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Dear Mr. Ocumen:

This refers to your letter requesting for legal opinion on the query which we hereunder quoted, viz:

1. Whether or not the 30% Quick Response Fund (QFR) of the calamity fund last year (2010) which is not utilized and is now deposited in a trust fund, be utilized to augment the current 30% QFR of the calamity fund to respond on rehabilitation project on infrastructure damaged by the past two typhoons Pedring and Quiel?

Before dwelling on the issue, may we first invite your attention to the provision of the **R.A. 10121 otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010**, to wit;

**Section 22. National Disaster Risk" Reduction and Management Fund.** - (a) The present Calamity Fund appropriated under the annual General Appropriations Act shall henceforth be known as the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRM Fund) and it shall be used for disaster risk reduction or mitigation, prevention and preparedness activities such as but not limited to training of personnel, procurement of equipment, and capital expenditures. It can also be utilized for relief, recovery, reconstruction and other work or services in connection with natural or human induced calamities which may occur during the budget year or those that occurred in the past two (2) years from the budget year.

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(c) Of the amount appropriated for the NDRRM Fund, thirty percent (30%) shall be allocated as Quick Response Fund (QRF) or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs in order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible.

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Also, we would like you to consider the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulation of R.A. 10121, to wit: