

## DSWD DROMIC Report #1 on the Red Tide Toxin in the Coastal Waters of Western Visayas

as of 09 September 2023, 6PM

### I. Situation Overview

On 22 August 2023, several municipalities in the province of Iloilo reported cases of suspected paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP).

On 26 August 2023, in Shellfish Bulletin No. 20, the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) advised that shellfishes collected and tested from coastal waters of Dauis and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; and Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur are still positive for PSP or toxic red tide that is beyond the regulatory limit. Moreover, Saplan Bay (Ivisan and Saplan in Capiz; Mambuquiao and Camanci, Batan in Aklan); coastal waters of Panay; President Roxas, Roxas City in Capiz; coastal waters of Gigantes Islands, Carles in Iloilo; and coastal waters of Altavas, Batan and New Washington in Batan Bay, Aklan are now positive for PSP.

According to the Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs) of the affected LGUs, the effects of red tide also had an impact on the livelihood of the families/persons in the said affected areas.

*Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) VI, DA-BFAR, and Philippine News Agency (PNA)*

### II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **1,603 families** or **5,075 persons** are affected in **25 barangays** in **Western Visayas** (see Table 1).

**Table 1. Number of Affected Families / Persons**

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>5,075</b>
<b>REGION VI</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>5,075</b>
<b>Capiz</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>5,067</b>
<i>Panay</i>	15	1,569	4,973
<i>Pilar</i>	8	26	94
<b>Iloilo</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Balasan</i>	1	7	7
<i>Carles</i>	1	1	1

*Note: Ongoing assessment and validation being conducted.*

*Source: DSWD FO VI*

### III. 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		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,821,289.03</b>	<b>118,395</b>	<b>73,241,180.39</b>	<b>296,178,731.63</b>	<b>402,241,201.05</b>
DSWD CO	27,821,289.03		-	-	27,821,289.03
NRLMB NROC	-	70,045	43,843,994.55	240,619,176.00	284,463,170.55
NRLMB VDRC	-	28,778	21,064,289.84	47,169,700.63	68,233,990.47
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	19,572	8,332,896.00	8,389,855.00	21,722,751.00

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 09 September 2023, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

#### 1. Standby Funds

- ₱27.82 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5 million available at DSWD FO VI.

#### 2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 98,823 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 70,045 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City, and 28,778 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 19,572 FFPs available at DSWD FO VI.
- ₱296.18 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VI warehouses.

#### b. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
27 August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSWD FO VI coordinated with affected LGUs and other concerned offices for significant updates and any request relief augmentation requests.</li> </ul>

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

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