

## DRRM Office Now Called 'Aksyon Tabang'

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (Aug. 26)&ndash; Gov. Antonio Del Rosario said that the renaming of Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office into 'Aksyon Tabang' will give Capiceños easy reference and recall on where to go during emergencies.

'Aksyon Tabang,' a local dialect for help center, will also be established at Barangay Bailan in Pontevedra town as well as in Sigma town which will be led by technical advisers on disaster preparedness former Panit-an town councilor Ernesto Bitoon and former Capiz 2nd District Board Member Baden Cantiller, respectively.

Provincial DRRM officer Esperedion Pelaez will supervise the two new upcoming DRRM extension offices.

'People can expect fast response from our emergency responders during floods, typhoons, fires and other disasters,' Del Rosario stressed during a recent media interaction at the Provincial Capitol here.

The provincial executive added that speedboats, chainsaws and other emergency equipment will be purchased for utilization of the 'disaster' offices.

Del Rosario added that the soon to be operational Aksyon Tabang in Bailan and Sigma will have ambulance units.

The disaster response of the provincial government boasts of its Capiz Emergency Response Team (CERT) which operates on a 24/7 daily basis to accommodate medical emergency concerns and respond to road accidents and other calamities that need immediate and appropriate actions.

CERT has been a National Gawad Kalasag 2015 awardee for Best Government Emergency Manage Service (GEMS) Basic Search and Rescue Category.