

DSWD DROMIC Preparedness for Response Report #2 on the Observance of “UNDAS” 2023 as of 31 October 2023, 6PM

Situation Overview

All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) or more commonly known as “UNDAS” by Filipinos is an annual remembrance of the departed. “UNDAS” (also known as Todos los Santos, Araw ng mga Patay) is when families gather in cemeteries to visit their loved ones. They flock around the graves lighting their colorful candles, placing nicely decorated flowers, and offer their prayers as a way of remembering the life of the person. It has been a tradition Filipinos never missed.

The occasion is often treated as a reunion or banquet, with families bringing food and drinks and camping out all day or even overnight. It is an official, state-recognized holiday, so people get leave from school or work on these days. This occasion usually leads to the increased volume of people on the roads, cemeteries, sacred grounds, and other related areas around the country which may lead to the possible occurrence of human-induced disasters and/or natural disasters.

“UNDAS” is traditionally celebrated on the first and second day of November. This year, November 1 (All Saint’s Day) and November 2 (All Souls’ Day) will fall on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

Source: Philippine Information Agency (PIA)

Weather Bulletin

Issued on 31 October 2023 at 4PM, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 185 km East of Virac, Catanduanes (13.3°N, 125.9°E). The Shear Line continuously affects the eastern sections of Central and Southern Luzon while the Northeast Monsoon continuously affects Northern Luzon and the rest of Central Luzon.

Source: DOST-PAGASA Daily Weather Bulletin

Status of Prepositioned Resources: Stockpile and Standby Funds

The DSWD Central Office (CO), Field Offices (FOs), and National Resource Operations Center (NROC) have stockpiles and standby funds amounting to **₱2,453,266,175.42** with breakdown as follows (see Table 1):

a. Standby Funds

A total of **₱115,589,559.90** standby funds in the CO and FOs, and of the said amount, **₱35,494,713.55** is the available Quick Response Fund (QRF) in the CO.

b. Stockpiles

A total of **1,066,878 family food packs (FFPs)** amounting to **₱707,286,107.06**, **other food items** amounting to **₱667,644,348.91**, and **non-food items (NFIs)** amounting to **₱962,746,159.55** are available.

Table 1. Available Stockpiles and Standby Funds

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS	STOCKPILE				TOTAL STANDBY FUNDS & STOCKPILE
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS		OTHER FOOD ITEMS	NON-FOOD RELIEF ITEMS	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	
TOTAL	115,589,559.90	1,066,878	707,286,107.06	667,644,348.91	962,746,159.55	2,453,266,175.42
DSWD CO	35,494,713.55		-	-	-	35,494,713.55
NRLMB NROC	-	90,853	66,955,485.51	419,984,781.20	204,111,331.04	691,051,597.75
NRLMB VDRC	-	15,768	11,005,597.37	92,910,848.99	14,891,500.00	118,807,946.36
DSWD FO I	5,000,712.22	58,939	42,922,772.81	11,739,526.61	51,744,720.79	111,407,732.43
DSWD FO II	6,064,350.28	118,513	79,018,540.41	8,268,731.90	25,638,592.25	118,990,214.84
DSWD FO III	5,000,000.00	52,339	32,325,634.12	499,250.50	47,509,191.12	85,334,075.74
DSWD FO CALABARZON	5,492,710.00	76,910	51,377,539.63	2,330,734.80	32,287,470.15	91,488,454.58
DSWD FO MIMAROPA	5,000,000.00	72,451	62,730,900.00	125,000.00	38,580,903.15	106,436,803.15
DSWD FO V	5,000,000.00	125,236	89,572,465.68	5,624,938.14	120,739,654.51	220,937,058.33
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	45,703	30,171,653.79	789,285.00	73,349,221.00	109,310,159.79
DSWD FO VII	5,000,000.00	45,258	16,647,956.88	10,449,560.70	39,726,845.91	71,824,363.49
DSWD FO VIII	5,000,000.00	92,244	64,809,709.16	3,101,506.05	56,817,687.58	129,728,902.79
DSWD FO IX	5,000,000.00	43,356	22,108,712.36	45,877,608.36	45,654,114.04	118,640,434.76
DSWD FO X	4,196,919.15	50,566	23,692,058.40	32,802,820.37	32,008,444.95	92,700,242.87
DSWD FO XI	5,000,000.00	33,768	20,196,282.06	4,023,750.00	42,823,028.71	72,043,060.77
DSWD FO XII	5,000,000.00	36,990	23,750,218.08	16,121,044.00	41,495,107.01	86,366,369.09
DSWD FO CARAGA	5,000,000.00	59,488	34,818,882.91	3,435,750.00	36,864,409.35	80,119,042.26
DSWD FO NCR	4,902,936.70	9,194	6,158,968.66	3,927,664.84	8,434,021.96	23,423,592.16
DSWD FO CAR	4,437,218.00	39,302	29,022,729.23	5,631,547.45	50,069,916.03	89,161,410.71

