

DSWD DROMIC Report #1 on the Armed Conflict in the Province of Masbate

as of 27 March 2023, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 21 March 2023 at around 10:20 AM, an armed conflict transpired between the Philippine Army and the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) in Brgy. Villahermosa, Cawayan, Masbate. The incident happened in the vicinity of Villahermosa National High School which caused disturbance among the students and teachers. Another armed conflict also occurred in Brgy. Locso-an, Placer, Masbate on 22 March 2023 at around 7:15 AM. On the same day at around 10:40 AM, a sudden explosion occurred in the area resulting to the displacement of families and individuals in the neighboring municipalities.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) V

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **1,147 families** or **5,735 persons** are affected in **three (3) barangays** in the **Province of Masbate** (see Table 1).

Table 1. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	3	1,147	5,735
REGION V	3	1,147	5,735
Masbate	3	1,147	5,735
<i>Cawayan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>1,600</i>
<i>Dimasalang</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>1,995</i>
<i>Placer</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>428</i>	<i>2,140</i>

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation being conducted.

Source: DSWD FO V

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱1,007,249.52** worth of assistance was provided by **DSWD** to the affected families (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cost of Assistance Provided to Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
GRAND TOTAL	1,007,249.52	-	-	-	1,007,249.52
REGION V	1,007,249.52	-	-	-	1,007,249.52
Masbate	1,007,249.52	-	-	-	1,007,249.52
<i>Cawayan</i>	<i>281,011.20</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>281,011.20</i>
<i>Dimasalang</i>	<i>350,385.84</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>350,385.84</i>
<i>Placer</i>	<i>375,852.48</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>375,852.48</i>

Note: The reflected DSWD assistance only covers the cost of relief items distributed to different affected areas.

Source: DSWD FO V

IV. Response Actions and Interventions

a. Standby Funds and Prepositioned Relief Stockpile

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS	STOCKPILE			TOTAL STANDBY FUNDS & STOCKPILE
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS (FFPs)		OTHER FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST		
TOTAL	676,308,304.88	125,345	95,202,951.90	329,337,655.61	1,100,848,912.39
DSWD CO	671,308,304.88	-	-	-	671,308,304.88
NRLMB NROC	-	23,426	16,563,644.96	271,494,887.42	288,058,532.38
NRLMB VDRC	-	47,701	41,889,110.16	19,228,773.63	61,117,883.79
DSWD FO V	5,000,000.00	54,218	36,750,196.78	38,613,994.56	80,364,191.34

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 27 March 2022, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱671.31 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5 million available at DSWD FO V.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 71,127 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 23,426 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 47,701 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 54,218 FFPs available at DSWD FO V.
- ₱329.34 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO V warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
27 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V provided FFPs to the families affected by the armed conflict.

c. Internally Displaced Person (IDP) Protection

DATE	ACTIVITIES
27 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V coordinated with the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO) and Municipal Health Office (MHO) of the LGU of Cawayan, Masbate for the conduct of stress debriefing activity to the affected students.

d. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
27 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V through its Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Team in Masbate closely coordinates with the Municipal Action Teams (MATs), LSWDOs, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRMOs), and Philippine National Police (PNP) for updates on the situation and immediate response to the needs of the affected families.

The Disaster Response Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) of DSWD-DRMB is closely coordinating with DSWD FO V for significant disaster response updates and assistance provided.

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