


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**AN ACT INCLUDING RESPONSIVE, EMPOWERED AND SERVICE-CENTERED YOUTH IN THE  
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL IN ALL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE  
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Our beloved country is one of the most vulnerable nations to the threat of climate change.

In the past years, the Philippines has experienced a consistent battery of alarming natural calamities. In 2013, Typhoon Yolanda or Haiyan, the deadliest typhoon in our history, affected over 14 million people and took over 6,000 lives.

While the Philippines has been on the receiving end of countless disasters, our resilience and spirit of volunteerism has become a source of comfort and inspiration.

In trying times, the youth sector serves as a beacon of hope and catalyst of action. Schools become depositories of donations and efficient centers for packing and deployment of relief goods, never running out of willing volunteers.

Others are volunteer firefighters, first responders and peacekeepers in their respective localities, like the Rescue Assistance Peacekeeping Intelligence Detail (RAPID) of Cebu City and the Ormoc City-based Hayag Youth Organization.

RAPID has vast experience in relief and rescue operation. They were one of the first responders in Tacloban City after the onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda. They also helped rescue passengers of a passenger vessel that collided with a cargo ship in Cebu in August 2013.

Hayag, for its part, has been teaching swimming, disaster preparedness, first aid and open water safety training to youth. They have successfully taught their members when no one among them had a major accident when Typhoon Yolanda hit Ormoc City.

With impending disasters in the country's future, it is important to move from post-disaster relief to proactive disaster preparedness. And as the nation moves in this direction, it is important to include young Filipinos in this evolving discussion.

The Responsive, Empowered and Service-Centric Youth (RESCYouth) Act proposes to include the Filipino youth in the nation's disaster risk reduction policy body to recognize their role in DRRM and empower them with information and skills to help communities in times of crisis.

The measure seeks to have the National Youth Commission (NYC) Chairman be included in the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) to voice out the concerns and proposals of the Filipino youth on disaster prevention, promotion, education, rescue, and rehabilitation, among others.

There is nothing to lose, but so much to gain from engaging the youth in our quest to build a Philippines that is capable of efficiently responding to natural calamities and able to reduce its negative impact on society.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bam Aquino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV**



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2 **(RR) "YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE" – REFERS TO A MEMBER OF A YOUTH**  
3 **ORGANIZATION WITH KEY FOCUS IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND**  
4 **MANAGEMENT. "**

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6 **SEC. 3.** Section 5 of RA No. 10121 is hereby amended as follows:

7 "Section 5. *National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management*  
8 *Council.* - The present National Disaster Coordinating Council or NDCC shall  
9 henceforth be known as the National Disaster Risk Reduction and  
10 Management Council, hereinafter referred to as the NDRRMC or the National  
11 Council.

12 The National Council shall be headed by the Secretary of the  
13 Department of National Defense (DND) as Chairperson with the Secretary of  
14 the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as Vice  
15 Chairperson for Disaster Preparedness, the Secretary of the Department of  
16 Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster  
17 Response, the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology  
18 (DOST) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, and the  
19 Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority  
20 (NEDA) as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery.

21 The National Council's members shall be the following:

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23 (v) Commissioner of the National Anti-Poverty Commission-Victims of  
24 Disasters and Calamities Sector (NAPCVDC);

25 **(W) CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION (NYC);**

26 [(w)] **(X) Chairperson, National Commission on the Role of Filipino**  
27 **Women;"**

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29 **SEC. 4.** Section 7 of RA No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:



1 (a) Composition: The LDRRMC shall be composed of, but not limited  
2 to, the following:

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4 (15) The President of the Association of Barangay Captains  
5 (ABC), member;

6 (16) A LOCAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE AS MAY BE  
7 DETERMINED BY THE LGU, IN CONSONANCE WITH THE  
8 GUIDELINES ISSUED BY NYC, OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE (OCD),  
9 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENT (DILG);

11 [(16)] (17) The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), member;

12 [(17)] (18) Four (4) accredited CSOs, members; and

13 [(18)] (19) One (1) private sector representative, member.”

14 **SEC. 7.** Section 12 of RA No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 “Section 12. *Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office*  
16 *(LDRRMO)*. - (a) There shall be established an LDRRMO in every province, city  
17 and municipality, and a Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management  
18 Committee (BDRRMC) in every barangay which shall be responsible for  
19 setting the direction, development, implementation and coordination of  
20 disaster risk **TRAINING AND** management programs within their territorial  
21 jurisdiction.

