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I am Anna-Lisa Dumaguing-Orallo from Marikina City, Philippines, and I'm here representing the Office of Civil Defense (OCD). I have been with the OCD for the past 12 years, and I am currently serving as the Deputy Chief of the Report Development Section in the Operations Division. As a Deputy Chief, I am tasked with assisting the Section Chief in the preparation of situational and final reports on major disasters managed by the office. I also prepare daily situational reports on natural and human-induced incidents, and prepare and send alert notices/advisories to the OCD Regional Offices and the Local Government Units on any impending situation that may affect those areas, all for the purpose of effectively managing the impacts of a disaster.

The OCD serves as the operating arm and secretariat of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), formerly known as the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC). Its primary task is to coordinate the activities and functions of various government agencies, private institutions, and civic organizations for the protection and preservation of life and property during emergencies. The office executes and monitors the implementation of NDRRMC policies and programs, and provides secretariat services to the NDRRMC. The OCD's mission is to administer a comprehensive national civil defense and civil assistance program by providing leadership to communities in the continuous development of measures to reduce disaster risks, and by managing the consequences of disasters.

Japan's disaster risk reduction plans and programs for building resilient communities provide helpful examples of how government can be involved in recovery and development efforts. They provide models for preparedness and discipline that developing countries can adopt and put into action in their own situations and localities. The ADRC Visiting Researcher (VR) Program is a great opportunity for conducting research on disaster management. It is my honor and privilege to be part of the VR program, and I look forward being able to learn more about the disaster risk reduction and management approaches adopted by Japan and other ADRC member countries.