

DSWD DROMIC Report #5 on the Armed Conflict in Negros Occidental

as of 28 February 2024, 6AM

I. Situation Overview

On 21 February 2024 at around 3:00 PM, an armed conflict occurred in Brgy. Pinapugasan, City of Escalante, Negros Occidental between the Philippine Army and members of the Communist Party of the Philippines – New People’s Army (CPP-NPA) which resulted to the displacement of families and individuals in the area.

On the following day, the residents in Brgy. San Isidro, Toboso, Negros Occidental were also affected due to the ongoing hot pursuit of the Philippine Army.

Relative to the incident, the DSWD through its Field Office in Region VI, together with the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental, actively engaged in the response operation and promptly provided relief assistance to support the immediate needs of the affected families and individuals.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) VI

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **360 families** or **1,364 persons** are affected in **three (3) barangays** in **Negros Occidental** (see Annex A).

III. Status of Displaced Population

Inside Evacuation Center

There are **53 families** or **179 persons** currently taking temporary shelter at **Pinapugasan National High School** in the **City of Escalante, Negros Occidental** (see Annex B).

IV. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱1,313,019.00** worth of assistance was provided to the affected families; composed of **₱1,013,019.00** from the **DSWD** and **₱300,000.00** from the **Local Government Unit (LGU)** (see Annex C).

V. 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	93,187,385.35	139,274	86,358,056.50	575,457,069.76	755,002,511.61
DSWD CO	88,187,385.35		-	-	88,187,385.35
NRLMB NROC	-	79,638	47,800,875.24	385,132,178.74	432,933,053.98

NRLMB VDRC	-	14,034	9,332,610.00	120,346,465.52	129,679,075.52
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	45,602	29,224,571.26	69,978,425.50	104,202,996.76

Note: Summary of Inventory Report as of 28 February 2024, 4AM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱88.19 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5 million available at DSWD FO VI.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 93,672 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 79,638 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 14,034 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 45,602 FFPs available at DSWD FO VI.
- ₱575.46 billion worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VI warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
25 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI in coordination with LSWDO and QRT distributes additional family food packs (FFPs) to the affected families and individuals.
24 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI, in coordination with its Quick Response Team (QRT) and the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO) of the LGU of Toboso, Negros Occidental, distributed FFPs to the affected families and individuals.
23 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI, in coordination with its QRT and the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) of the LGU of City of Escalante, Negros Occidental, facilitated the distribution of FNIs such as FFPs, sleeping kits, and family kits to the affected families and individuals.

c. Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
23 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QRT members of DSWD FO VI assisted in the administration of Family Access Card in Emergencies and Disasters (FACED) to the affected families in evacuation centers. • DSWD FO VI deployed its Disaster Response and Management Division (DRMB) personnel in the affected LGUs to provide technical assistance in the management of the evacuation centers and to ensure the maintenance and observance of the rights of the internally displaced persons (IDPs).

d. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
23 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI maintained close coordination with the affected LGUs for significant updates and any further requests for relief augmentation.

Annexes

Annex A. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	3	360	1,364
REGION VI	3	360	1,364
Negros Occidental	3	360	1,364
<i>City of Escalante</i>	2	167	601
<i>Toboso</i>	1	193	763

Note: With ongoing validation and assessment.

Source: DSWD FO VI

Annex B. Number of Displaced Families / Persons Inside Evacuation Center

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF EVACUATION CENTERS (ECs)		NUMBER OF DISPLACED INSIDE ECs			
			Families		Persons	
	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW
GRAND TOTAL	4	1	360	53	1,364	179
REGION VI	4	1	360	53	1,364	179
Negros Occidental	4	1	360	53	1,364	179
<i>City of Escalante</i>	2	1	167	53	601	179
<i>Toboso</i>	2	-	193	-	763	-

Note: With ongoing validation and assessment.

Source: DSWD FO VI

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	1,013,019.00	300,000.00	-	-	1,313,019.00
REGION VI	1,013,019.00	300,000.00	-	-	1,313,019.00
Negros Occidental	1,013,019.00	300,000.00	-	-	1,313,019.00
<i>City of Escalante</i>	445,063.00	300,000.00	-	-	745,063.00
<i>Toboso</i>	567,956.00	-	-	-	567,956.00

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

Source: DSWD FO VI

Annex D. Photo Documentation



The Disaster Response Operations Management, Information, and Communication (DROMIC) Division of DSWD-DRMB is closely coordinating with DSWD FO VI for significant disaster response updates and assistance provided.

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