

DSWD DROMIC Preparedness for Response Report #2 on the Observance of Semana Santa 2023

as of 05 April 2023, 6PM

Situation Overview

As the Asian country with the highest population of Christianity, the Philippines commemorates the yearly week-long celebration of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of His people from sin and His gift of everlasting life. The "Semana Santa" or Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday – the day where we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. The whole week is observed in solemnity, with Holy Thursday and Good Friday recognized as official holidays by the state. As such, it is common that Filipinos begin to take leave from school or work as early as Holy Monday and lasting the entire week.

During this time, majority of Filipinos join the rush to go home to their respective hometowns and provinces to spend this holy festivity together with their families. Consequently, an increase in volume of people are expected in transport stations such as bus terminals, air and sea ports, which amplifies the vulnerability of these people to human-induced disasters. Naturally, we also cannot rule out the possibility of the occurrence of natural disasters during this period.

Weather Bulletin

Issued at 05 April 2023 at 4PM, the ridge of High Pressure Area (HPA) extends over Northern Luzon. Caraga and Davao Region may experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorm caused by Easterlies. Meanwhile, Metro Manila and the rest of the country may experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms due to Easterlies or Localized Thunderstorms

Source: DOST-PAGASA Daily Weather Forecast

Status of Prepositioned Resources: Stockpile and Standby Funds

The DSWD Central Office (CO), Field Offices (FOs), and National Resource Operations Center (NROC) have stockpiles and standby funds amounting to **₱1,435,814,454.18** with breakdown as follows (see Table 2):

a. Standby Funds

A total of **₱117,028,673.06 standby funds** in the CO and FOs. Of the said amount, **₱46,808,755.23** is the available **Quick Response Fund (QRF)** in the CO.

b. Stockpiles

A total of **695,450 family food packs (FFPs)** amounting to **₱493,925,226.08**, **other food items** amounting to **₱187,929,896.53**, and **non-food items (FNIs)** amounting to **₱636,930,658.51** are available.

Table 2. Available Stockpiles and Standby Funds

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS	STOCKPILE				TOTAL STANDBY FUNDS & STOCKPILE
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS		OTHER FOOD ITEMS	NON-FOOD RELIEF ITEMS	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	
TOTAL	117,028,673.06	695,450	493,925,226.08	187,929,896.53	636,930,658.51	1,435,814,454.18
DSWD CO	46,808,755.23		-	-	-	46,808,755.23
NRLMB NROC	-	39,993	31,152,937.68	49,923,807.85	178,128,648.12	259,205,393.65
NRLMB VDRC	-	34,847	30,601,241.52	24,760,222.88	2,297,498.00	57,658,962.40
DSWD FO I	521,339.51	24,664	19,419,183.49	8,658,124.17	43,723,818.05	72,322,465.22
DSWD FO II	3,576,266.28	56,030	34,951,112.00	7,560,758.21	19,298,142.72	65,386,279.21
DSWD FO III	5,000,000.00	21,755	13,790,036.97	3,823,441.75	9,486,866.30	32,100,345.02
DSWD FO CALABARZON	5,492,710.00	44,888	28,615,815.53	4,270,293.70	35,557,408.07	73,936,227.30
DSWD FO MIMAROPA	5,000,000.00	45,693	41,123,700.00	6,196,125.00	26,369,958.21	78,689,783.21
DSWD FO V	5,000,000.00	49,658	34,564,975.18	1,999,649.74	36,614,344.82	78,178,969.74
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	87,117	57,928,904.00	479,395.00	20,322,353.00	83,730,652.00
DSWD FO VII	5,000,000.00	45,615	26,284,448.00	6,602,093.50	33,941,712.16	71,828,253.66
DSWD FO VIII	5,000,000.00	40,088	26,137,710.00	1,541,580.60	21,160,887.08	53,840,177.68
DSWD FO IX	5,000,000.00	29,883	16,057,515.67	17,696,838.47	24,144,383.65	62,898,737.79
DSWD FO X	5,000,488.00	34,468	23,359,375.38	33,469,134.87	37,440,203.11	99,269,201.36
DSWD FO XI	5,000,000.00	62,049	51,870,747.38	325,973.00	34,574,827.56	91,771,547.94
DSWD FO XII	5,000,000.00	24,342	19,825,101.52	11,338,312.25	22,182,792.75	58,346,206.52
DSWD FO CARAGA	628,677.34	11,283	7,515,747.69	50.00	24,618,212.65	32,762,687.68
DSWD FO NCR	5,000,436.70	4,287	2,617,727.94	4,190,311.45	14,144,542.21	25,953,018.30
DSWD FO CAR	5,000,000.00	38,790	28,108,946.13	5,093,784.09	52,924,060.05	91,126,790.27