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 31 October 2023, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

Situational Reports

DSWD-DRMG

DATE	ACTIVITIES
31 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disaster Response Management Bureau (DRMB) closely coordinates with the DSWD FOs for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation. DRMB closely coordinates with DOST-PAGASA for significant weather updates. All DRMB Quick Response Team (QRT) members and emergency equipment are on standby and ready for deployment. NRLMB ensures the replenishment and availability of FNIs for resource augmentation to DSWD FOs as need arises. NRLMB continuously repacks goods for possible augmentation

DSWD FO I

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24 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I maintained close coordination with all concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation. DSWD FO I ensured availability of FNIs. DSWD FO I closely coordinated with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) I and with the different Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) and Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs) to monitor and gather reports and updates regarding any eventualities that may occur during the observance of Undas 2023. DSWD FO I intensified all of its communication and information lines to gather from and provide immediate updates to the media and other stakeholders. DSWD FO I Incident Management Team (IMT) members were placed on standby for possible deployment.

DSWD FO II

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31 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II ensures the availability of FNIs. DSWD FO II ensures the availability of transportation and communication service equipment. DSWD FO II maintains close monitoring of weather advisories and disseminates the necessary information to all QRTs and LSWDOs for information or appropriate action. DSWD FO II through its Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) maintains close coordination the LSWDOs and the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRRMOs) in the Region for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.
26 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) with the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) and other RDRRMC member agencies.

DSWD FO III

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29 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II ensured the availability of FNIs. DSWD FO III activated its Rapid Deployment Team and was rendering skeletal duty to conduct monitoring and reporting of disaster incidents relative to the observance of Undas 2023. DSWD FO III maintained close coordination with all concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

DSWD FO CALABARZON

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11 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CALABARZON maintained close coordination with all concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation. DSWD FO CALABARZON ensured availability of FNIs. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of DSWD FO CALABARZON issued an advisory to the members of the Regional and Provincial QRTs on the heightened alert relative to the observance of Undas 2023. DSWD FO CALABARZON through its DRMD attended the virtual PDRA where preparations of the RDRRMC member agencies and LGUs relative to the observance of Undas 2023 were discussed. DSWD FO CALABARZON advised the LSWDOs in the Region to convene their Camp Management Committee (CMC) in consideration to the limitation

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	on the use of schools as evacuation centers relative to the observance of Undas 2023.

DSWD FO MIMAROPA

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26 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO MIMAROPA ensured availability of FNIs. • DSWD FO MIMAROPA ensured the availability of communication service equipment. • The QRTs of DSWD FO MIMAROPA were placed on standby and ready for deployment. • DSWD FO MIMAROPA alerted its Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Teams to monitor daily local weather conditions and other related eventualities. • The QRTs together with other special project staff were on standby for possible activation of the Operations Center to respond in case any untoward incident and eventualities occur. • The Information and Communication Technology Management Section (ICTMS) of DSWD FO MIMAROPA was on standby status to ensure robust communication system. • DSWD FO MIMAROPA maintained close coordination with OCD and the RDRRMC MIMAROPA for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

DSWD FO V

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29 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V ensured availability of FNIs. • DSWD FO V, through its DRMD, Regional QRTs, and SWAD Team Leaders, maintained close monitoring of weather updates and other pertinent information through all available sources. • All DRMD staff of DSWD FO V were on standby alert.

