

DSWD DROMIC Preparedness for Response Report #9 on the Observance of Semana Santa 2025

as of 21 April 2025, 6AM

Situation Overview

As the Asian country with the highest population of Christianity, the Philippines annually commemorates the "Semana Santa" or Holy Week, a 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 observation starts on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday – the day where we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. The whole week is observed in solemnity, with Holy Thursday and Good Friday declared as official holidays pursuant to Proclamation No. 727¹, issued on 30 October 2024 by the Office of the President. 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, the majority of the 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 the volume of people is expected in transport stations such as bus terminals and air and sea ports, which amplifies their vulnerability to human-induced disasters. Naturally, we also cannot rule out the possibility of the occurrence of disasters due to natural hazards during this period.

Weather Bulletin

Issued on 21 April 2025 at 4AM, the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is affecting Southern Mindanao while Easterlies is affecting the rest of the country. Cloudy skies with scattered rains and thunderstorms caused by the ITCZ may cause possible flash floods or landslides due to moderate to at times heavy rains in Davao Region, Surigao del Sur, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi. Partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms caused by the ITCZ may cause possible flash floods or landslides during severe thunderstorms over the rest of Mindanao. Meanwhile, Partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms caused by the Easterlies may cause possible flash floods or landslides during severe thunderstorms in Metro Manila and the rest of the country.

Source: DOST-PAGASA Daily Weather Forecast

Status of Prepositioned Resources: Stockpile and Standby Funds

The DSWD Central Office (CO), Field Offices (FOs), and National Resource Operations Center (NROC) have stockpiles and standby funds amounting to **₱2,927,775,505.49** with breakdown as follows (see Table 1):

a. Standby Funds

A total of **₱101,330,424.69** standby funds in the CO and FOs. Of the said amount, **₱53,330,424.69** is the available **Quick Response Fund (QRF)** in the CO.

¹ Declaring the Regular Holidays and Special (Non-Working) Days for the Year 2025.

b. Stockpiles

A total of **2,764,172 family food packs (FFPs)** amounting to **₱1,893,354,750.91**, **other food items** amounting to **₱67,705,273.35**, and **non-food items** amounting to **₱865,385,056.54** are available.

Table 1. Available Stockpiles and Standby Funds

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS	STOCKPILE					TOTAL STANDBY FUNDS & STOCKPILE
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS		OTHER FOOD ITEMS	NON-FOOD RELIEF ITEMS	OTHER FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST		
TOTAL	101,330,424.69	2,764,172	1,893,354,750.91	67,705,273.35	865,385,056.54	933,090,329.89	2,927,775,505.49
DSWD CO	53,330,424.69	-	-	-	-	-	53,330,424.69
NRLMB NROC	-	311,611	214,646,634.61	44,358,686.36	44,450,260.04	88,808,946.40	303,455,581.01
NRLMB VDRC	-	313,233	178,146,237.27	16,099,012.67	16,916,592.00	33,015,604.67	211,161,841.94
DSWD FO NCR	3,000,000.00	54,488	37,552,240.35	-	9,171,740.80	9,171,740.80	49,723,981.15
DSWD FO I	3,000,000.00	94,313	59,197,607.69	305,280.00	35,918,848.00	36,224,128.00	98,421,735.69
DSWD FO II	3,000,000.00	120,929	83,645,985.25	1,062,978.91	54,845,822.00	55,908,800.91	142,554,786.16
DSWD FO III	3,000,000.00	348,140	245,649,132.31	1,627,416.90	21,932,681.84	23,560,098.74	272,209,231.05
DSWD FO CALABARZON	3,000,000.00	220,699	155,060,670.69	-	17,513,086.00	17,513,086.00	175,573,756.69
DSWD FO MIMAROPA	3,000,000.00	131,767	114,686,142.38	-	33,847,065.46	33,847,065.46	151,533,207.84
DSWD FO V	3,000,000.00	182,918	120,220,377.20	672,720.02	95,361,690.15	96,034,410.17	219,254,787.37
DSWD FO VI	3,000,000.00	133,036	92,960,618.00	-	40,538,781.60	40,538,781.60	136,499,399.60
DSWD FO VII	3,000,000.00	86,539	55,677,122.37	809,446.85	58,144,715.80	58,954,162.65	117,631,285.02
DSWD FO VIII	3,000,000.00	146,040	93,525,990.53	540,525.00	41,711,475.50	42,252,000.50	138,777,991.03
DSWD FO IX	3,000,000.00	76,332	53,833,835.00	1,473,936.48	53,039,992.16	54,513,928.64	111,347,763.64
DSWD FO X	3,000,000.00	112,729	78,119,837.20	360,305.36	37,230,262.00	37,590,567.36	118,710,404.56
DSWD FO XI	3,000,000.00	102,277	79,533,094.00	-	92,020,376.96	92,020,376.96	174,553,470.96
DSWD FO XII	3,000,000.00	101,339	63,633,713.59	-	21,082,221.00	21,082,221.00	87,715,934.59
DSWD FO CARAGA	3,000,000.00	167,323	123,576,249.20	22,593.40	142,113,335.80	142,135,929.20	268,712,178.40
DSWD FO CAR	3,000,000.00	60,459	43,689,263.27	372,371.40	49,546,109.43	49,918,480.83	96,607,744.10

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 21 April 2025, 4AM.

