

DSWD DROMIC Report #4 on the Red Tide Toxin in the Coastal Waters of Western Visayas as of 23 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 Sapi-an 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 **9,369 families** or **39,303 persons** are affected in **103 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	103	9,369	39,303
REGION VI	103	9,369	39,303
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	66	6,560	25,290
<i>Ivisan</i>	11	1,166	4,621
<i>Panay</i>	15	2,218	7,554
<i>Pilar</i>	12	1,062	3,279
<i>President Roxas</i>	7	273	1,027
<i>Roxas City</i>	12	1,000	5,005
<i>Sapi-an</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 **₱1,922,847.00** 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				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
GRAND TOTAL	1,922,847.00	-	-	-	1,922,847.00
REGION VI	1,922,847.00	-	-	-	1,922,847.00
Aklan	198,915.00	-	-	-	198,915.00
<i>Batan</i>	<i>77,480.00</i>	-	-	-	<i>77,480.00</i>
<i>New Washington</i>	<i>121,435.00</i>	-	-	-	<i>121,435.00</i>
Capiz	1,723,932.00	-	-	-	1,723,932.00
<i>Panay</i>	<i>978,932.00</i>	-	-	-	<i>978,932.00</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	176,482	113,464,639.08	288,045,171.43	412,002,000.89
DSWD CO	5,492,190.38		-	-	5,492,190.38
NRLMB NROC	-	93,287	59,624,210.46	231,837,835.80	291,462,046.26
NRLMB VDRC	-	64,613	47,569,437.62	47,169,700.63	94,739,138.25
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	18,582	6,270,991.00	9,037,635.00	20,308,626.00

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 23 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

- 157,900 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 93,287 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 64,613 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 18,582 FFPs available at DSWD FO VI.
- ₱288.05 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VI warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
22 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI released additional FFPs to the LGUs intended for distribution to the affected families and individuals.
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 individuals.
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.

c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
22 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI maintained close coordination 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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