

DSWD DROMIC Report #1 on the Capsized Cargo Vessel due to Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) in Lavezares, Northern Samar as of 09 January 2025, 6AM

I. Situation Overview

On 30 December 2024 at around 2:30 PM, a cargo vessel capsized in the waters near Brgy. Balicuatro, Lavezares, Northern Samar. According to the report, the vessel, carrying cement and manned by 15 crew members aboard, had departed from Naga City and was en route to San Jose, Northern Samar, when it was struck by large waves caused by rough sea conditions due to the ITCZ, leading to its submersion. Personnel from the Coast Guard Station (CGS) Northern Samar immediately responded and conducted search and rescue (SAR) operations.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) VIII

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **15 persons** are affected in **Lavezares, Northern Samar** (see Annex A).

III. Status of Displaced Population

Inside Evacuation Center

There are **15 persons** currently taking temporary shelter at **Allen Evacuation Center** in **Allen, Northern Samar** (see Annex B).

IV. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱15,860.00** worth of assistance was provided by **DSWD** to the affected persons (see Annex C).

V. 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	6,304,847.66	455,583	345,650,230.67	147,548,645.67	499,503,724.00
DSWD CO	3,304,847.66	-	-	-	3,304,847.66
NRLMB NROC	-	147,610	106,265,088.11	53,709,145.61	159,974,233.72
NRLMB VDRC	-	200,767	162,594,842.00	41,554,082.16	204,148,924.16
DSWD FO VIII	3,000,000.00	107,206	76,790,300.56	52,285,417.90	132,075,718.46

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 09 January 2025, 4AM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱3.3 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) available at the DSWD Central Office.

- ₱3 million available at DSWD FO VIII.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 348,377 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 147,610 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 200,767 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 107,206 FFPs available at DSWD FO VIII.
- ₱147.55 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VIII warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VIII distributed FFPs to the affected individuals of the capsized cargo vessel in Lavezares, Northern Samar.

c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
06 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VIII maintained close coordination with the LGU accommodating the affected individuals and other concerned offices 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	1	15	15
REGION VIII	1	15	15
Northern Samar	1	15	15
<i>Lavezares</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FO VIII

Annex B. Number of Displaced Families / Persons Inside Evacuation Center

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF EVACUATION CENTERS (ECs)		NUMBER OF DISPLACED INSIDE ECs			
			Families		Persons	
	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW
GRAND TOTAL	1	1	15	15	15	15
REGION VIII	1	1	15	15	15	15
Northern Samar	1	1	15	15	15	15
<i>Lavezares</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FO VIII

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				GRAND TOTAL
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	
GRAND TOTAL	15,860.00	-	-	-	15,860.00
REGION VIII	15,860.00	-	-	-	15,860.00
Northern Samar	15,860.00	-	-	-	15,860.00
<i>Lavezares</i>	<i>15,860.00</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>15,860.00</i>

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

Source: DSWD FO VIII

Annex D. 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.

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