

DSWD DROMIC Preparedness for Response Report #7 on the Observance of Semana Santa 2024

as of 31 March 2024, 6PM

Situation Overview

As the Asian country with the highest population of Christianity, the Philippines commemorates the yearly week-long celebration of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of His people from sin and His gift of everlasting life. The "Semana Santa" or Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday – the day where we celebrate Christ 's resurrection from the dead. The whole week is observed in solemnity, with Holy Thursday and Good Friday recognized as official holidays by the state. As such, it is common that Filipinos begin to take leave from school or work as early as Holy Monday and lasting the entire week.

During this time, majority of Filipinos join the rush to go home to their respective hometowns and provinces to spend this holy festivity together with their families. Consequently, an increase in volume of people is expected in transport stations such as bus terminals, air and sea ports, which amplifies the vulnerability of these people to human-induced disasters. Naturally, we also cannot rule out the possibility of the occurrence of natural disasters during this period.

Weather Bulletin

Issued on 31 March 2024 at 4PM, the ridge of High-Pressure Area (HPA) extends over the eastern section of Northern and Central Luzon. Partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms due to localized thunderstorms may cause possible flash floods or landslides during severe thunderstorms over Metro Manila and the rest of the country.

Source: DOST-PAGASA Daily Weather Forecast

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 **₱2,275,893,128.22** with breakdown as follows (see Table 1):

a. Standby Funds

A total of **₱244,022,499.20** standby funds in the CO and FOs. Of the said amount, **₱169,412,719.22** is the available **Quick Response Fund (QRF)** in the CO.

b. Stockpiles

A total of **1,224,927 family food packs (FFPs)** amounting to **₱845,070,168.06**, **other food items** amounting to **₱410,275,962.16**, and **non-food items (FNIs)** amounting to **₱776,524,498.80** 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	244,022,499.20	1,224,927	845,070,168.06	410,275,962.16	776,524,498.80	2,275,893,128.22
DSWD CO	169,412,719.22		-	-	-	169,412,719.22
NRLMB NROC	-	48,076	26,260,093.14	152,778,076.76	147,419,896.19	326,458,066.09
NRLMB VDRC	-	38,269	20,996,885.00	96,957,865.95	1,576,498.00	119,531,248.95
DSWD FO I	5,000,712.22	52,186	37,459,646.45	11,739,526.61	49,768,095.73	103,967,981.01
DSWD FO II	5,000,000.28	65,603	69,519,986.19	3,769,631.39	24,353,510.51	102,643,128.37
DSWD FO III	5,000,000.00	61,582	39,557,741.16	1,171,386.25	18,513,440.18	64,242,567.59
DSWD FO CALABARZON	5,000,000.00	107,098	75,840,967.18	3,652,824.50	30,316,056.97	114,809,848.65
DSWD FO MIMAROPA	5,000,219.50	144,628	113,305,500.00	125,000.00	30,596,559.83	149,027,279.33
DSWD FO V	5,000,000.00	104,505	72,036,298.59	10,656,202.08	120,739,654.51	208,432,155.18
DSWD FO VI	1,120,870.72	55,060	35,007,529.24	531,375.30	65,853,871.00	102,513,646.26
DSWD FO VII	5,000,000.00	73,386	45,652,432.90	1,751,826.19	40,514,757.43	92,919,016.52
DSWD FO VIII	4,496,936.60	105,931	69,800,196.84	4,182,032.03	53,830,503.08	132,309,668.55
DSWD FO IX	5,000,000.00	51,099	27,834,812.88	62,475,631.18	142,600.00	95,453,044.06
DSWD FO X	5,000,000.00	50,068	33,045,428.32	41,457,056.24	34,026,263.35	113,528,747.91
DSWD FO XI	5,000,000.00	79,941	53,075,592.50	8,249,697.50	51,825,578.94	118,150,868.94
DSWD FO XII	5,000,000.00	54,506	35,389,565.00	5,380,971.00	22,638,500.01	68,409,036.01
DSWD FO CARAGA	5,000,322.66	61,854	41,898,198.13	332,550.00	30,937,009.30	78,168,080.09
DSWD FO NCR	4,553,500.00	29,124	19,948,272.12	205,987.20	4,753,692.96	29,461,452.28
DSWD FO CAR	4,437,218.00	42,011	28,441,022.42	4,858,321.98	48,718,010.81	86,454,573.21

Note: Summary of Inventory Report as of 31 March 2024, 4PM.

