
DSWD DROMIC Report #10 on the Effects of El Niño as of 26 March 2024, 6AM

I. Situation Overview

From July 2023 to February 2024, a progression from weak to strong El Niño conditions was observed in the tropical Pacific Ocean. By March 2024, El Niño across the tropical Pacific Ocean shows signs of weakening and is expected to persist until March-April-May (MAM) 2024 season. Majority of climate models suggest a transition to ENSO-neutral conditions during the April-May-June (AMJ) 2024 season (79% chance). However, there is a likelihood for La Niña to develop (55% chance) during the June-July-August (JJA) 2024 season. With this development, the PAGASA ENSO Alert and Warning System is now raised to La Niña Watch.

The effects of El Niño were felt, with conditions leading to agricultural damage and water shortages reported in various regions as stated below:

On 18 December 2023, the provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga City started to experience dry condition due to the Effects of El Niño, which resulted in damages in agriculture as well as water shortage in various areas.

On 23 February 2024, prevalent dry conditions were reported in the Municipality of Dumarao in Capiz. On March 8, 2024, the Municipality of Barotac Viejo in Iloilo also reported damaged crops and agricultural lands, and affected livestock due to dry conditions.

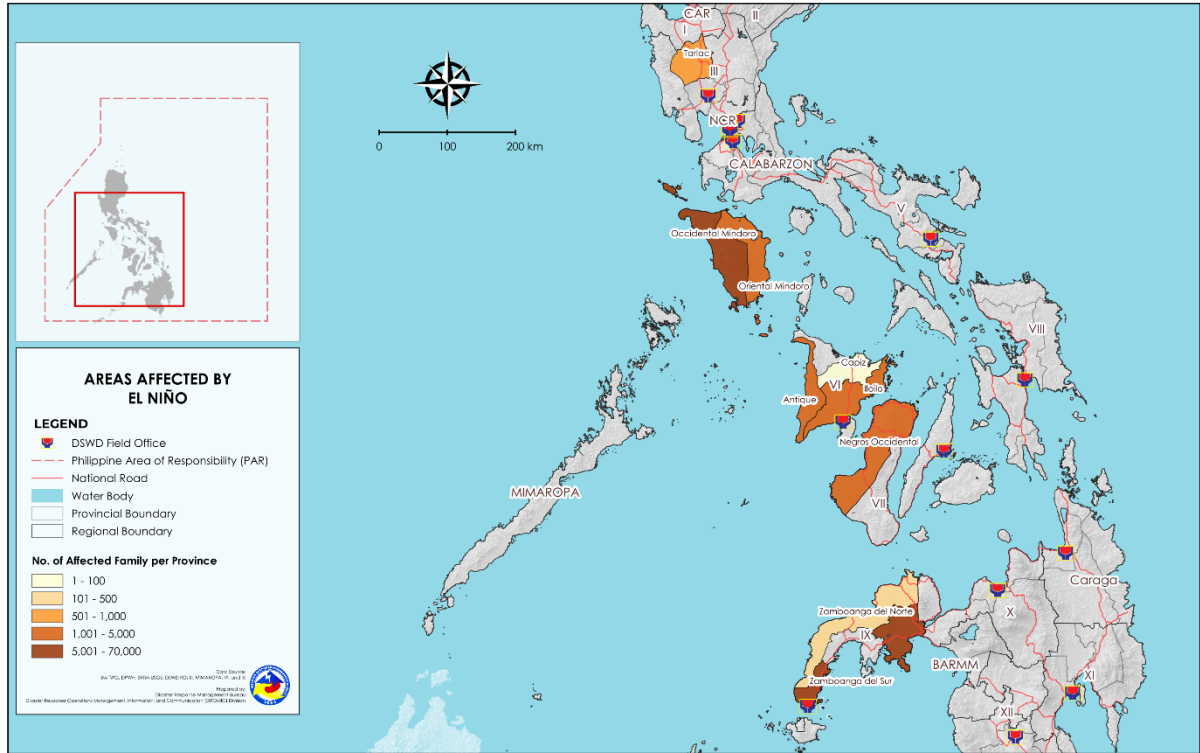
In MIMAROPA, several LGUs in the provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro declared State of Calamity (SoC) due to the effects of severe drought (the Municipality of Bulalacao on 26 February 2024; the Municipalities of Looc and Magsasay on 06 March 2024; and, the Municipalities of Mansalay and San Jose on 07 March 2024). The absence of rainfall, leading to dwindling water sources, has posed a significant challenge to farmers in irrigating their crops such as rice, onions, and vegetables.

