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**CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR  
EARTHQUAKE RESILIENCY IN QUEZON CITY**

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government is committed to strengthen the City's resilience against earthquakes to ensure public safety, government and business continuity and security of the people;

WHEREAS, the Valley Fault System, consisting of the West and East Valley Faults, poses a tremendous threat of a potentially catastrophic earthquake;

WHEREAS, in view of the magnitude of this potential devastation and its repercussions, there is an urgent need to enhance the resiliency of the City;

WHEREAS, addressing the foregoing urgent need calls for an innovative approach that it is necessary to sustain the gains from the positive effects and lessons learned from disaster risk reduction (DRR) initiatives by different stakeholders;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a group who shall create policy framework protocols and to prepare for and respond to earthquakes and to pass immediate and long-term measures to reduce risks and vulnerabilities of communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the power, vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) to create policy framework protocols and to prepare for and respond to major earthquakes.

**SECTION 1. CREATION and COMPOSITION.** The Quezon City Earthquake Resiliency Technical Working Group is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Secretary to the Mayor/Officer-in-Charge, QC Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office
Vice Chairperson	:	City Administrator
Members	:	Chairman, City Council Committee on Public Order and Security
		Chairman, City Council Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction
		Head, City Engineering Department
		Head, City Health Department

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Directors of the Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH),  
Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) and Rosario Maclang  
Bautista General Hospital (RMBGH)

Head, Social Services Development Department

Head, City Veterinary Department

Head, City Planning and Development Department

Head, Department of Public Order and Safety

Head, Housing, Community Development and Resettlement  
Department

Head, Public Affairs and Information Services Department

Head, Quezon City Fire District

Head, Quezon City Police District

Head, Quezon City Citizen Services Department

Head, Transport and Traffic Management Department

Head, Barangay and Community Relations Department

Head, Department of Building Official

Head, City General Services Department

Head, Climate Change and Environment Sustainability  
Department

President, Liga ng mga Barangay

Representative from the Department of Public Works  
and Highways

Representative from the Philippine Institute of  
Volcanology and Seismology

Representative from the Department of Science  
and Technology

Representative from the Department of National Defense

Representative from the U.P. Resiliency Institute

**SECTION 2. MANDATE OF THE TWG.** The Technical Working Group for  
Earthquake Resiliency in the City shall have the following mandate:

1. Integrate all efforts of the City Government to enhance the resiliency of the City  
and its constituents against earthquakes;

2. Undertake all necessary action to fast-track the implementation of urgently-needed interventions, including the action points of the national government's program on Earthquake Resiliency;
3. Collaborate closely with the relevant departments and agencies and the barangays in undertaking the above-stated mandates; and
4. Make and formulate a disaster risk reduction plan.

**SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIT.** The TWG on Earthquake Resiliency shall be the primary body responsible for spearheading, orchestrating and integrating all efforts aimed at enhancing the resiliency of the City in preparation for major earthquakes. In line with this, the TWG shall perform the following functions:

1. Formulate policy framework protocols which shall be anchored on the specific needs in all areas in the City;
2. Formulate policy framework protocols which shall ensure availability and adequacy of key lifelines that can be mobilized immediately after a major earthquake such as but not limited to the following:
  - a. Basic needs and utilities (i.e. water, food, electric supply, and medical services) which must be pre-positioned adequately and strategically in every community;
  - b. Effective response mechanisms (i.e. command control and communications, search, rescue and management of dead bodies, fire protection, law and order, transport and mobility) to be provided by well-trained personnel with necessary competencies, resources and technologies.
3. Review, audit, monitor and provide feedback on the implementation of the earthquake resiliency plans and investment programs of the City;
4. Facilitate the development and conduct of advocacy and communication programs, drills exercises to promote preparedness and resiliency on the household and barangay levels;
5. Develop work programs and projects relevant to the program;
6. Seek ways and means on mobilizing resources in order to implement the program;
7. Perform other responsibilities that may be assigned by the Office of the City Mayor and/or the Vice Chairperson/s.

**SECTION 4. SECRETARIAT.** The Earthquake Resiliency TWG shall have the QCDDRRMO as the Secretariat who shall perform the following functions:

1. Responsible for the issuance of notices of meetings regular or special;
2. Laying out of the logistical requirements of the meetings;
3. Take down and record minutes of the meeting;

4. Coordinate with member agencies on schedule of team field visits the different departments;
5. Consolidate quarterly reports of the TWG members; and
6. Submit final and approved accomplishment reports to the City Mayor and other concerned government offices when needed.

**SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All orders or issuances not consistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. DISSEMINATION.** Pursuant to Section 455 no. (1) Paragraph (xii) of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, a copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for their information and guidance

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY** - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 27 March 2023, Quezon City

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor