

DSWD DROMIC Report #24 on the Structural Vulnerabilities of the San Juanico Bridge as of 16 June 2025, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 15 May 2025, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) implemented a temporary restriction limiting the maximum gross vehicle weight to three (3) metric tons for all vehicles crossing the San Juanico Bridge, a critical infrastructure connecting the provinces of Leyte and Samar. This precautionary measure was undertaken following the identification of structural vulnerabilities in the bridge, which prompted urgent safety interventions.

With San Juanico Bridge serving as the main access point in and out of Tacloban City, the imposed weight limit has severely disrupted economic activities, hampered the delivery of medical supplies and other essential commodities, and delayed emergency response operations. These impacts have placed significant strain on daily life and local governance in the city.

In response to the restriction's adverse effects on the flow of goods, services, and people, the City Government of Tacloban declared a state of emergency on 23 May 2025. The decision was made in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government Code and pertinent national disaster risk protocols, which authorize local government units to declare a state of emergency when public safety is compromised, or when immediate action is necessary to address disruptions in essential services.

The DSWD, through its Field Office VIII and Disaster Response Management Bureau (DRMB), continues to monitor the situation and stands ready to provide augmentation support as needed to affected LGUs in the region.

Source: DSWD Field Offices (FOs) V and VIII

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **2,743 families** or **2,813 persons** are affected in **Regions V** and **VIII** (see Annex A).

III. Status of Displaced Population

Inside Evacuation Center

A total of **287 families** or **334 persons** sought temporary shelter in **three (3) evacuation centers** in **Region V** (see Annex B).

IV. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱1,709,512.95** worth of assistance was provided by **DSWD** to the affected families and individuals (see Annex C).

V. 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	199,668,530.67	3,008,654	2,031,325,847.94	883,040,483.96	3,114,034,862.57
DSWD CO	152,650,530.67	-	-	-	152,650,530.67
NRLMB NROC	-	389,894	280,497,930.93	73,315,389.36	353,813,320.29
NRLMB VDRC	-	333,261	209,114,338.50	73,132,785.67	282,247,124.17
DSWD FO V	3,000,000.00	231,896	148,990,033.30	93,704,522.59	245,694,555.89
DSWD FO VIII	2,018,000.00	142,884	91,516,496.28	41,872,605.50	135,407,101.78
OTHER FOs	42,000,000.00	1,910,719	1,301,207,048.93	601,015,180.84	1,944,222,229.77

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 16 June 2025, 4PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱152.65 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) available at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱5.02 million available at DSWD FOs V and VIII.
- ₱42 million available in other FOs, which may support the relief needs of the families and individuals affected by the structural vulnerabilities of the San Juanico Bridge through inter-FO augmentation.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 723,155 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 389,894 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 333,261 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 374,780 FFPs available at DSWD FOs V and VIII.
- 1,910,719 FFPs are available in other FOs, which may support the relief needs of the families and individuals affected by the structural vulnerabilities of the San Juanico Bridge through inter-FO augmentation.
- ₱883.04 million worth of other FNIs available at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FOs V and VIII warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

FO V

DATE	ACTIVITIES
29 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V facilitated the distribution of FFPs to the families and individuals stranded at Cawayan Port in Cawayan, Masbate.
23 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V facilitated the distribution of FFPs to the families and individuals stranded in Matnog, Sorsogon.

FO VIII

DATE	ACTIVITIES
15 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional FFPs and bottled water to the families and individuals stranded in the municipality of Tacloban City and Tigbao in Leyte.

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13 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs and bottled water to the families and individuals stranded in the municipalities of Tacloban City and Tigbao in Leyte.
11 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs and bottled water to the families and individuals stranded in Tacloban City and Sta. Rita, Samar.
08-09 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs and bottled water to the families and individuals stranded in Tacloban City.
05 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs and bottled water to the families and individuals stranded in Tacloban City.
03 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs and bottled water to the families and individuals stranded in Tacloban City.
02 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following Local Government Units (LGUs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Calbayog City, Samar; and FFPs and bottled water in Tacloban, Leyte.
29 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following Local Government Units (LGUs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Calbayog City; FFPs in Tacloban, Leyte; and FFPs and bottled water in Tacloban City, Leyte.
28 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following LGUs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Calbayog City; and FFPs and bottled water in Basey and Sta. Rita, Samar; and Ormoc City and Tacloban City.
27 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following LGUs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Calbayog City; and FFPs and bottled water in Basey and Sta. Rita, Samar; and Ormoc City and Tacloban City.
26 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following LGUs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Calbayog City; and FFPs and bottled water in Basey and Sta. Rita, Samar; and Tacloban City.
25 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following LGUs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Tacloban City, Ormoc City, and Sta. Rita, Samar; and FFPs and bottled water in Basey, Samar.
24 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following LGUs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Calbayog City; and FFPs and bottled water in Tacloban City and Sta. Rita, Samar.
23 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of additional food items to the families and individuals stranded in the following LGUs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFPs in Calbayog City;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FFPs and Bottled water in Tacloban City; and ○ FFPs in Basey and Sta. Rita in Samar.
21-22 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FNIs to the families and individuals stranded in Basey and Sta. Rita, Samar, and Tacloban City.
20 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO VIII facilitated the distribution of FFPs to the families and individuals stranded in Basey and Sta. Rita, Samar and Tacloban City.
19 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 (QRT) assisted the LGU Tacloban City in the provision of hot meals to the stranded families and individuals.

