  
Provincial General Services Officer

**FSUPT ERWIN L. CASIL**  
Acting Provincial Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire  
Protection – Isabela

**Management of Missing Persons** : **PCOL MANUEL B. BRINGAS**  
Acting Provincial Director, Isabela Police  
Provincial Office

**Management of Bereaved Families** : **MS. GINA G. RIVERO**  
Provincial Social Welfare & Development  
Officer

The Provincial MDM Cluster may expand or modify its composition, as necessary, depending on the gravity and complexity of the situation.

**Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities.** The Provincial MDM Cluster shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- (a) To serve as the primary coordination body for cities and municipalities, and shall provide technical, logistical, and manpower support when local capabilities are exceeded;
- (b) To augment additional MDM teams/resources to affected areas as needed;
- (c) To deploy MDM team/s to assist affected areas, who shall check in at the Incident Command Post on the ground;
- (d) To collaborate with the Local Search and Rescue Cluster to ensure cohesive retrieval operations, especially in the proper documentation process;
- (e) To ensure compliance with the reporting protocols and requirements; and
- (f) To perform other functions and responsibilities as may be necessary under the circumstances.

**Section 4. Activation of the Provincial MDM Cluster.** The Provincial MDM Cluster shall be activated if one (1) or more of the following triggers are met:

- (a) Request for augmentation directed to the Provincial MDM Cluster;
- (b) If two (2) or more City/Municipality MDM Clusters in the province are activated; and
- (c) When directed by the Governor.

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**Section 5. Deactivation of the Provincial MDM Cluster.**

- (a) The Provincial MDM Cluster shall be deactivated once all individuals reported as dead or missing have been properly verified, validated, and reflected in the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Council (PDRRMC) situational reports;
- (b) The Provincial MDM Cluster may also be deactivated by sub-cluster, provided the sub-cluster has complied with all the required reports;
- (c) In cases where reports require judicial procedures and may involve prolonged processing, the Provincial MDM Cluster may be placed on standby and shall be reactivated once updates on the process become available;
- (d) The PDRRMC may recommend deactivation, ensuring that lower levels of response or other emergencies can manage ongoing recovery efforts; and
- (e) When directed by the Provincial MDM Lead Convenor.

**Section 6. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing thereof and will continue to take effect until amended or revoked.

Let copies hereof be furnished to all concerned for their reference.

Issued this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
Governor