On February 2024, the Municipality of Capas, Tarlac reported that the livelihood of farmers, mostly from IPs (Indigenous Peoples) families, have been damaged due to the effects of the El Niño.

Source: DOST-PAGASA El Niño Advisory and DSWD Field Offices (FOs)

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **79,319 families** or **385,964 persons** are affected in **310 barangays** in **Regions III, MIMAROPA, VI, and IX** (see Annex A).



III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱2,751,313.00** worth of assistance was provided by **DSWD** to the affected families (see Annex B).

IV. Response Actions and Interventions

a. DSWD Prepositioned FFPs in the Affected Areas

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	PREPOSITIONED FFPs	
	QUANTITY	COST
GRAND TOTAL	13,401	10,977,918.54
REGION III	38	17,968.54
<i>Provincial Government of Tarlac</i>	38	17,968.54
MIMAROPA	8,745	7,870,500.00
Looc, Occidental Mindoro	1,647	1,482,300.00
Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro	1,500	1,350,000.00
Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro	2,500	2,250,000.00
Bulalacao (San Pedro), Oriental Mindoro	800	720,000.00
Mansalay, Oriental Mindoro	1,000	900,000.00
Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro	1,298	1,168,200.00
REGION VI	4,188	2,846,200.00
Candoni, Negros Occidental	1,694	1,129,170.00
Hinigaran, Negros Occidental	451	332,500.00

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	PREPOSITIONED FFPs	
	QUANTITY	COST
Isabela, Negros Occidental	1,607	1,127,840.00
City of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental	366	256,690.00
REGION IX	500	243,250.00
Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte	500	243,250.00

Note: DSWD Prepositioned FFPs in the Affected Areas as of 26 March 2024, 4AM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB, DSWD-NRLMB, and DSWD FOs

b. 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	388,547,264.48	1,214,479	844,759,615.15	1,176,258,680.49	2,409,565,560.12
DSWD CO	315,058,355.22		-	-	315,058,355.22
NRLMB NROC	-	48,076	26,260,093.14	276,020,509.08	302,280,602.22
NRLMB VDRC	-	26,869	14,783,885.00	109,483,085.95	124,266,970.95
DSWD FO I	5,000,712.22	52,186	37,459,646.45	61,507,622.34	103,967,981.01
DSWD FO II	5,000,000.28	66,588	70,839,426.19	29,092,535.52	104,931,961.99
DSWD FO III	5,000,000.00	61,582	39,557,741.16	19,684,826.43	64,242,567.59
DSWD FO CALABARZON	5,000,000.00	107,098	75,840,967.18	33,968,881.47	114,809,848.65
DSWD FO MIMAROPA	5,000,219.50	151,277	121,719,600.00	30,721,559.83	157,441,379.33
DSWD FO V	5,000,000.00	104,244	71,852,126.69	131,395,856.59	208,247,983.28
DSWD FO VI	5,000,000.00	48,226	30,981,590.51	66,367,069.00	102,348,659.51
DSWD FO VII	-	73,386	45,652,432.90	42,266,583.62	87,919,016.52
DSWD FO VIII	4,496,936.60	107,298	70,695,166.84	58,289,276.11	133,481,379.55
DSWD FO IX	5,000,000.00	51,099	27,834,812.88	62,618,231.18	95,453,044.06
DSWD FO X	5,000,000.00	51,568	34,144,172.63	76,582,063.90	115,726,236.53
DSWD FO XI	5,000,000.00	74,841	49,684,092.50	60,075,276.44	114,759,368.94
DSWD FO XII	5,000,000.00	56,706	36,852,565.00	28,019,471.01	69,872,036.01
DSWD FO CARAGA	5,000,322.66	64,353	43,582,576.83	32,909,478.85	81,492,378.34
DSWD FO NCR	4,553,500.00	26,877	18,416,649.51	3,680,020.38	26,650,169.89
DSWD FO CAR	4,437,218.00	42,205	28,602,069.74	53,576,332.79	86,615,620.53

Note: Summary of Inventory Report as of 26 March 2024, 4AM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱315.06 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) available at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱73.49 million available in all DSWD FOs.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 74,945 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 48,076 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 26,869 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 1,139,534 FFPs available at all DSWD FOs.
- ₱1.18 billion worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD Warehouses.

c. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DSWD FO III

DATE	ACTIVITIES
28-29 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DSWD FO III provided FFPs to the IP families affected by the Effects of El Niño.

