

DSWD DROMIC Report #2 on the Armed Conflict in the Province of Masbate

as of 29 March 2023, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 20 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 **1,160 families** or **5,248 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	1,160	5,248
REGION V	3	1,160	5,248
Masbate	3	1,160	5,248
<i>Cawayan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>1,052</i>
<i>Dimasalang</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>1,587</i>
<i>Placer</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>428</i>	<i>2,609</i>

Note: Decrease in the number of affected persons is based on the validated report submitted by DSWD FO V.

Source: DSWD FO V

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱1,018,665.60** 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				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	1,018,665.60	-	-	-	1,018,665.60
REGION V	1,018,665.60	-	-	-	1,018,665.60
Masbate	1,018,665.60	-	-	-	1,018,665.60
<i>Cawayan</i>	<i>287,158.32</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>287,158.32</i>
<i>Dimasalang</i>	<i>355,654.80</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>355,654.80</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	130,478	98,314,654.54	288,428,147.90	1,063,051,107.32
DSWD CO	671,308,304.88		-	-	671,308,304.88
NRLMB NROC	-	34,173	23,919,614.48	233,580,622.46	257,500,236.94
NRLMB VDRC	-	46,647	39,830,064.88	16,233,530.88	56,063,595.76
DSWD FO V	5,000,000.00	49,658	34,564,975.18	38,613,994.56	78,178,969.74

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 29 March 2023, 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

- 80,820 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 34,173 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 46,647 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 49,658 FFPs available at DSWD FO V.
- ₱288.43 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
29 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) to the affected families and learners was conducted in coordination with the LGUs and in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Army, and Philippine National Police (PNP).
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
29 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V Regional Director Norman S. Laurio visited the affected areas and had a meeting with the Philippine Army Joint Task Force

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	<p>Bicol Commander MGEN Adonis Bajao to plan for a unified response relative to the armed conflict in the Province of Masbate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Team Leader in Masbate, Laramie M. Ocharan, attended the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) Full Council Meeting to discuss readiness of DSWD to respond to the needs of the affected families.
27 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V through its SWAD Team in Masbate closely coordinated with the Municipal Action Teams (MATs), LSWDOs, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRRMOs), and 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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