

DSWD DROMIC Report #5 on the Structural Vulnerabilities of the San Juanico Bridge

as of 23 May 2025, 6AM

I. Situation Overview

On 15 May 2025, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) imposed a temporary maximum gross vehicle weight limit of three (3) metric tons on all vehicles crossing the San Juanico Bridge, which connects the provinces of Leyte and Samar. This measure is being implemented due to identified structural vulnerabilities in the bridge.

The restriction on the types of vehicles allowed to cross the San Juanico bridge may impact economic activities, delay the delivery of essential services and commodities, and disrupt daily operations, affecting many people who depend on this crucial route.

Source: DSWD Field Office (FO) VIII

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **581 families** or **621 persons** are affected in **Eastern Visayas** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **P400,981.05** worth of assistance was provided by **DSWD** to the affected families and individuals (see Annex B).

IV. Response Actions and Interventions

a. Standby Funds and Prepositioned Relief Stockpile

OFFICE	STANDBY FUNDS		TOTAL STANDBY		
		FAMILY FOOD PACKS		OTHER FOOD AND	FUNDS &
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	NON-FOOD ITEMS (FNIs)	STOCKPILE
TOTAL	427,461,407.01	921,553	581,817,954.41	106,410,235.35	1,115,689,596.77
DSWD CO	424,461,407.01		-	-	424,461,407.01
NRLMB NROC	-	401,573	257,161,261.87	45,047,342.28	302,208,604.15
NRLMB VDRC	-	375,161	231,931,195.76	19,217,280.57	251,148,476.33
DSWD FO VIII	3,000,000.00	144,819	92,725,496.78	42,145,612.50	137,871,109.28

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 23 May 2025, 4AM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱424.46 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) available at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱3 million available at DSWD FO VIII.







2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 776,734 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 401,573 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 375,161 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 144,819 FFPs available at DSWD FO VIII.
- ₱106.41 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO VIII warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
22 May 2025	DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FNIs to the families and individuals stranded in Basey and Sta. Rita, Samar and Tacloban City.
21 May 2025	DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FNIs to the families and individuals stranded in Sta. Rita, Samar and Tacloban City, Leyte and San Antonio, Basey, Samar.
20 May 2025	DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs to the families and individuals stranded in Basey and Sta. Rita, Samar and Tacloban City Leyte.
19 May 2025	 DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs to the families and individuals stranded in Tacloban City and Sta. Rita, Samar. DSWD FO VIII Quick Response Team assisted the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Tacloban City in the provision of hot meals to the stranded families and individuals.

c. Other Activities

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22 May 2025	 DSWD FO VIII closely coordinates with the LGUs accommodating the stranded families and individuals, and other concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for relief augmentation. DSWD FO VIII deployed its Mobile Command Center to monitor and gather updates on the stranded families and individuals. DSWD FO VIII referred the stranded families and individuals to the Crisis Intervention Section for further assessment and provision of financial assistance through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS). DSWD FO VIII, in coordination with the Municipal Action Team (MAT) in Sta. Rita, Samar, administers the profiling and validation of the stranded families and individuals through the use of Family Access Card in Emergencies and Disasters (FACED). 				







Annexes

Annex A. **Number of Affected Families / Persons**

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED			
REGION / PROVINCE / WONICIPALITY	Barangays	Families	Persons	
GRAND TOTAL	•	581	621	
REGION VIII	-	581	621	
Tacloban City	-	205	245	
Samar (Western Samar)	-	376	376	
Basey	-	80	80	

Note: The affected families and persons in San Remigio, Cebu are LSIs. Ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FO VIII

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

REGION / PROVINCE /	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
MUNICIPALITY	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	400,981.05	-	-	-	400,981.05
REGION VIII	400,981.05	-	-	-	400,981.05
Tacloban City	147,570.25	-	-	-	147,570.25
Samar (Western Samar)	253,410.80	•	-	-	253,410.80
Basey	62,014.00	1	-	1	62,014.00

Note: The reflected DSWD assistance covers the cost of family food packs (FFPs) and financial assistance provided to the affected families / persons.

Source: DSWD FO VIII

Annex C. **Photo Documentation**

22 MAY 2025 DSWD Field Office VIII distributes family food packs (FFPs) and distilled water to stranded individuals affected by the strict weight restrictions on San Juanico Bridge in Sta. Rita, Samar.









21 MAY 2025 DSWD Field Office VIII distributes family food packs (FFPs) and distilled water to stranded individuals affected by the strict weight restrictions on San Juanico Bridge in San Antonio, Basey, Samar.



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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