

DSWD DROMIC Terminal Report on the Observance of Semana Santa 2023

18 May 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.

Situational Reports

DSWD FO NCR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
08 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO NCR submitted their terminal report.
04 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO NCR through the Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) maintained daily monitoring through all available communication lines. Members of the DSWD FO NCR Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and the Motorcycle Riders Group were activated and on standby to respond to any eventualities. DSWD FO NCR coordinated 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 ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.

DSWD-FO CAR

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12 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR submitted their terminal report.
08 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR maintained daily monitoring of weather updates and other related information in its AOR. DSWD FO CAR through its DRMD and Disaster Response focal persons in the provinces actively monitored their AORs for any untoward incident and were alerted to monitor related incidents during the observance of Semana Santa 2023. DSWD FO CAR managed the dissemination of information through its official social media pages. DSWD FO CAR coordinated with partner agencies for significant disaster updates.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR ensured the availability and readiness of vehicles and telecommunication equipment. DSWD FO CAR ensured the availability of FNIs in its Regional and satellite warehouses. DSWD FO CAR facilitated Relief Prepositioning Agreements (RPAs) with the LGUs based on existing guidelines. DSWD FO CAR strategically prepositioned goods to disaster-prone areas in the Region for immediate response at any given time.
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.

DSWD FO I

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12 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I submitted their terminal report.
30 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I coordinated 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 monitored their respective areas of responsibility (AORs) for any eventualities. DSWD FO I trained staff on Incident Command System (ICS) were alerted to be on standby for possible deployment. DSWD FO I ensured the availability and readiness of resources.

DSWD FO II

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
19 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II submitted their terminal report.
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 were alerted to be on-call and standby status for any eventualities. DSWD FO II ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.

DSWD FO III

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
17 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III submitted their terminal report.
03 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment. DSWD FO III coordinated with the LGUs and other concerned offices for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.

DSWD FO CALABARZON

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18 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CALABARZON submitted their terminal report.
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 coordinated 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.

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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

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12 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO MIMAROPA submitted their terminal report.
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 were on 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 were in close coordination with the SWADT Offices and concerned LGUs on the management of possible stranded passengers in ports and terminals. DSWD FO MIMAROPA coordinated and monitored with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and RDRRMC MIMAROPA for significant disaster updates and augmentation requests. DSWD FO MIMAROPA ensured the availability FNIs.

DSWD FO VI

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
12 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI submitted their terminal report.
22 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All QRT members were alerted to be on standby and ready for deployment. The Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Team composed of trained QRT members were ready for deployment as needed. The QRTs were instructed to monitor their respective AORs. DSWD FO VI maintained daily monitoring of weather updates and communicated the necessary information to the QRTs. DSWD FO VI conducted 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 facilitated the continuous repacking of FFPs at the Regional warehouse in Oton, Iloilo, and the repositioning 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 coordinated with the LGUs for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation. DSWD FO VI ensured the availability and readiness vehicles and other resources.

DSWD FO VII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
25 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII submitted their terminal report.
08 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII through DRMD Division Chief Lilibeth A. Cabiara participated in the Virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) monitoring activities as part of the Emergency Preparedness and Response in relation to the observance of Semana Santa 2023. The DRMD Response and Reporting Team of DSWD FO VII were alerted to be on standby status, and to monitor and coordinate with concerned offices for significant disaster updates.

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05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII ensured 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 led 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 RDRRMC 7.

DSWD FO VIII

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08 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII submitted their terminal report.
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII ensured the availability of FNIs and readiness of evacuation centers. DSWD FO VIII coordinated with the LGUs and other concerned offices for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.

DSWD FO IX

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
28 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX submitted their terminal report.
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX through its Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) maintained daily monitoring of weather conditions. DSWD FO IX coordinated 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 coordinated with concerned LGUs through their respective LDRRMOs. All C/MATs and QRT members were alerted to be on standby for any possible deployment to any imminent disaster and were instructed to validate and immediately assess any possible relief augmentation support needed. DRMD constantly shared PAGASA weather updates to QRTs and directed them to gather significant disaster updates. DSWD FO IX facilitated 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 monitored news from local and national stations, and coordinated with the LDRRMOs on the status in their respective AORs.

DSWD FO X

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11 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO X submitted their terminal report.
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 monitored weather updates and coordinated with SWAD team leaders, LDRRMOs, and LSWDOs for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation. DSWD FO X ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.

DSWD FO XI

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08 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO XI submitted their terminal report.

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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, were ready and available for deployment should the need arise. • DSWD FO XI ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment. Personnel manning the warehouse were alerted to ensure the availability of FNIs at any given time. • DSWD FO XI coordinated with SWADOs, LSWDOs, and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) X for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.

DSWD FO CARAGA

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12 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO CARAGA submitted their terminal report.
05 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga maintained daily monitoring of weather updates. • The DRMD staff and Quick Response Teams (QRTs) of DSWD FO Caraga were alerted to be on standby relative to 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 ensured the availability FNIs.

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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