

DSWD DROMIC Report #5 on the Effects of El Niño in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro

as of 14 July 2026, 6PM

I. Situation Overview

On 09 June 2026, the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) reported that El Niño conditions are present in the tropical Pacific. In May 2026, the observed relative sea surface temperature anomaly (rSSTA) reached the +0.5°C threshold. Additionally, most climate models suggest there is over an 80% probability that this will develop into a full-blown El Niño event, which is likely to persist until early 2027.

El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall conditions, which may result in adverse impacts such as dry spells and droughts in some areas of the country. However, over the western part of the country, above-normal rainfall conditions during the Southwest monsoon season (i.e., Habagat) may also occur.

On 15 June 2026, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, issued Sangguniang Bayan (SB) Resolution No. 06-198-2026 declaring a State of Calamity (SoC) due to water shortage brought about by the El Niño phenomenon. Based on the report, the LGU of Puerto Galera identified 13 barangays with farmers adversely affected by the dry spell, resulting in reduced harvest yields and loss of income should the condition worsen.

In response, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), through Field Office (FO) MIMAROPA, closely coordinated with the LGU of Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, and immediately provided relief assistance to address their urgent needs.

Source: DOST-PAGASA ENSO Advisory No. 1 and DSWD FO MIMAROPA

II. Status of Affected Areas and Population

A total of **11,097 families** or **40,312 persons** are affected in **13 barangays** in **Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro** (see Annex A).

III. Cost of Humanitarian Assistance Provided

A total of **₱3,671,404.00** 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 ITEMS	NON-FOOD RELIEF ITEMS	OTHER NON-FOOD ITEMS	
		QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	
TOTAL	522,678,222.28	1,504,220	909,518,328.72	211,690,611.40	135,074,426.24	98,198,689.67	1,877,160,278.30
DSWD CO	519,678,222.28	-	-	-	-	-	519,678,222.28
NRLMB LDRC	-	598,817	364,895,243.45	124,761,291.99	97,845,784.63	66,484,194.46	653,986,514.53
NRLMB VDRC	-	565,400	315,975,955.75	59,190,595.71	107,425.65	28,485,423.63	403,759,400.74
NRLMB MDRC	-	180,029	116,199,160.52	5,229,722.00	-	17,546.80	121,446,429.32
DSWD FO MIMAROPA	3,000,000.00	159,974	112,447,969.00	22,509,001.70	37,121,215.96	3,211,524.77	178,289,711.43

Note: The Inventory Summary is as of 14 July 2026, 6PM.

Source: DSWD-DRMB and DSWD-NRLMB

1. Standby Funds

- ₱519.68 million Quick Response Fund (QRF) at the DSWD Central Office.
- ₱3 million available at DSWD FO MIMAROPA.

2. Prepositioned FFPs and Other Relief Items

- 1,344,246 FFPs available in Disaster Resource Centers; of which, 598,817 FFPs are at the Luzon Disaster Resource Center (LDRC), Pasay City; 565,400 FFPs are at the Visayas Disaster Resource Center (VDRC), Mandaue City; and 180,029 FFPs are at the Mindanao Disaster Resource Center (MDRC), Butuan City.
- 159,974 FFPs available at DSWD FO MIMAROPA.
- ₱444.96 million worth of other FNIs at LDRC, VDRC, MDRC and DSWD FO MIMAROPA warehouses.

b. Food and Non-Food Items (FNIs)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
06-13 July 2026	• DSWD FO MIMAROPA facilitated the distribution of additional FFPs to the families affected by the El Niño in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro
24-25 June 2026	• DSWD FO MIMAROPA facilitated the distribution of additional FFPs to the families affected by the El Niño in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.
23 June 2026	• DSWD FO MIMAROPA facilitated the distribution of FFPs to the families affected by the El Niño in the area.

c. Other Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
25 June 2026	• DSWD FO MIMAROPA conducted emergency procurement of 20 liters of water as additional support to the affected families.

DATE	ACTIVITIES
22 June 2026	DSWD FO MIMAROPA closely coordinated with the LGU of Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro 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	13	11,097	40,312
MIMAROPA	13	11,097	40,312
Oriental Mindoro	13	11,097	40,312
<i>Puerto Galera</i>	13	11,097	40,312

Note: Municipality in red text has declared the SoC.

Source: DSWD FO MIMAROPA

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

REGION / PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITY	COST OF ASSISTANCE				
	DSWD	LGU	NGOs	OTHERS	GRAND TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	3,671,404.00	-	-	-	3,671,404.00
MIMAROPA	3,671,404.00	-	-	-	3,671,404.00
Oriental Mindoro	3,671,404.00	-	-	-	3,671,404.00
<i>Puerto Galera</i>	3,671,404.00	-	-	-	3,671,404.00

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

Source: DSWD FO MIMAROPA

The Disaster Response Operations Monitoring, Information, and Communication (DROMIC) Division of DSWD-DRMB is closely coordinating with DSWD FO MIMAROPA for significant disaster response updates and assistance provided. For any inquiries and concerns related to this DROMIC Report, you may contact the DSWD-DRMB through its official email address at drmb@dswd.gov.ph.

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