

DSWD DROMIC Report #1 on the Prolonged Power Outage in Surigao del Norte

as of 14 February 2025, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 01 December 2024 at around 4:40 PM, Siargao Island and Bucas Grand Island in the province of Surigao del Norte experienced a prolonged power outage that lasted until 14 December 2024, due to severe damage to the submarine cable supplying electricity from mainland Mindanao to the entire islands.

The prolonged outage caused significant disruption to the daily lives of local residents, impacting essential services such as communication networks and other economic activities. Businesses, especially those in the tourism and hospitality sectors, faced financial setbacks. Hospitals and clinics struggled to function with limited backup power, and the situation worsened as water distribution systems, reliant on electricity, began to fail, resulted in shortages that raised sanitation concerns and demand for immediate assistance.

On 05 December 2024, the Sanggunian Panlalawigan (SP) of Surigao del Norte issued a resolution declaring the entire Surigao Island and Bucas Grande Island in the province of Surigao del Norte under a State of Calamity (SoC).

On 14 December 2024, the Siargao Electric Cooperative (SIARELCO) announced the full restoration of electric power supply within its service area.

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

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **20,040 families** or **89,548 persons** are affected in **72 barangays** in **Surigao del Norte** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱6,966,709.21** 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		OTHER FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST		
TOTAL	5,304,847.66	570,757	460,869,222.37	320,721,688.50	786,895,758.53
DSWD CO	3,304,847.66	-	-	-	3,304,847.66
NRLMB NROC	-	198,427	169,740,244.10	148,761,954.56	318,502,198.66
NRLMB VDRC	-	247,336	187,989,424.86	92,882,960.03	280,872,384.89

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DSWD FO Caraga	2,000,000.00	124,994	103,139,553.41	79,076,773.91	184,216,327.32

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 14 February 2025, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱3.3 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱2 million available at DSWD FO Caraga.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 445,763 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 198,427 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 247,336 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 124,994 FFPs available at DSWD FO Caraga.
- ₱320.7 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO Caraga warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
23-24 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga facilitated the delivery and distribution of Family Food Packs (FFPs) to the affected families and individuals in Socorro, Surigao del Norte.
14 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga provided and distributed FFPs to the affected families and individuals in San Isidro, Surigao del Norte.
13 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga delivered and distributed FFPs to the affected families and individuals in the municipalities of Burgos and San Benito, Surigao del Norte.
10-12 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga delivered and distributed Bottled Water Containers (10L) to the affected families and individuals in General Luna, Surigao del Norte.

c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
14 February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga maintains close coordination with the LGUs and other concerned offices for significant updates and further relief augmentation requests.
01 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO Caraga closely coordinated with the LGUs 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	72	20,040	89,548
CARAGA	72	20,040	89,548
Surigao del Norte	72	20,040	89,548
<i>Burgos</i>	6	1,628	6,267
<i>General Luna</i>	19	9,053	45,265
<i>Pilar</i>	15	3,769	11,687
<i>San Benito</i>	6	1,603	6,398
<i>San Isidro</i>	12	2,307	11,535
<i>Socorro</i>	14	1,680	8,396

Note:

- Municipalities in red font are under State of Calamity (SoC).
- Ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FO Caraga

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	6,966,709.21	-	-	-	6,966,709.21
CARAGA	6,966,709.21	-	-	-	6,966,709.21
Surigao del Norte	6,966,709.21	-	-	-	6,966,709.21
<i>Burgos</i>	1,532,522.08	-	-	-	1,532,522.08
<i>General Luna</i>	697,566.00	-	-	-	697,566.00
<i>San Benito</i>	1,756,839.13	-	-	-	1,756,839.13
<i>San Isidro</i>	1,151,942.00	-	-	-	1,151,942.00
<i>Socorro</i>	1,827,840.00	-	-	-	1,827,840.00

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

Source: DSWD FO Caraga

Annex C. Photo Documentation

11-24 DEC 2024 DSWD Field Office Caraga distributes family food packs (FFPs) to the families and persons affected by the prolonged power outage in Surigao Del Norte.



San Benito, Surigao Del Norte *San Isidro, Surigao Del Norte* *Socorro, Surigao Del Norte*
Burgos, Surigao Del Norte





10-12 DEC 2024 DSWD Field Office Caraga distributes bottled waters to the families and persons affected by the prolonged power outage in Gen. Luna, Surigao Del Norte.







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

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