Source: DRMB and NRLMB

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DSWD DRMG

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
17 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disaster Response Management Bureau (DRMB) is closely coordinating with all DSWD FOs for significant disaster response updates relative to the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DRMB also coordinates with the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) for significant weather updates and other related information relative to the observance of Semana Santa 2025. All DRMB Quick Response Team (QRT) members and emergency equipment are on standby and ready for deployment. The National Resource and Logistics Management Bureau (NRLMB) ensures the replenishment and availability of FNIs for resource augmentation to DSWD FOs as the need arises.

DSWD FO I

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
27 March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I coordinated with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Region 1, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRRMOs), and Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs) to monitor and gather reports and updates on any eventualities that may occur during the observance of Semana Santa 2025.

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I Incident Management Team (IMT) members remained on standby for any possible deployment. DSWD FO I ensured the availability of FNIs.

DSWD FO III

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
12 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III activated their Rapid Deployment Team on skeletal duty to ensure immediate reporting of disaster incidents concerning the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO III ensured the availability of FNIs.

DSWD FO CALABARZON

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
08 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CALABARZON participated in the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) meeting for the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO CALABARZON, through its QRT, closely monitored its area of responsibility during the observance of the Holy Week and the Summer Vacation 2025. DSWD FO CALABARZON, through its Committee on Disaster Response and Early Recovery Section, ensured the availability of FNIs. DSWD FO CALABARZON QRT and its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) were on heightened Alert Status for the observance of Semana Santa 2025.

DSWD FO V

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
16 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V activated its QRTs for the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO V Regional / Provincial / City / Municipal (R/P/C/M) QRTs closely monitored their area of responsibility. DSWD FO V closely monitored the weather conditions in the region. DSWD FO V, through its Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD), remained on standby alert for the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO V ensured the availability of FNIs.
15 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V Regional Director Norman S. Laurio directed all P/C/M QRTs to remain on Red Alert Status and standby mode during the observance of Semana Santa 2025. Further, Satellite / Municipal Social Welfare and Development Team Leaders were directed to ensure close coordination with Local Government Units (LGUs), particularly in coastal areas, to respond promptly to disaster incidents or other emergencies requiring DSWD assistance. DSWD FO V provincial focals were tasked to check the latest status of stockpiles in their respective provincial warehouses and to ensure the replenishment of supplies after the Holy Week.
07 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V attended the PDRA meeting for Holy Week and Summer Vacation 2025.

DSWD FO VI

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
14 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI issued a Special Order for the DRMD's skeletal workforce during the observance of Semana Santa from 17 to 20 April 2025. DSWD FO VI R/P/C/M QRT members remained on standby and ready for augmentation if needed. DSWD FO VI Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Team, composed of trained QRT members, remained on standby and ready for deployment. DSWD FO VI closely monitored the weather updates from DOST-PAGASA and disseminated the same to R/P/C/M QRTs.

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI closely coordinated with the LGUs to generate reports on affected and displaced families in their respective areas. DSWD FO VI ensured an adequate stockpile in every province as well as the readily available prepositioned goods at the LGUs. DSWD FO VI ensured the availability of FNIs.

DSWD FO VII

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
17 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII attended the Emergency Preparedness and Response meeting in the observance of Semana Santa 2025 led by the RDRRC VII to strengthen monitoring efforts and maximize inter-agency coordination.
10 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII, through its DRMD, closely coordinated with C/M Action Teams, LDDRMOs, and LSWDOs in monitoring their respective areas of responsibility. DSWD FO VII continuously monitored the weather updates from DOST-PAGASA and disseminated the same to R/P/C/M Action Teams.
08 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII attended the Emergency Preparedness and Response meeting in the Observance of Semana Santa 2025 led by the RDRRC VII to strengthen monitoring efforts and maximize inter-agency coordination.

DSWD FO IX

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
11 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX closely monitored weather updates from DOST-PAGASA. DSWD FO IX ensured the availability of FNIs.

DSWD FO X

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
15 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO X closely monitored weather updates from DOST-PAGASA. DSWD FO X ensured the availability of FNIs. DSWD FO X R/P/C/M QRT members remained on standby and ready for augmentation if needed.

DSWD FO XI

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
15 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO XI R/P/C/M QRT members remained on standby and ready for augmentation if needed. DSWD FO XI ensured the availability of FNIs.

DSWD FO CAR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
19 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR activated its QRT for the monitoring of incidents which may occur during the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO CAR closely coordinated with LSWDOs to monitor and gather reports and updates on any eventualities that may occur during the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO CAR ensured the availability of FNIs, transportation, and emergency telecommunications equipment.
10 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR attended the PDRA for the observance of Semana Santa 2025.

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

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