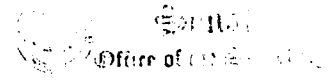


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RESOLUTION
URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE DAVAO DE
ORO LANDSLIDE INCIDENT

WHEREAS, rains have battered Davao de Oro in recent weeks, triggering floods and landslides;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, a landslide near a gold mining site in Barangay Masara, Maco, Davao De Oro buried homes and also trapped three buses and a jeep intended to transport employees of Apex Mining Corporation;

WHEREAS, as of the morning of February 13, 2024, the disaster has claimed over 68 lives, injured at least 32, and left 51 people missing;

WHEREAS, the landslide site has earlier been declared a "no-build zone" by the local government. According to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) - Region 11, the soil in the area was weak and lies along the Philippine fault;

WHEREAS, in 2007, a landslide happened in the same area, followed by another in 2008. In 2011 and 2014, a geohazard mapping was conducted in the area, revealing its susceptibility to landslides. MGB-11 Chief Geologist Capter Tubo disclosed that they recommended the relocation of Barangay Masara;

WHEREAS, despite being declared as a "no-build zone" area, the previous instances of landslides in the same area, the clear recommendation for relocation, and the geohazard mapping that tagged the area as prone to landslide, the area remains inhabited and the mining company continued its operations;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (Republic Act No. 10121) mandates the implementation of measures to reduce disaster

risk and enhance disaster preparedness and response, which includes the use of geo-hazard maps in identifying areas prone to geological hazards;

WHEREAS, there is a need to evaluate the compliance of relevant government agencies and stakeholders with the provisions of the law in disaster risk reduction and management efforts to identify the gaps in existing disaster preparedness and response mechanisms, particularly in high-risk areas such as Davao de Oro;

WHEREAS, although national agencies responsible for safety and safeguarding life and property maintain accountability, there is a need to assess the response appropriateness and capacity of the local governments with direct jurisdiction to the affected areas;

WHEREAS, climate adaptation and disaster preparedness and management must be adopted in all governance and development processes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO STRONGLY URGE THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE DAVAO DE ORO LANDSLIDE INCIDENT.

Adopted.


LOREN LEGARDA