DSWD FO MIMAROPA

DATE	ACTIVITIES
13 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DSWD FO MIMAROPA provided FFPs to the families affected by the Effects of El Niño in Municipality of Looc, Occidental Mindoro.

DSWD FO VI

DATE	ACTIVITIES
21 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DSWD FO VI provided FFPs to the families affected by the Effects of El Niño in the Municipalities of Hinigaran and Vallaloid in Negros Occidental.

d. Other Activities

DSWD DRMG

DATE	ACTIVITIES
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster Response Management Bureau (DRMB) closely coordinates with DSWD FOs for significant disaster response updates relative to the Effects of El Niño. DRMB closely coordinates with DOST-PAGASA for significant updates and other related information relative to the Effects of El Niño. 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 I

DATE	ACTIVITIES
06 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I through the Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) attended the coordination meeting with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) relative to the Risk Resiliency Program addressing the effects of El Niño specifically on Food and Water Security. DSWD FO I ensured the availability of resources.

DSWD FO III

DATE	ACTIVITIES
06 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III submitted their first and final report.

DSWD FO MIMAROPA

DATE	ACTIVITIES
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO MIMAROPA closely coordinated with the affected LGUs for significant updates and further requests for relief augmentation.
19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO MIMAROPA provided communication letter to the Provincial Government of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro for the submission of comprehensive and consolidated report together with a validated list of affected families which shall serve as basis in determining the number of goods to be allocated in the affected LGUs. DSWD FO MIMAROPA Guidance Memorandum to Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Office and Provincial Disaster Response Management Division staff on the management of request for augmentation support intended for the affected families by El Nino Phenomenon
13 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DSWD FO MIMAROPA's Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Team Leader in Oriental Mindoro closely coordinated with the affected LGUs for assessment of affected farmers and possible provision of relief assistance.

DSWD FO VI

DATE	ACTIVITIES
22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI closely coordinated with the affected LGUs for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

DSWD FO IX

DATE	ACTIVITIES
20 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX closely coordinated with the affected LGUs for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

Annexes

Annex A. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	310	79,319	385,964
REGION III	-	1,000	1,000
Tarlac	-	1,000	1,000
*Capas	-	1,000	1,000
MIMAROPA	80	7,898	36,471
Occidental Mindoro	40	6,010	27,031
Looc	9	2,718	10,321
Magsaysay	9	1,177	6,135
Paluan	12	1,426	7,130
Rizal	10	689	3,445
Oriental Mindoro	40	1,888	9,440
Bongabong	5	35	175
Bulalacao (San Pedro)	13	1,001	5,005
Mansalay	14	807	4,035
Pinamalayan	8	45	225
REGION VI	146	9,300	42,887
Antique	65	3,324	13,637
Hamtic	16	175	700
Sibalom	47	3,143	12,912
Tobias Fornier (Dao)	2	6	25
Capiz	1	30	142
Dumarao	1	30	142
Iloilo	42	1,686	7,891
Barotac Nuevo	24	1,213	6,065
Barotac Viejo	12	462	1,787
Zarraga	6	11	39
Negros Occidental	38	4,260	21,217
Candoni	9	241	1,205
Hinigaran	5	49	206
Isabela	1	1	2
City of Kabankalan	20	3,928	19,640
Valladolid	3	41	164
REGION IX	84	61,121	305,606
Zamboanga del Norte	16	400	2,000
Baliguian	2	120	600
Labason	6	73	365
Siocon	8	207	1,035
Zamboanga del Sur	11	28	140
Dimataling	11	28	140
Zamboanga City	57	60,693	303,466

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation being conducted.

*The affected population in the Municipality of Capas, Tarlac are farmers.

Source: DSWD FOs

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD TOTAL	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
GRAND TOTAL	2,751,313.00	-	-	-	2,751,313.00
REGION III	1,210,963.00	-	-	-	1,210,963.00
Tarlac	1,210,963.00	-	-	-	1,210,963.00

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD TOTAL	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
<i>Capas</i>	1,210,963.00	-	-	-	1,210,963.00
MIMAROPA	1,480,500.00	-	-	-	1,480,500.00
Occidental Mindoro	1,480,500.00	-	-	-	1,480,500.00
<i>Looc</i>	1,480,500.00	-	-	-	1,480,500.00
REGION VI	59,850.00	-	-	-	59,850.00
Negros Occidental	59,850.00	-	-	-	59,850.00
<i>Hinigaran</i>	32,585.00	-	-	-	32,585.00
<i>Valladolid</i>	27,265.00	-	-	-	27,265.00

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

Source: DSWD FOs

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

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