D.R.R.M. BASIC INTEGRATION

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School administrators together with the teachers and other stakeholders of the school must get the students ready at all times – especially on such events like earthquake, fire, flashflood, and even bomb threats.

It is not advisable that only the older people in the schools – the administrative staff, teachers, the maintenance, or the guards, are the only one who knows the standards operating procedure of the the disaster risk and reduction management plan of the school.

The idea of GMA 7’s #IAmReady transmit a message that everybody is affected by these calamities. Equipping the stakeholders the basic DRRM Plan and Procedure will greatly increase the effectiveness of the plan – that is, less to no casualties at all.

In a DRRM integration, the students must be aware of the objective of the lesson. There may be different exit areas that must be clear to the students’ mind. If confusion is present, and the real event occurs, the protocol may not be followed.

The misunderstanding on protocol is a dangerous thing to occur. Instead of dealing with confusion, teachers must organize small and big group lecture and training for the students. More so, in big groups, authorities concerned must present a demonstration.

On the same hand, schools regularly conduct fire drills in coordination with various agencies – the barangay tanod or peacemakers, the local police station, the medical team from the municipality or district if ever available, and the fire department,
as well as other agencies concerned. In the classroom setting, before the mock fire or earthquake drill, teachers must properly addressed the students what they need to do.

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