

DSWD DROMIC Terminal Report on the Observance of Semana Santa 2025

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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.

Situational Reports

DSWD FO I

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
05 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I submitted their terminal report.
27 March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO I coordinated with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) 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 might have occurred during the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO I Incident Management Team (IMT) members were on standby for any possible deployment. DSWD FO I ensured the availability of food and non-food items (FNIs).

DSWD FO II

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
29 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II submitted their terminal report.
12 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO II, through its Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD), closely coordinated with Local Government Units (LGUs) to monitor and gather reports and updates on any eventualities that might have occurred during the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO II, through its DRMD and Social Welfare and Development Teams (SWADTs), remained on standby alert for the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO II ensured the availability of FNIs.

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

DSWD FO III

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
25 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III submitted their terminal report.
12 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO III activated their Rapid Deployment Team (RDT) 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
16 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CALABARZON submitted their terminal report.
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 Quick Response Team (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
22 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V submitted their terminal report.
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 (SWAD) team leaders were directed to ensure close coordination with 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
25 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI submitted their terminal report.
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 were 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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VI closely monitored the weather updates through DOST-PAGASA and disseminated the same to R/P/C/M QRTs. DSWD FO VI closely coordinated with the LGUs for 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
24 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO V submitted their terminal report.
20 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VII, through its DRMD, closely coordinated with C/M Action Teams, LDRRMOs, and LSWDOs in monitoring their respective areas of responsibility.
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 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
04 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX submitted their terminal report.
11 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO IX closely monitored weather updates through DOST-PAGASA. DSWD FO IX ensured the availability of FNIs.

DSWD FO X

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

DSWD FO XI

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

DSWD FO CAR

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
30 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR submitted their terminal report.
19-20 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO CAR activated its QRT for the monitoring of incidents that might have occurred 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 might have occurred during the observance of Semana Santa 2025. DSWD FO CAR ensured the availability of FNIs, transportation, and emergency telecommunications equipment.

DATE	SITUATIONS / ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
10 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DSWD FO CAR attended the PDRA for the observance of Semana Santa 2025.

This terminal report is based on the final reports submitted by the concerned DSWD FOs. The Disaster Response Operations Management, Information, and Communication (DROMIC) Division of DSWD-DRMB continues to closely coordinate with DSWD FOs for any request of Technical Assistance and Resource Augmentation (TARA).

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