

## DSWD DROMIC Terminal Report on the Observance of Semana Santa 2024

04 May 2024, 6PM

### I. 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 when Filipinos 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 seaports, which amplifies the vulnerability of these people to human-induced disasters. In addition to this, the possible occurrence of natural disasters during this period cannot be ruled out.

### II. Situational Reports

#### DSWD FO NCR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
02 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO NCR submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024–01 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO NCR through the Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) conducted daily monitoring through all available communication lines.</li> <li>DSWD FO NCR through the DRMD rendered 24/7 virtual duty in the emergency operation center of the Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MMDRRMC).</li> <li>Members of the DSWD FO NCR QRTs and the Motorcycle Riders Group were activated and remained on standby to respond to any eventualities.</li> <li>DSWD FO NCR continuously coordinated 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.</li> <li>DSWD FO NCR ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO I

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
04 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO I submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024–02 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO I closely coordinated 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.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO I staff in different Provincial Operations Offices (POOs) maintained close monitoring of their respective areas of responsibility (AORs) for any eventualities.</li> <li>DSWD FO I trained staff on the Incident Command System (ICS) were on standby for any possible deployment.</li> <li>DSWD FO I ensured the availability and readiness of resources.</li> </ul>

### DSWD FO II

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
30 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO II submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
31 March 2024–02 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO II through its DRMD continuously coordinated 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.</li> <li>Regional QRTs, Social Welfare and Development Teams (SWADTs) and City/Municipal Action Teams (C/MATs) in the region were on ON-CALL/STANDBY status for any concern that needed to be addressed by the Field Office.</li> <li>DSWD FO II ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.</li> </ul>
19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO II attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) convened by the Office of Civil Defense Field Office II (OCD FO II).</li> </ul>

### DSWD FO III

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
02 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO III submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO III ensured the availability and readiness of resources.</li> </ul>
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

### DSWD FO CALABARZON

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
01 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO CALABARZON submitted their <b>first and final report</b>.</li> </ul>
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO CALABARZON released an advisory to its Regional and Provincial QRT leaders and members to monitor their respective AORs and report to DRMD any untoward incident relative to the observance of Semana Santa 2024.</li> <li>DSWD FO CALABARZON ensured the availability of relief items in preparation for possible augmentation.</li> <li>DSWD FO CALABARZON closely coordinated with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Offices (PSWDOs) and advised them to monitor and coordinate with their LGUs to gather reports of any disaster events and emergencies that may occur during and after the observance of Semana Santa 2024. The PSWDOs were also advised to be on standby alert and prepare their respective evacuation centers and FFPs should the need arises.</li> </ul>
19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO CALABARZON virtually attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) relative to the observance of Semana Santa 2024.</li> </ul>

### DSWD FO MIMAROPA

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
03 May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO MIMAROPA submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The expanded R/P/C/M QRTs together with special projects staff were 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.</li> <li>DSWD FO MIMAROPA through its Information and Communication Technology Management Section (ICTMS) ensured a robust communication system.</li> <li>DSWD FO MIMAROPA is closely coordinated and monitored with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and RDRRMC MIMAROPA for significant disaster updates and any augmentation request.</li> <li>DSWD FO III ensured the <u>availability and readiness of resources</u>.</li> </ul>
22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO MIMAROPA alerted the SWADT Offices to monitor daily local weather conditions and related eventualities.</li> </ul>

### DSWD FO V

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
04 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO V submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024–01 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO V ensured the adequate stockpile in every province as well as the readily available prepositioned goods at the LGUs.</li> <li>DSWD FO V maintained skeletal teams at the office and ensured the continuity of operations.</li> </ul>
19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO V attended the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Full Council Meeting.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

### DSWD FO VI

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
30 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO VI submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
27 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO VI Regional / Provincial / City / Municipal (R/P/C/M) Quick Response Team (QRT) members were on standby and ready for augmentation if needed.</li> <li>DSWD FO VI Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Team composed of trained QRT members were ready for deployment.</li> <li>DSWD FO VI continuously monitored weather updates from DOST-PAGASA and disseminated the same to R/P/C/M QRTs.</li> <li>DSWD FO VI closely coordinated with the P/C/MLGUs to generate reports on affected and displaced families in their respective areas.</li> <li>DSWD FO VI continuously repacked FFPs at the Regional Warehouse in Oton, Iloilo</li> <li>DSWD FO VI ensured the adequate stockpile in every province as well as the readily available prepositioned goods at the LGUs.</li> </ul>
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