Source: DRMB and NRLMB

Situational Reports

DSWD DRMG

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
31 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disaster Response Management Bureau (DRMB) closely coordinates with DSWD FOs for significant disaster response updates relative to the Observance of "Semana Santa" 2024. DRMB closely coordinates with DOST-PAGASA for significant updates and other related information relative to the Observance of "Semana Santa" 2024. 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.

DSWD FO NCR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO NCR through the Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) conducts daily monitoring through all available communication lines. DSWD FO NCR through the DRMD renders 24/7 virtual duty in the emergency operation center of the Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MMDRRC). Members of the DSWD FO NCR QRTs and the Motorcycle Riders Group are activated and on standby to respond to any eventualities. DSWD FO NCR continuously coordinates with LGUs through their respective Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs) and with the MMDRRC for significant disaster updates and any request of relief augmentation. DSWD FO NCR ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.

DSWD FO I

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I closely coordinate with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) 1 and with the different Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRRMOs) and LSWDOs to monitor and gather reports and updates on any eventualities that may occur during the observance of Semana Santa 2024. DSWD FO, I staff in different Provincial Operations Offices (POOs) maintains close monitoring of their respective areas of responsibility (AORs) for any eventualities. DSWD FO, I trained staff on the Incident Command System (ICS) are on standby for any possible deployment. DSWD FO, I ensure the availability and readiness of resources.

DSWD FO II

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
31 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II through its DRMD continuously coordinates with the Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices (P/C/MSWDOs) and Provincial/City/Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Offices (P/C/MDRRMOs) in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya and Batanes for significant disaster response updates. Regional QRTs, Social Welfare and Development Teams (SWADTs) and City/Municipal Action Teams (C/MATs) in the region are on ON-CALL/STANDBY status for any concern that needs to be addressed by the Field Office. DSWD FO II ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.
19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) convened by the Office of Civil Defense Field Office II (OCD FO II).

DSWD FO III

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III ensures the availability and readiness of resources.
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III activated the Rapid Deployment Team on skeletal duty to ensure immediate reporting of disaster incidents in relation to the Observance of Semana Santa 2024.

DSWD FO MIMAROPA

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The expanded R/P/C/M QRTs together with special projects staff are on an on-call status in a 24/7 basis for possible activation of the Emergency Operations Center to respond to any untoward incidents and eventualities reported during the observance of the Semana Santa 2024. DSWD FO MIMAROPA through its Information and Communication Technology Management Section (ICTMS) ensures robust communication system. DSWD FO MIMAROPA is in close coordination and monitoring with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and RDRRMC MIMAROPA for significant disaster updates and any augmentation request. DSWD FO III ensures the availability and readiness of resources.
22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO MIMAROPA alerted the SWADT Offices to monitor daily local weather conditions and related eventualities.

DSWD FO V

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V ensures the adequate stockpile in every province as well as the readily available prepositioned goods at the LGUs.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V maintains skeletal teams at the office to ensure the continuity of operations.
19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V attended the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) 1st Quarter Full Council Meeting. DSWD FO V through its DRMD submitted a memorandum on the activation of ALERT and Standby Mode during the BLUE ALERT on the Observance of Semana Santa 2024. DSWD FO V through the DRMD directed all members of SWAD Team Leaders (TLs) and MSWADTLs to be on standby mode and monitor any disaster events that may occur during the Lenten Season.

