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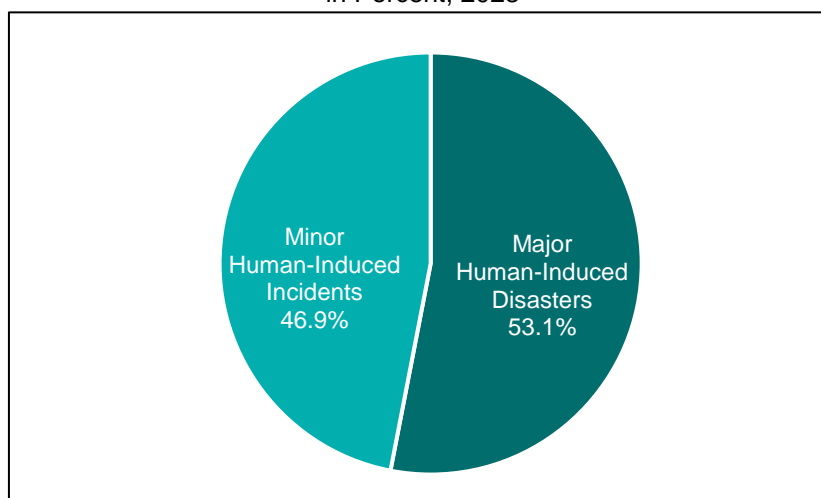
Total Damages due to Oil Spill Reaches PhP 4.93 Billion in 2023

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The Compendium of Philippine Environment Statistics is a compilation of environment and related socioeconomic statistics collected from various government agencies. Component 4 Extreme Events and Disasters is one of its components. This component compiles statistics on the occurrence of extreme events and disasters and their impacts on human well-being, and the infrastructure of the human subsystem.

Human-induced disasters¹ posted PhP 9.29 billion total damages in 2023, PhP 4.93 billion or 53.1 percent of which was due to oil spill. The reported oil spill in various regions resulted in damages in the agriculture sector. On the other hand, minor human-induced incidents such as armed conflicts/firefight and fire incidents reached PhP 4.36 billion total damages in 2023. The total damages in infrastructure amounted to PhP 4.31 billion or 98.7 percent of the total damages due to minor human-induced incidents. (Figure 1, and Tables 4.14.1, 4.14.2, and 4.17)

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Total Damages due to Human-Induced Disasters, in Percent, 2023



Source: Office of Civil Defense

¹ Also known as Technological Disasters



Meanwhile, natural extreme events and disasters posted PhP 24.49 billion total damages in 2023, 17.5 percent lower than the PhP 29.68 billion recorded in 2022. The total damages due to minor natural incidents reached PhP 1.24 billion in 2023, a 33.4 percent increase from PhP 0.93 billion in 2022. Infrastructure incurred the largest damage at PhP 0.63 billion or 50.7 percent of the total damages. This was followed by agriculture at PhP 0.53 billion or 42.4 percent of the total damages. (Tables 4.13.1 and 4.13.2)



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