



DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 068

**CREATING AN INTER-SECTORAL TEAM TO CONDUCT
VALIDATION OF READINESS OF LOCAL TOURISM DESTINATIONS**

In the exigency of the service and consistent with Department Order No. 2020-050 that created the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development, an inter-sectoral team within the Department is hereby created to do the following tasks:

1. Conduct site validation and inspection on the compliance with issued guidelines of the Department on the opening of local tourism destinations and establishments;
2. Dialogue with the Local Government and the Private Stakeholders in the identified tourism destination for improvement of compliance with issued guidelines of the Department and to explore areas of assistance; and
3. Submit to the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development not later than three (3) days from completion of their site visit their report on validation activities.

The unit shall be composed of the following:

1. The Regional Director and or his representative who has jurisdiction over the identified destination
2. Two representatives from the Central Offices of the Tourism Regulation, Coordination and Resource Generation (OTSR and OIMD)
3. Two representatives from the Office of Product and Marketing Development (OPMD)
4. Two representatives from the Tourism Promotions Board (TPB)
5. Two representatives from the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy (OPAA)
6. Representatives from the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development

In destinations where diving is identified as an existing product, the Philippine Commission on Sports and Scuba Diving (PCSSD) shall designate representatives from their end to join any scheduled ocular inspection and site validation.

The respective Heads of the aforementioned Offices shall designate their respective representatives to the unit, who shall act as such in addition to their respective existing duties and responsibilities. The representatives from the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development shall be designated by the Chairperson.

The Inter-Sectoral Site Validation Team shall be immediately constituted upon issuance of this order. All necessary expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the site validation and inspection shall be charged against the existing funds of the respective sector and offices, except for the PCSSD and the Task Force Representatives whose expenses shall be charged against the budget of the Office of the Product and Market Development, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Office Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

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Secretary



CRITERIA FOR ASSESMENT OF DESTINATION PREPAREDNESS

NAME OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: _____ REGION: _____

NAME OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE: _____

CRITERIA	KEY QUESTIONS/INDICATORS	REMARKS
<i>Contribution of Destination to Economy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the record of the destination's contribution to the local and national economy in 2018 and 2019? How many visitors were recorded in 2018 and 2019?- How many are the displaced workers in the formal and informal tourism workers?	
<i>Low or No COVID cases</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the current community quarantine classification of the destination?- What are the number of active/asymptomatic/mild/recovered cases?- What is the R value in the destination?	

<p><i>Presence of International Gateway and Domestic Airports</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindly identify the gateway and whether it is being serviced by an international airport with international routes or a Domestic Airport. 	
<p><i>Availability of health facilities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the Local Destination have access to an RT PCR Test Center, if yes, please name of location. - What are the current percentages of availability of the ICU beds/isolation beds/ward beds/ventilators in the destination. 	
<p><i>Health and Hygiene Protocols in place</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the health and hygiene protocols being observed in the destination? <u>Please refer to the DOT Monitoring Checklist for specific tourism enterprises.</u> - How are these protocols being enforced and monitored? Is there a local ordinance? - What are the travel requirements if any for visitors/tourists? - What are the border control measures (checkpoints on the way, entry points, etc.)? - Is there a system in place for contact tracing (ex. VISITA app, online registration, safe pass etc.) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are tourism establishments equipped with digital platforms for document completion and transactions? (digital health declaration forms, electronic transactions for gcash, paymaya, digital menus for food)? If yes, please describe. - Does the LGU have a Response Mechanism/Plan should any person/visitor is determined as a positive case in the course of his visit? Kindly describe. 	
<p><i>The openness of LGUs and Host Communities to accept and host visitors</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has the destination opened its tourism sites? - What are the travel requirements being imposed if any by the LGUs? - How dependent is the LGU to tourism and its ancilliary services? - How many accredited primary and secondary enterprises are there in the LGUs? - How many accredited accommodation enterprises were issued with Certificate of Authority to operate? - How many community-based tourism organizations, are there if any in the LGU ? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the tourism receipt contribution to the LGU?- Political profiling of the Local Chief Executives- Determine the level of influence of the Local Chief Executive in the community.	
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