### DSWD FO VII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
10 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO VII submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>

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02 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local RDRRMC downgraded the alert status from Blue Alert to White Alert.</li> </ul>
29 - 30 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO VII DRMD Chief Lilibeth Cabiara and DRRS Section Head Christine Escolano attended the Weather Updating and Emergency Preparedness and Response Meeting re: Sugat - Kabanhawan 2024.</li> <li>DSWD FO VII DRMD maintained round the clock monitoring through its virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC).</li> </ul>
27 - 31 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO VII through its DRMD maintained close coordination with the Provincial/City/ Municipal Action Teams, LDRRMOs and LSWDOs in monitoring their respective AORs.</li> <li>DSWD FO VII maintained skeletal teams at the office to ensure the continuity of operations.</li> <li>DSWD FO VII conducted a virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in monitoring activities.</li> <li>DSWD FO VII maintained close monitoring of weather updates from the DOST-PAGASA and cascaded all necessary information to the P/C/MATs</li> <li>DSWD FO VII ensures the availability and readiness of resources.</li> </ul>
11 and 22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO VIII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
2 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO VIII submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> <li>DSWD FO VIII activated its skeletal workforce and continuously coordinated with the Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.</li> <li>DSWD FO VIII attended the meeting with the RDRRMC Virtual Emergency Operations Center via Zoom for the monitoring of possible incidents during the observance of Holy Week.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO IX

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
29 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO IX submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
25–31 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>DSWD FO IX closely monitored weather updates from the DOST-PAGASA, and other disaster incidents in Zamboanga Peninsula for any possible augmentation.</li> <li>DSWD FO IX ensured the availability and readiness of resources.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO X

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
03 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO X submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>DSWD FO X monitored weather updates and coordinated with the SWAD Team Leaders, LDRRMOs and LSWDOs for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.</li> <li>DSWD FO X ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.</li> </ul>

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25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO X issued a Memorandum to the Regional, Provincial, City/Municipal QRTs to be on standby for possible deployment should augmentation be needed.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO XI

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
29 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO XI submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO XI QRTs, composed of four (4) teams with nine (9) members each, were readily available for deployment should the need arise.</li> <li>DSWD FO XI ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.</li> <li>DSWD FO XI coordinated and monitored 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.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO XII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
2 May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO XII submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
28–31 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO XII activated its skeletal workforce and coordinated with the Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO XII QRT members and trained camp managers were readily available for deployment in response to any possible activation of evacuation centers.</li> <li>DSWD FO XII ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and telecommunication equipment.</li> <li>DSWD FO XIII coordinated with their Local Government Units (LGUs) and all concerned offices for any disaster updates and requests for relief augmentation.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO Caraga

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
12 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO Caraga submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO Caraga monitored the daily weather updates issued by DOST-PAGASA.</li> <li>DSWD FO Caraga DRMD personnel and QRT members were on standby for any possible deployment during the observance of “Semana Santa” 2024.</li> <li>DSWD FO Caraga advised SWADTLs to 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.</li> </ul>

#### DSWD FO CAR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
12 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO CAR submitted their <b>terminal report</b>.</li> </ul>
28–31 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO CAR QRT members rendered duty at the FO’s Emergency Operations Center.</li> </ul>
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSWD FO CAR through its DRMD coordinated with Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices for significant updates and any request of relief augmentation.</li> <li>DSWD FO CAR DRMD QRT were on standby for any possible deployment during the observance of “Semana Santa” 2024.</li> <li>DSWD FO CAR ensured the availability and readiness of FNIs, vehicles, and emergency telecommunication equipment.</li> </ul>

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	• DSWD FO CAR attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) for Semana Santa 2024.
21 March 2024	• DSWD FO CAR attended the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) for Semana Santa 2024.

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*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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