DSWD FO VI

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
27 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI Regional / Provincial / City / Municipal (R/P/C/M) Quick Response Team (QRT) members are on standby and ready for augmentation if needed. DSWD FO VI Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Team composed of trained QRT members are ready for deployment. DSWD FO VI continuously monitors weather updates from DOST-PAGASA and disseminate the same to R/P/C/M QRTs. DSWD FO VI closely coordinates with the P/C/MLGUs to generate reports on affected and displaced families in their respective areas. DSWD FO VI continuously repacks FFPs at the Regional Warehouse in Oton, Iloilo DSWD FO VI ensures the adequate stockpile in every province as well as the readily available prepositioned goods at the LGUs.
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI issued a Special Order for the Disaster Response Management Division's (DRMD) Skeletal Workforce during the observance of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on 28-29 March 2024.

DSWD FO VII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
30 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII DRMD Chief Lilibeth Cabiara and DRRS Section Head Christine Escolano attends the Weather Updating and Emergency Preparedness and Response Meeting re: Sugat - Kabanhawan 2024. DSWD FO VII DRMD maintains round the clock monitoring through its virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
28 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII through its DRMD maintains close coordination with the Provincial/City/ Municipal Action Teams, LDRRMOs and LSWDOs in monitoring their respective AORs. DSWD FO VII maintains skeletal teams at the office to ensure the continuity of operations. DSWD FO VII conducts virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in monitoring of activities. DSWD FO VII maintains close monitoring of weather updates from the DOST-PAGASA and cascades all necessary information to the P/C/MATs DSWD FO VII ensures the availability and readiness of resources.
11 and 22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII through the DRMD attended meetings on emergency preparedness and response with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) VII in the observance of Semana Santa 2024 to ensure heightened monitoring and maximized coordination among the member agencies.

DSWD FO IX

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26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX through the DRMD prepared the Regional Order requesting all QRT members to be on-call status and monitor their respective AORs the observance of the Holy Week (Semana Santa) 2024. DSWD FO IX closely monitors weather updates from the DOST-PAGASA, and other disaster incidents in Zamboanga Peninsula for any possible augmentation. DSWD FO IX ensures the availability and readiness of resources.

DSWD FO X

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO X activated its Regional and P/C/MATs in their assigned areas to monitor their respective AORs and to assist the LGUs if any untoward disaster incident occurs. DSWD FO X continuously monitors weather updates and closely coordinates with the SWAD Team Leaders, LDRRMOs and LSWDOs for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation. DSWD FO X ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO X issued a Memorandum to the Regional, Provincial, City/Municipal QRTs to be on standby for possible deployment should augmentation be needed.

DSWD FO XI

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26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO XI QRTs composed of four (4) teams with nine (9) members each, are ready and available for deployment should the need arise. DSWD FO XI ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment. Personnel manning the warehouse are alerted to ensure the availability of FNIs at any given time. DSWD FO XI continuously coordinates and monitors with Social Welfare and Development Offices (SWADOs), LDRRMOs and LSWDOs, and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) X for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.

DSWD FO XII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO XII QRTs members and trained camp managers are readily available for deployment in response for any possible activation of evacuation centers. DSWD FO XII ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment. DSWD FO XIII continuously coordinates with their Local Government Units (LGUs) and all concerned offices for any disaster updates and request for relief augmentation.

DSWD FO Caraga

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26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO Caraga continuously monitors the daily weather updates issued by DOST-PAGASA. DSWD FO Caraga DRMD personnel and QRT members are on standby for any possible deployment during the observance of "Semana Santa" 2024. DSWD FO Caraga advised SWADTLs to continuously monitor their respective AORs for disaster significant updates and any related eventualities and untoward incidents that may arise during the observance of "Semana Santa" 2024.

DSWD FO CAR

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26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO CAR through its DRMD continuously coordinates Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices for for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation. • DSWD FO CAR DRMD QRT are on standby for any possible deployment during the observance of "Semana Santa" 2024. • DSWD FO CAR ensures the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and emergency telecommunication equipment. • DSWD FO CAR attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) for Semana Santa 2024.
21 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO CAR attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) for Semana Santa 2024.

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

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