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23 (b) The provincial, city and municipal DRRMOs or BDRRMCs shall  
24 perform the following functions with impartiality given the  
25 emerging challenges brought by disasters of our times:

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27 (8) Conduct continuous disaster monitoring and mobilize  
28 instrumentalities and entities of the LGUs, CSOs, private  
29 groups and organized volunteers, **INCLUDING YOUTH**



1 responsibility for the enhancement, welfare and protection of volunteers,  
2 and shall submit the list of volunteers to the OCD, through the LDRRMOs, for  
3 accreditation and inclusion in the database of community disaster  
4 volunteers.

5 A national roster of ACDVs, National Service Reserve Corps, CSOs,  
6 **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**, and the private sector shall be maintained by the  
7 OCD through the LDRRMOs. Accreditation shall be done at the municipal or  
8 city level.

9 **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION**  
10 **REGISTRATION PROGRAM (YORP) OF THE NYC, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT**  
11 **HAVE RECEIVED BASIC TRAINING AND SPECIALIZE IN DISASTER RISK**  
12 **REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT, SHALL BE TAPPED BY THE NDRRMC TO**  
13 **ASSIST IN PREPARING FOR, RESPONDING TO, AND RECOVERING FROM**  
14 **DISASTERS. NYC SHALL PROVIDE NDRRMC A LIST OF ALL YOUTH**  
15 **ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT.**  
16 **PROVIDED, THAT NDRMMC IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM TAPPING HIGHER**  
17 **EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS) AND TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL**  
18 **INSTITUTIONS (TVIS) THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING**  
19 **PROGRAM (NSTP) AND NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS (NSRC).**

20 Mobilization of volunteers shall be in accordance with the guidelines  
21 to be formulated by the NDRRMC consistent with the provisions of this Act.  
22 Any volunteer who incurs death or injury while engaged in any of the  
23 activities defined under this Act shall be entitled to compensatory benefits  
24 and individual personnel accident insurance as may be defined under the  
25 guidelines.”

26 **SEC. 9.** Section 14 of RA No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 *“Section 14. Integration of Disaster Risk Reduction Education into the*  
28 *School Curricula and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Program and Mandatory*  
29 *Training for the Public Sector Employees. - The DepED, the CHED, the*  
30 *Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in*  
31 *coordination with the OCD, the National Youth Commission (NYC), the DOST,*  
32 *the DENR, the DILG-BFP, the DOH, the DSWD and other relevant agencies,*  
33 *shall integrate disaster risk reduction and management education in the*  
34 *school curricula of secondary and tertiary level of education, including the*  
35 *National Service Training Program (NSTP), whether private or public,*



1 including formal and non-formal, technical-vocational, indigenous learning,  
2 and out-of-school youth courses and programs.

3 The NDRRMC, the RDRRMCs, the LDRRMCs, the LDRRMOs, the  
4 BDRRMCs the SK councils, **AND THE BARANGAY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**,  
5 shall **ENSURE** [encourage] community, specifically the youth, participation in  
6 disaster risk reduction and management activities, such as organizing quick  
7 response groups, particularly in identified disaster-prone areas, as well as the  
8 inclusion of disaster risk reduction and management programs as part of the  
9 SK programs and projects.

10 The public sector employees shall be trained in emergency response  
11 and preparedness. The training is mandatory for such employees to comply  
12 with the provisions of this Act.”

13 **SEC. 10.** Section 15 of RA No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 “Section 15. *Coordination During Emergencies.* - The LDRRMCs shall  
15 take the lead in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the effects  
16 of any disaster based on the following criteria:

17 (a) The BDC, if a barangay is affected;

18 (b) The city/municipal DRRMCs, if two (2) or more barangays  
19 are affected;

20 (c) The provincial DRRMC, if two (2) or more  
21 cities/municipalities are affected;

22 (d) The regional DRRMC, if two (2) or more provinces are  
23 affected; and

24 (e) The NDRRMC, if two (2) or more regions are affected.

25 The NDRRMC and intermediary LDRRMCs shall always act as support  
26 to LGUs which have the primary responsibility as first disaster responders.  
27 Private sector and civil society groups, **INCLUDING YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**,  
28 shall work in accordance with the coordination mechanism and policies set  
29 by the NDRRMC and concerned LDRRMCs.”

30 **SEC. 11.** Section 21 of RA No. 10121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

