

DSWD DROMIC Report #2 on the Armed Conflict in Northern Samar

as of 28 March 2025, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 17 March 2025, the Sub-Field Office of Northern Samar received a report from the MSWDO regarding an armed conflict in Mapanas, Northern Samar. At 6:15 AM on 16 March 2025, a Philippine Army unit, led by Lt. Edmond V. Limbaga, encountered three (3) members of the NPA near Brgy. San Jose during a Focused Military Operation. The firefight lasted 10 minutes, resulting in one (1) government casualty (WIA) and one (1) enemy fatality.

Moreover, three (3) GIDA barangays were also reported to be affected by the incident as the armed group crossed over these to these barangays. As a precaution, all affected barangays are on lockdown, and residents are advised to refrain from farming for safety.

In response to the incident, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), through its Field Office in Region VIII, actively engaged in the response operation and maintains continuous coordination with the Local Government Unit of Mapanas to manage the needs the community, provide timely updates, address potential requests for relief augmentation, and ensure the swift delivery of assistance to those affected by the incident.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) VIII

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **575 families** or **2,300 persons** are affected in **Northern Samar**.

Table 1. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	4	575	2,300
REGION VIII	4	575	2,300
Northern Samar	4	575	2,300
<i>Gamay</i>	3	413	1,652
<i>Mapanas</i>	1	162	648

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FO VIII

III. 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	170,916,744.46	728,482	464,191,030.46	162,573,288.60	797,681,063.52
DSWD CO	169,544,948.34	-	-	-	169,544,948.34

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NRLMB NROC	-	284,148	195,746,654.35	83,389,938.80	279,136,593.15
NRLMB VDRC	-	332,440	194,829,199.82	36,821,934.80	231,651,134.62
DSWD FO VIII	1,371,796.12	111,894	73,615,176.29	42,361,415.00	117,348,387.41

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 28 March 2025, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱170.92 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱1.37 million available at DSWD FO VIII.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 616,588 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 284,148 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 332,440 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 111,894 FFPs available at DSWD FO VIII.
- ₱162.57 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VIII warehouses.

b. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
28 March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VIII closely coordinates with the affected LGUs and other concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation.

This report is a continuation of the DSWD DROMIC Report #1 on the Armed Conflict in Brgy. San Jose, Mapanas, Northern Samar as of 19 March 2025, 6PM. 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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