

DSWD DROMIC Report #4 on the Armed Conflict in Northern Samar

as of 26 March 2024, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 19 March 2024, an armed conflict transpired between the government troops of the Philippine Army and members of the Communist Party of the Philippines–New People's Army (CPP-NPA) in the boundaries of Brgy. Osmeña, Palapag, Northern Samar and Brgy. Magsaysay, Mapanas, Northern Samar. According to reports, the armed encounter had significant impact on the livelihood of the families and individuals in the affected areas.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) VIII and Philippine News Agency (PNA)

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **975 families** or **3,496 persons** are affected in **three (3) barangays** in **Northern Samar** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱1,287,000.00** 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 (FFPs)		OTHER FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST		
TOTAL	173,936,655.82	182,145	111,675,934.98	443,504,515.14	729,117,105.94
DSWD CO	169,439,719.22		-	-	169,439,719.22
NRLMB NROC	-	48,076	26,260,093.14	275,973,799.08	302,233,892.22
NRLMB VDRC	-	26,869	14,783,885.00	109,483,085.95	124,266,970.95
DSWD FO VIII	4,496,936.60	107,200	70,631,956.84	58,047,630.11	133,176,523.55

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

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱169.44 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱4.5 million available at DSWD FO VIII.

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.
- 107,200 FFPs available at DSWD FO VIII.

- ₱443.5 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VIII warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSWD FO VIII facilitated the provision of FFPs to the affected families and individuals in Palapag, Southern Samar.
22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSWD FO VIII distributed family food packs (FFPs) to the affected families.

c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSWD FO VIII closely coordinates with the LGU of Palapag for significant disaster response updates and for further relief augmentation requests.

Annexes

Annex A. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	3	975	3,496
REGION VIII	3	975	3,496
Northern Samar	3	975	3,496
Mapanas	1	347	684
Palapag	2	628	2,812

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation being conducted.

Source: DSWD FO VIII

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
GRAND TOTAL	1,287,000.00	-	-	-	1,287,000.00
REGION VIII	1,287,000.00	-	-	-	1,287,000.00
Northern Samar	1,287,000.00	-	-	-	1,287,000.00
Mapanas	458,040.00	-	-	-	458,040.00
Palapag	828,960.00	-	-	-	828,960.00

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

Source: DSWD FO VIII

Annex C. Photo Documentation



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

Prepared by:

EZEQUIEL S. MACALANDA

Released by:

RODEL V. CABADDU