



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH STEERING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01-2019

FOR : The Heads of Departments, Agencies, Bureaus, Offices and Instrumentalities of the National Government, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations, Government Financing Institutions, State Universities and Colleges, Local Government Units, Legislative Offices, the Judiciary and the Private Sector

SUBJECT : Celebration of the National Volunteer Month (NVM) in December 2019

DATE : 30 September 2019

I. Rationale

The Philippine Government gives paramount importance to people's participation as prime movers of development. To achieve the Filipino vision of a *"matatag, maginhawa at panatag na buhay"*, citizens need to work hand-in-hand with the duty bearers to plan, manage and sustain development activities that will create lasting impact in the life of the Filipinos. Volunteerism is one of the time-tested Filipino values that invokes the spirit of *"bayanihan"* and harnesses citizen engagement for development and nation-building.

In recognition of the dedicated service of Filipino volunteers, the month of December was declared as the National Volunteer Month (NVM) per Presidential Proclamation No. 55, series of 1998.

II. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all government institutions including national government agencies (NGAs), local government units (LGUs), government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financing institutions (GFIs), legislative offices, the judiciary, the academe, the private sector, and international organizations to celebrate NVM 2019 and together, promote volunteerism as a way of life.

III. Objectives

The NVM celebration aims to:

- Build nationwide public awareness and appreciation of volunteerism and the role it plays in social, economic and political development of the country.
- Create the environment for bolstering voluntary action in development.
- Recognize the noble acts of volunteerism by individuals, families, institutions and communities as vital partners in economic and community development.

IV. Theme

The theme for NVM 2019 celebration is ***"Be an Inspiration, Volunteer!"*** to emphasize the important role of volunteers as motivators, enablers and leaders in development activities and how volunteer actions touch the lives of individuals and communities to inspire them to actively contribute and participate in volunteerism for development.

V. Suggested Activities

1. *Advocacy.*

Raise awareness on volunteerism as a tool for national development and promote the celebration of NVM 2019 through information dissemination activities, which include but not limited to sharing and publication of NVM advocacy materials in various media platforms such as print, broadcast, film, social media, public forums, and in respective institution's public information facilities.

National Government Agencies, Legislative Offices, and the Judiciary are requested to route this Memorandum Circular to their attached agencies, regional, provincial, municipal, and area offices. Non-government organizations and corporate institutions are requested to disseminate the information to their member and partner organizations.

2. *Volunteer Services.*

Organize or participate in volunteering services and activities such as bloodletting, medical mission, feeding program, tutorial sessions, visits to residential and care centers for the elderly, children, prisoners and persons with disabilities, coastal clean-up, tree-planting, disaster risk reduction and management activities, etc. These activities may be done throughout the year as part of the build-up campaign for NVM.

3. *Volunteer Events.*

Conduct activities to bring together volunteers and the public for learning sessions, information sharing, and to facilitate networking and linkage between and among volunteers and volunteer groups/organizations.

4. *Volunteer Awards.*

Recognize volunteers to show appreciation of their role and contributions as partners in development.

VI. Focal Agency

The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), an attached agency of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), spearheads the celebration of the NVM 2019.

VII. Coordination of Activities at the National Level

PNVSCA is assisted by the National Volunteer Month Steering Committee (NVM-SC) in planning, advocacy, and conduct of NVM events and activities. The NVM-SC is composed of the following:

Chair	National Economic and Development Authority
Co-Chairs	Department of Foreign Affairs Department of the Interior and Local Government
Vice Chair	Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency
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National Youth Commission
Philippine Information Agency
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
University of the Philippines
Filipino UNV Association
International Association for Volunteer Effort-Philippines
BPI Foundation, Inc.
United Nations Volunteers/United Nations Development Programme
United States Peace Corps.

VIII. Coordination of Activities at the Regional Level

The NVM Regional Steering Committees chaired by the NEDA Regional Offices (NROs) and the Regional Planning and Development Office of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (RPDO-BARMM) spearhead the celebration of NVM 2019 in the region.

Participating institutions in the regions are enjoined to coordinate with the NROs and the RPDO-ARMM.

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IX. Submission and Sharing of Activities

Participating institutions are requested to accomplish the NVM PARTICIPATION FORM and submit this to PNVSCA for purposes of documentation and information sharing on NVM activities for 2019.

Please submit the accomplished form to:

The Executive Director
PNVSCA
Sugar Center Building, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

For further information, please visit www.pnvsc.gov.ph and www.facebook.com/PNVSCA or contact the NVM Secretariat c/o Ms. Arianne Maghanoy or Ms. Tricia Ayala at telephone nos: (02) 247 7934 or e-mail info@pnvsc.gov.ph.



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