

DSWD DROMIC Report on the Effects of Crop Pest Infestation in the Municipality of Rizal, Kalinga

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I. Situation Overview

Hundreds of farmers were reported affected due to Crop Pest Infestation in the Municipality of Rizal in Kalinga. The infestation severely damaged the two (2) major crops in Rizal since last year—November 2023.

Following the incident, the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) conducted pest surveillance on corn and rice, confirming the presence of Fall Army Worm and Black Bug in the crops, resulting in yield losses ranging from 50-70%.

The adverse impact on farmers, characterized by reduced crop yields, lower quality produce, and increased production costs, has led to financial losses, affecting the livelihoods of farmers and posing a threat to food security. Given that farming is the primary economic activity in the area, the Local Government Unit (LGU) has appealed for food augmentation to assist affected farmers in meeting basic needs and recovering from substantial losses during this crisis.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), as the Vice-Chair for Disaster Response through its Field Office in Region CAR, promptly addressed the identified needs by providing relief augmentation to a total of 712 farmers in Rizal, Kalinga, who have been grappling with severe crop infestation.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) CAR

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **712 families** or **2,983 persons** were affected in **14 barangays** in **Rizal, Kalinga** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱510,547.24** worth of assistance was provided to the affected families from **DSWD** (see Annex B).

Annexes

Annex A. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	14	172	2,983
REGION CAR	14	172	2,983
Kalinga	14	172	2,983
<i>Rizal (Liwana)</i>	14	172	2,983

Source: DSWD FO CAR

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
GRAND TOTAL	510,547.24	-	-	-	510,547.24
REGION CAR	510,547.24	-	-	-	510,547.24
Kalinga	510,547.24	-	-	-	510,547.24
<i>Rizal (Liwana)</i>	510,547.24	-	-	-	510,547.24

Note: The reflected DSWD assistance covers the cost of assistance provided to the affected farmers.

Source: DSWD FO CAR

Annex C. Photo Documentation



This first and final report is based on the final report / report submitted by DSWD FO CAR on 17 January 2024. The Disaster Response Operations Management, Information and Communication (DROMIC) Division of DSWD-DRMB continues to closely coordinate with DSWD FO CAR for any request of Technical Assistance and Resource Augmentation (TARA).

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