DSWD FO VI

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26 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI ensured availability of FNIs. • DSWD FO VI ensured the availability of transportation services. • DSWD FO VI maintained close monitoring of weather updates from DOST-PAGASA and disseminated the necessary information to QRTs. • The QRTs of DSWD FO VI were advised to monitor their respective areas of assignments through close coordination with the LSWDOs and LDRRMOs and be ready for deployment in areas with high volume of people such as cemeteries within the Region. • DSWD FO VI maintained close coordination with the LGUs for significant updates on any untoward incident which may lead to displacement of families or individuals. • DSWD FO VI through its DRMD maintained a skeletal workforce who are on on-call status and standby for actual office or Operations Center duty when deemed necessary.

DSWD FO VII

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27 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VII ensured availability of FNIs. • DSWD FO VII ensured the availability of transportation and communication service equipment.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII, through its DRMD, maintained close coordination with the Provincial, City, and Municipal Actions Teams (P/C/MATs), LDRRMOs, and LSWDOs in monitoring their respective areas of responsibility (AORs). DSWD FO VII organized a skeletal reporting scheduling of personnel to ensure continuous monitoring of all disaster operations. DSWD FO VII maintained close monitoring of weather updates from DOST-PAGASA and disseminated all necessary information to the P/C/MATs.
12 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII attended a meeting on the Emergency Preparedness and Response in the Observance of Undas 2023 initiated by the RDRRMC 7 where the raising of the Alert Level to BLUE starting 27 October 2023 was discussed and a virtual EOC was established to ensure heightened monitoring and maximized coordination among the member agencies.

DSWD FO VIII

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31 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII designated employees to render skeletal duty for monitoring and immediate response. DSWD FO VIII coordinated with LSWDOs and LDRRMOs to closely monitor any possible eventualities that may take place during the observance of Undas 2023. DSWD FO VIII, through its DRMD – Disaster Response Information Management Sections (DRIMS) maintained close coordination with the SWAD Teams, QRTs, and field staff for immediate reporting of any eventualities that may occur in their respective AORs. The Regional Resource Operation Section (RROS) of DSWD FO VIII was alerted to ensure adequate FNIs available at any given time. DSWD FO VIII prepositioned FNIs in strategic areas across the Region that can be used as augmentation support to LGUs when needed.

DSWD FO X

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27 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO X ensured availability of FNIs. DSWD FO X ensured the availability of transportation and communication service equipment. DSWD FO X maintained close monitoring and coordination with all LGUs in the Region through their respective LDRRMOs and LSWDOs. DSWD FO X maintained close coordination with the SWAD Team Leaders. DSWD FO X prepared a special order for the possible deployment of select DRMD staff. The QRT of DSWD FO X was placed on standby and ready for deployment. DSWD FO X maintained close coordination with all concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

DSWD FO XII

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27 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO XII ensured availability of FNIs. DSWD FO XII ensured the availability of transportation and communication service equipment. The Regional QRT was placed on standby and ready for deployment. The DRMD field staff were advised to closely monitor their respective AORs for any untoward incidents and emergencies. DSWD FO XII maintained close coordination with all concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

DSWD FO CARAGA

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27 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga ensured availability of FNIs. • DSWD FO Caraga maintained close monitoring of weather updates. • The DRMD and QRTs of DSWD FO Caraga were placed on standby to monitor situations relative to the observance of Undas 2023. • DSWD FO Caraga directed the SWAD Team Leaders to monitor daily local weather condition and other related eventualities, and provide updates about their respective AORs. • DSWD FO Caraga maintained close coordination with all concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

DSWD FO CAR

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26 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO CAR ensured availability of FNIs. • DSWD FO CAR ensured the availability of transportation and communication service equipment. • DSWD FO CAR maintained close monitoring of weather updates and other related information within its AOR. • DSWD FO CAR closely coordinated with the LGUs for additional prepositioning of FNIs to their designated food hubs. • DSWD FO CAR conducted general cleaning of the Regional Warehouse and quality check of sleeping kits and hygiene kits. • The QRTs of DSWD FO CAR continuously monitored reports and were placed on standby and ready for deployment when deemed necessary.

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

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