

DSWD DROMIC Report #3 on the Red Tide Toxin in the Coastal Waters of Western Visayas as of 20 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 Sapián in Capiz; and, Brgys. Mambuquiao and Camanci, Batán 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, Batán and New Washington in Batán 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 **7,768 families** or **33,296 persons** are affected in **85 barangays** in **Western Visayas** (see Table 1).

Table 1. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	85	7,768	33,296
REGION VI	85	7,768	33,296
Aklan	35	2,801	14,005
<i>Altavas</i>	5	473	2,365
<i>Batan</i>	20	2,085	10,425
<i>New Washington</i>	10	243	1,215
Capiz	48	4,959	19,283
<i>Panay</i>	15	2,056	7,195
<i>Pilar</i>	12	1,062	3,279
<i>Roxas City</i>	12	1,000	5,005
<i>Sigma</i>	9	841	3,804
Iloilo	2	8	8
<i>Balasan</i>	1	7	7
<i>Carles</i>	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 / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	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
<i>Panay</i>	<i>745,000.00</i>	-	-	-	<i>745,000.00</i>
<i>Roxas City</i>	<i>745,000.00</i>	-	-	-	<i>745,000.00</i>

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

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS	STOCKPILE			TOTAL STANDBY FUNDS & STOCKPILE
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS (FFPs)		OTHER FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST		
TOTAL	10,492,190.38	173,285	115,410,672.66	244,254,513.43	370,157,376.47
DSWD CO	5,492,190.38		-	-	5,492,190.38
NRLMB NROC	-	119,159	77,168,962.93	188,389,267.80	265,558,230.73
NRLMB VDRC	-	37,116	28,266,348.73	47,169,700.63	75,436,049.36
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	17,010	9,975,361.00	8,695,545.00	23,670,906.00

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 20 September 2023, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱5.49 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5 million available at DSWD FO VI.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 156,275 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 119,159 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 37,116 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 17,010 FFPs available at DSWD FO VI.
- ₱244.25 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VI warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
18 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI in coordination with the LGU of Panay, Capiz distributed FFPs to the affected families and persons.
13 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI in coordination with the LGU of Panay, Capiz released FFPs for distribution to the affected families and individuals.

DATE	ACTIVITIES
12 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
19 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI closely 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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