

DSWD DROMIC Report #1 on the Clustering of Suspected Diarrhoeal Cases in Cordillera Administrative Region

as of 29 May 2025, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 29 April 2025, several suspected diarrhea cases were reported in Brgy. Sacpil, Conner, Apayao. The investigation of the Municipal Health Office of Conner confirmed the presence of E.coli and total coliform bacteria in several community water sources in the Barangay. From 29 April to 06 May 2025, 84 cases were recorded.

Additional cases emerged between 14 to 19 May 2025 which prompted an emergency meeting between the Provincial Health Office, Rural Health Unit (RHU)-Conner, Conner District Hospital (CDH) and the Department of Health-Cordillera Administrative Region (DOH-CAR). On May 26, 2025, the CAR - Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) raised the Blue Alert Status due to new cases being reported.

A total of 279 individuals were affected by diarrhea cases from the provinces of Apayao and Kalinga. Of the cases, a total of 200 were mostly from Brgy. Sacpil, Conner Apayao, and 79 were from the Municipalities of Balbalan, Pinukpuk, and City of Tabuk, Kalinga.

Diarrhoeal disease or Diarrhea is defined as the passage of three or more loose or liquid stools per day (or more frequent passage than is normal for the individual). Frequent passing of formed stools is not diarrhea, nor is the passing of loose, "pasty" stools by breastfed babies. Diarrhea is usually a symptom of an infection in the intestinal tract, which can be caused by a variety of bacterial, viral, and parasitic organisms. Infection is spread through contaminated food or drinking-water, or from person-to-person due to poor hygiene.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) VI

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **399 families** or **1,995 persons** are affected in **Cordillera Administrative Region** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱1,079,702.55** 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	323,379,932.01	883,849	559,807,512.45	132,987,792.29	1,016,175,236.75
DSWD CO	320,379,932.01	-	-	-	320,379,932.01
NRLMB NROC	-	413,839	264,028,608.75	53,310,070.92	317,338,679.67
NRLMB VDRC	-	327,965	204,909,580.18	39,138,939.77	244,048,519.95
DSWD FO VI	3,000,000.00	142,045	90,869,323.52	40,538,781.60	134,408,105.12

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 29 May 2025, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱320.38 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱3 million available at DSWD FO VI.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 741,804 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 413,839 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 327,965 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 142,045 FFPs available at DSWD FO VI.
- ₱132.99 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VI warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
25 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI facilitated the distribution of FFPs and Bottled Water to the affected families.

c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
29 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VI closely coordinates with the affected 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	1	399	1,995
CAR	1	399	1,995
Apayao	1	399	1,995
Conner	1	399	1,995

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation on the actual number of families/persons to be reported in the province of Kalinga.

Source: DSWD FO VI

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	1,079,702.55	-	-	-	1,079,702.55
CAR	1,079,702.55	-	-	-	1,079,702.55
Apayao	1,079,702.55	-	-	-	1,079,702.55
Conner	1,079,702.55	-	-	-	1,079,702.55

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

Source: DSWD FO VI

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

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