

DSWD DROMIC Report #8 on the Red Tide Toxin in the Coastal Waters of Western Visayas as of 13 February 2024, 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, the Department of Agriculture (DA) - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) advised the public through Shellfish Bulletin No. 20 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.

On 21 December 2023, DA-BFAR through Shellfish Bulletin No. 30 advised the public that shellfishes collected and tested from the coastal waters of Pontevedra in Capiz; coastal waters of Dauis and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur; Lianga Bay in Surigao del Sur; and the coastal waters of San Benito in Surigao del Norte are still positive for PSP or toxic red tide that is beyond the regulatory limit.

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 **13,028 families** or **57,926 persons** are affected in **128 barangays** in **Western Visayas** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱8,313,658.36** worth of assistance was provided by **DSWD** to the affected families (see Annex B).

IV. Response Actions and Interventions

a. Standby Funds and Prepositioned Relief Stockpile

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS	STOCKPILE			TOTAL STANDBY FUNDS & STOCKPILE
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS		OTHER FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST		
TOTAL	717,674,884.45	229,821	154,068,179.92	651,670,263.16	1,523,413,327.53
DSWD CO	712,674,884.45		-	-	712,674,884.45

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NRLMB NROC	-	145,038	98,644,360.18	478,752,091.34	577,396,451.52
NRLMB VDRC	-	31,134	20,704,110.00	102,939,746.32	123,643,856.32
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	53,649	34,719,709.74	69,978,425.50	109,698,135.24

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 13 February 2024, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱712.67 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5 million available at DSWD FO VI.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 176,172 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which 145,038 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 31,134 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 53,649 FFPs available at DSWD FO VI.
- ₱651.67 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VI warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
12 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI released additional FFPs to the LGUs intended for distribution to the affected families and individuals.
11 December 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.
09 October 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.
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
12 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI maintains close coordination with the affected LGUs and other concerned offices for significant updates and any request for relief augmentation.

Annexes

Annex A. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	128	13,028	57,926
REGION VI	128	13,028	57,926
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	91	10,219	43,913
<i>Ivisan</i>	11	1,207	4,726
<i>Panay</i>	15	2,452	9,325
<i>Pilar</i>	12	1,323	4,311
<i>Pontevedra</i>	25	3,123	15,715
<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

Annex B. Cost of Assistance Provided to Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
GRAND TOTAL	8,313,658.36	-	-	-	8,313,658.36
REGION VI	8,313,658.36	-	-	-	8,313,658.36
Aklan	1,241,915.00	-	-	-	1,241,915.00
<i>Batan</i>	1,120,480.00	-	-	-	1,120,480.00
<i>New Washington</i>	121,435.00	-	-	-	121,435.00
Capiz	7,071,743.36	-	-	-	7,071,743.36
<i>Ivisan</i>	905,727.00	-	-	-	905,727.00
<i>Panay</i>	1,602,599.59	-	-	-	1,602,599.59
<i>Pilar</i>	886,264.47	-	-	-	886,264.47
<i>Pontevedra</i>	2,122,727.33	-	-	-	2,122,727.33
<i>President Roxas</i>	182,879.97	-	-	-	182,879.97
<i>Roxas City</i>	745,000.00	-	-	-	745,000.00
<i>Sapi-an</i>	626,545.00	-	-	-	626,545.00

Note: The reflected DSWD assistance covers the cost of food and non-food items provided to the affected families / individuals.

Source: DSWD FO VI

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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