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 05 April 2023, 4PM. Replenishment of standby funds for DSWD FOs I and Caraga is being processed.

Source: DRMB and NRLMB

Situational Reports

DSWD DRMB

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disaster Response Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) of the DSWD-DRMB is closely coordinating with concerned DSWD FOs for significant updates on preparedness level and actions taken.

DSWD FO NCR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
04 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO NCR through the Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) conducts daily monitoring through all available communication lines. Members of the DSWD FO NCR Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and the Motorcycle Riders Group are activated and on standby to respond to any eventualities. DSWD FO NCR continuously coordinates with LGUs through their respective Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs) and with the Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MMDRRMC) for significant disaster updates and any request of relief augmentation. DSWD FO NCR ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.

DSWD FO I

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
30 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I closely coordinates with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) 1 and with the different Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRRMOs) and LSWDOs to monitor and gather reports and updates on any eventualities that may occur during the observance of Semana Santa 2023. DSWD FO I staff in different Provincial Operations Offices (POOs) closely monitor their respective areas of responsibility (AORs) for any eventualities. DSWD FO I trained staff on Incident Command System (ICS) are on standby for possible deployment. DSWD FO I ensures the availability and readiness of resources.

DSWD FO II

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
30 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regional QRTs, Social Welfare and Development Teams (SWADTs), and City/Municipal Actions Teams (C/MATs) in the Region are on on-call and standby status for any eventualities. DSWD FO II ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.

DSWD FO CALABARZON

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
31 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CALABARZON released an advisory to its Regional and Provincial QRT leaders and members to monitor their respective AORs and report to DRMD any untoward incident relative to the observance of Semana Santa 2023. DSWD FO CALABARZON conducted inventory of FNIs to ensure the quality of relief items in preparation for possible augmentation. DSWD FO CALABARZON closely coordinates with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Offices (PSWDOs) and advised them to monitor and coordinate with their LGUs to gather reports of any disaster events and emergencies that may occur during and after the observance of Semana Santa 2023. The PSWDOs were also advised to be on standby alert and prepare their respective evacuation centers and FFPs should the need arises.
22 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CALABARAZON virtually attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA). Ms. Marlene E. Adante of DRMD presented the status of stockpile and standby funds of the FO that may be utilized for relief augmentation in lieu of the observance of Semana Santa 2023.

DSWD FO MIMAROPA

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO MIMAROPA alerted the Social Welfare and Develop Team (SWADT) offices to monitor daily local weather conditions and related eventualities, and ensure the provision of information to all concerned offices. The expanded R/P/C/M Quick Response Teams (QRTs) together with special projects staff are on an on-call status in a 24/7 basis for possible activation of the Emergency Operations Center to respond to any untoward incidents and eventualities reported during the observance of the Semana Santa 2023. DSWD FO MIMAROPA had its logistical equipment and workforce on standby and are in close coordination with the SWADT Offices and concerned LGUs on the management of possible stranded passengers in ports and terminals. DSWD FO MIMAROPA is in close coordination and monitoring with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and RDRRMC MIMAROPA for significant disaster updates and augmentation requests. DSWD FO MIMAROPA ensures the availability FNIs.

