



DSWD DROMIC Report #2 on the Red Tide Toxin in the Coastal Waters of Western Visayas

as of 15 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).

In the Shellfish Bulletin No. 20 released on 26 August 2023, 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 remain positive for PSP or toxic red tide that is beyond the regulatory limit. Moreover, Saplan Bay (Ivisan and Sapian in Capiz; and, Brgys. Mambuquiao and Camanci, Batan in Aklan); coastal waters of Panay; President Roxas and 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 were also positive for PSP.

According to the Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs) of the affected LGUs, the effects of red tide have impacted the livelihood of the families/persons in the said areas.

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

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **2,846 families** or **11,295 persons** are affected in **58 barangays** in **Western Visayas** (see Table 1).

Table 1. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	58	2,846	11,295
REGION VI	58	2,846	11,295
Aklan	10	243	1,215
New Washington	10	243	1,215
Capiz	46	2,595	10,072
Panay	15	1,569	4,973
Pilar	8	26	94
Roxas City	23	1,000	5,005
lloilo	2	8	8
Balasan	1	7	7
Carles	1	1	1

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation being conducted.

Source: DSWD FO VI

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of ₱1,490,000.00 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 /		CO	ST OF AS	SISTANCE	
MUNICIPALITY	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	1,490,000.00			-	1,490,000.00
REGION VI	1,490,000.00	-	-	-	1,490,000.00
Capiz	1,490,000.00	-	-	-	1,490,000.00
Panay	745,000.00	-	1	ı	745,000.00
Roxas City	745,000.00	-	-	-	745,000.00

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

Source: DSWD FO VI

IV. Response Actions and Interventions

a. Standby Funds and Prepositioned Relief Stockpile

		STOCKPILE			TOTAL
	STANDBY		FAMILY FOOD PACKS (FFPs)		STANDBY
OFFICE	OFFICE FUNDS	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	AND NON- FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	FUNDS & STOCKPILE
TOTAL	23,573,010.53	143,367	93,815,350.92	302,857,572.79	420,245,934.24
DSWD CO	18,573,010.53		ı	ı	18,573,010.53
NRLMB NROC	-	69,493	44,257,491.19	247,298,017.16	291,555,508.35
NRLMB VDRC	1	56,501	42,106,173.73	47,169,700.63	89,275,874.36
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	17,373	7,451,686.00	8,389,855.00	20,841,541.00

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 15 September 2023, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱18.57 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5 million available at DSWD FO VI.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 125,994 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 69,493 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 56,501 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 17,373 FFPs available at DSWD FO VI.
- ₱302.86 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VI warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
13 September 2023	DSWD FO VI in coordination with the LGU of Panay, Capiz released FFPs for distribution to the affected families and individuals.
12 September 2023	DSWD FO VI in coordination with the LGU of Roxas City, Capiz released FFPs for distribution to the affected families and individuals.





c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
14 September 2023	 DSWD FO VI coordinated with the affected LGUs and other concerned offices for significant updates and any request for relief augmentation.

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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