c. Other Activities

FO V

DATE	ACTIVITIES
28 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO V, through its Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Team in Cataingan, Masbate, conducted a profiling and monitoring of the stranded individuals.
23 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO V closely coordinated with the LGUs accommodating the stranded families and individuals, and other concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for augmentation.

FO VIII

DATE	ACTIVITIES
16 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 augmentation. ● DSWD FO VIII continuously conducts assessments of stranded truck drivers and their helpers in Cabalawan, Tacloban City. ● DSWD FO VIII continuously conducts profiling of the stranded individuals through the Family Access Card in Emergencies and Disasters (FACED). ● DSWD FO VIII, through the Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD) remains on high alert at the Help Desks to provide assistance to the stranded individuals in Leyte and Samar.
28 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO VIII conducted a consultation meeting with the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) of LGU Calbayog City to deliberate operational matters concerning the establishment of Help Desks at the Calbayog Port and Manguino-o Port.
26 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO VIII Regional Director participated in the Regional Inter-Agency Coordinating Cell (RIACC) – Task Force San Juanico meeting to deliberate on the current situation concerning the San Juanico Bridge restriction.
25 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO VIII remained on high alert at the Help Desks in Leyte and Samar to assist stranded individuals.
24 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSWD FO VIII attended the coordination and planning meeting held in San Francisco, Southern Leyte in response to stranded truckers in Ormoc City.

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23 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII deployed its Mobile Command Center (MCC) to monitor and gather updates on the stranded families and individuals. DSWD FO VIII, in coordination with its Municipal Action Team (MAT) in Sta. Rita, Samar continued to administer the profiling and validation of the stranded families and individuals through the use of Family Access Card in Emergencies and Disasters (FACED).
22 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD FO VIII referred the stranded families and individuals to the Crisis Intervention Section for further assessment and provision of financial assistance (FA) through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS).

Annexes

Annex A. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED	
	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	2,743	2,813
REGION V	287	334
Masbate	276	276
Cataingan	82	82
Cawayan	194	194
Sorsogon	11	58
Matnog	11	58
REGION VIII	2,456	2,479
Leyte	614	615
Ormoc City	614	615
Tacloban City	657	679
Samar (Western Samar)	1,185	1,185
Basey	177	177
Calbayog City	656	656
Santa Rita	352	352

Note: The affected populations are Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs). With ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FOs V and VIII

Annex B. Number of Displaced Families / Persons Inside Evacuation Center

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF EVACUATION CENTERS (ECs)		NUMBER OF DISPLACED			
			INSIDE ECs			
			Families		Persons	
	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW
GRAND TOTAL	3	-	287	-	334	-
REGION V	3	-	287	-	334	-
Masbate	2	-	276	-	276	-
Cataingan	1	-	82	-	82	-
Cawayan	1	-	194	-	194	-
Sorsogon	1	-	11	-	58	-
Matnog	1	-	11	-	58	-

Note: The displaced populations are Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs). With ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FO V

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	1,709,512.95	-	-	-	1,709,512.95
REGION V	100,182.00	-	-	-	100,182.00
Masbate	92,603.00	-	-	-	92,603.00
Cataingan	28,547.00	-	-	-	28,547.00
Cawayan	64,056.00	-	-	-	64,056.00
Sorsogon	7,579.00	-	-	-	7,579.00
Matnog	7,579.00	-	-	-	7,579.00
REGION VIII	1,609,330.95	-	-	-	1,609,330.95
Leyte	328,790.00	-	-	-	328,790.00

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
<i>Ormoc City</i>	328,790.00	-	-	-	328,790.00
<i>Tacloban City</i>	487,808.75	-	-	-	487,808.75
Samar (Western Samar)	792,732.20	-	-	-	792,732.20
<i>Basey</i>	135,663.35	-	-	-	135,663.35
<i>Calbayog City</i>	423,582.00	-	-	-	423,582.00
<i>Santa Rita</i>	233,486.85	-	-	-	233,486.85

Note: The reflected DSWD assistance covers the cost of Food Items and financial assistance provided to the affected families / persons.
Source: DSWD FOs V and VII

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

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