

DSWD DROMIC Report #1 on the Effects of Dry Weather in Masbate as of 05 July 2025, 6AM

I. Situation Overview

The province of Masbate experienced significant climate distress due to dry spell and elevated heat indices. Based on PAGASA Observed Heat Index, Masbate experienced reduced rainfall, prolonged dry conditions, and extreme heat with an average of 42°C (danger level) from April 01 to May 31, 2025, severely affecting agricultural production in several municipalities.

From the said period, the province of Masbate experienced the effects of dry weather, making it difficult for farmers and fishermen to work continuously due to the reported high heat index.

In response, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), through its Field Office (FO) V, in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Masbate, immediately provided family food packs (FFPs) to address the needs of the affected families and individuals

Source: DOST-PAGASA and DSWD Field Office (FO) V

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **4,000 families** or **12,000 persons** are affected in **56 barangays** in **Masbate** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱2,653,789.84** 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	96,821,031.47	974,804	664,900,400.85	198,830,100.86	960,551,533.18
DSWD CO	93,821,031.47	-	-	-	93,821,031.47
NRLMB NROC	-	326,085	263,643,143.02	51,215,606.24	314,858,749.26
NRLMB VDRC	-	388,051	234,881,785.44	54,181,096.27	289,062,881.71
DSWD FO V	3,000,000.00	260,668	166,375,472.39	93,433,398.35	262,808,870.74

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 05 July 2025, 4AM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱93.82 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱3 million available at DSWD FO V.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 714,136 FFPs available in Disaster Response Centers; of which, 326,085 FFPs are at the National Resource Operations Center (NROC), Pasay City and 388,051 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City.
- 260,668 FFPs available at DSWD FO V.
- ₱198.30 million worth of other FNIs at NROC, VDRC, and DSWD FO V warehouses.

b. Food and Non-food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
03 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V facilitated the distribution of FFPs to the families affected by the effects of dry weather in the province of Masbate.

c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
01 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO V closely coordinated with the LGU of Masbate and other concerned offices for significant updates and any requests for augmentation.

Annexes

Annex A. Number of Affected Families / Persons

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF AFFECTED		
	Barangays	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	56	4,000	12,000
REGION V	56	4,000	12,000
Masbate	56	4,000	12,000
Cataingan	10	1,000	3,000
City of Masbate	3	150	450
Dimasalang	6	300	900
Esperanza	7	550	1,650
Palanas	15	950	2,850
Pio V. Corpuz (Limbuhan)	10	750	2,250
Uson	5	300	900

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation.

Source: DSWD FO V

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	2,653,789.84	-	-	-	2,653,789.84
REGION V	2,653,789.84	-	-	-	2,653,789.84
Masbate	2,653,789.84	-	-	-	2,653,789.84
Cataingan	615,576.46	-	-	-	615,576.46
City of Masbate	88,702.50	-	-	-	88,702.50
Dimasalang	177,405.00	-	-	-	177,405.00
Esperanza	379,585.88	-	-	-	379,585.88
Palanas	661,447.00	-	-	-	661,447.00
Pio V. Corpuz (Limbuhan)	522,195.00	-	-	-	522,195.00
Uson	208,878.00	-	-	-	208,878.00

Note: The reflected DSWD assistance covers the cost of FFPs provided to the affected families / persons.

Source: DSWD FO V

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

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