DSWD FO VI

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
22 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All QRT members are on standby and ready for deployment. The Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Team composed of trained QRT members are ready for deployment as needed. The QRTs are instructed to monitor their respective AORs. DSWD FO VI continuously monitors weather updates and communicates the necessary information to the QRTs. DSWD FO VI conducts technical assistance and orientation on DROMIC Reporting, Camp Coordination and Camp Management to LSWDOs, Provincial/City/Municipal/Barangay DROMIC Focals in the Provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, and Iloilo. DSWD FO VI facilitates the continuous repacking of FFPs at the Regional warehouse in Oton, Iloilo, and the prepositioning and stockpiling of FNIs to strategic locations in the Region. DSWD FO VI issued a Special Order for Skeletal Workforce during the Observance of Holy Week. DSWD FO VI continuously coordinates with the LGUs for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation. DSWD FO VI ensures the availability and readiness vehicles and other resources.

DSWD FO VII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII ensures the availability of food and non-food items.
04 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII through the Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) alerted the members of the Quick Response Team (QRT) to monitor any disaster events that may occur during the observance of Semana Santa 2023.
03 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII lead by DRMD Division Chief Lilibeth A. Cabiara attended a virtual meeting on the Emergency Preparedness and Response in the Observance of Semana Santa 2023 along with the members of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) 7.

DSWD FO IX

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX through its Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) continuously monitor daily weather conditions. DSWD FO IX contentiously coordinates with response cluster member agencies for logistics support on immediate response to any untoward incident during the observance of Semana Santa 2023. DSWD FO IX closely coordinates with concerned LGUs through their respective LDRRMOs. All C/MATs and Quick Response Team members (QRTs) are on standby for any possible deployment to any imminent disaster and are instructed to validate and immediately assess any possible relief augmentation support needed. DRMD constantly shares PAGASA weather updates to QRTs and directed them to gather significant disaster updates. DSWD FO IX continuously facilitates the production and repacking of goods at the DSWD Mampang Warehouse in Zamboanga City and procurement of raw materials for FNIs. The Disaster Response Information Management Section (DRIMS) of DRMD continuously monitors news from local and national stations; and closely coordinates with the LDRRMOs on the status of their areas of responsibility.

DSWD FO X

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04 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO X activated its Regional and P/C/MATs in their assigned areas to monitor their respective AORs and to assist the LGUs if any untoward disaster incident occurs. DSWD FO X issued a Special Order to designated staff/employees under DRMD who will render duty from 5 April 2023 to 7 April 2023 to monitor and respond in case of emergency. DSWD FO X continuously monitors weather updates and closely coordinates with SWAD team leaders, LDRRMOs, and LSWDOs for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation. DSWD FO X ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.

DSWD FO XI

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04 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO XI QRT, composed of four (4) teams with nine (9) members each, are ready and available for deployment should the need arise. DSWD FO XI ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment. Personnel manning the warehouse are alerted to ensure the availability of FNIs at any given time. DSWD FO XI continuously coordinates and monitors with SWADOs, LSWDOs, and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) X for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.

DSWD FO CARAGA

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO Caraga continuously monitors weather updates. DSWD FO Caraga Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) staff and Quick Response Teams (QRTs) are on standby for the observance of Semana Santa 2023. DSWD FO Caraga advised the Social Welfare and Develop (SWAD) Team leaders to monitor and provide updates on daily local weather conditions and other related eventualities on their respective areas of responsibility. DSWD FO Caraga ensures the availability food and non-food items.

DSWD-FO CAR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
04 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR conducts monitoring of weather updates and other related information in its AOR. DSWD FO CAR strategically prepositioned goods to disaster-prone areas in the Region for immediate response at any given time. DSWD FO CAR ensures the availability of FNIs in its Regional and satellite warehouses. DSWD FO CAR through its DRMD and Disaster Response focal persons in the provinces are actively monitoring their AORs for any untoward incident and were alerted to monitor related incidents during the observance of Semana Santa 2023. DSWD FO CAR ensures the availability and readiness of vehicles and telecommunication equipment. DSWD FO CAR continuously facilitates Relief Prepositioning Agreements (RPAs) with the LGUs based on existing guidelines.
30 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR attended the PDRA Meeting for the Semana Santa 2023 facilitated by OCD CAR.

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

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