DSWD, LGUs continue to assist families affected by Habagat

(City of San Fernando, Pampanga) Some P4,911,328.12 worth of relief goods has been provided to the victims of the Southwest Monsoon which occurred on August 12 affecting six (6) provinces of Central Luzon.

As of 12:00 noon, August 12, disaster monitoring report, DSWD Field Office III reported that the assistance came from the DSWD and local government units (LGUs). Of the said amount, P2,143,329.62 worth of relief goods came from the DSWD; P1,642,845 from the local government units (LGUs) of affected towns; and 715,041 from the Provincial Governments of Bataan and Tarlac.

As part of its augmentation support to the LGUs, the DSWD has likewise prepositioned family food packs to its provincial extension offices in the region. Likewise, the DSWD Central Office continues to send family food packs to augment the resources of the field office.

The continuous rain has affected 177,251 families composed of 799,873 persons from 54 municipalities in six (6) provinces of Central Luzon. Pampanga, the hardest hit province has 78,932 families affected followed by Bulacan with 74,222 families and Bataan with 18,257.

Of the total affected, 2,393 families composed of 9,534 persons are still staying in 95 evacuation centers (ECs) in the region. Of these, 1,676 families are from Pampanga; 305 families from Bulacan; 138 families 165 families from Tarlac; 205 families from Zambales; and 42 families from Bataan. In addition, 18,160 families are still being served outside the evacuation centers.

The Southwest Monsoon has left 13 casualties: two (2) dead,

nine (9) injured and two (2) missing.

Meanwhile, the DSWD quick response teams (QRTs) which were activated on the onset of the Southwest Monsoon have been closely monitoring the situation in the affected areas and closely coordinate with the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committees (DRRMC) in their respective areas of assignment. ### (Evelyn T. Manalo)