

INCIDENT BACKGROUND

Members of a local ISIS-inspired group and the Armed Forces of the Philippines engaged in an armed encounter on March 11, 2019 in Brgy. Gaput, Tubaran, Lanao del Sur, which escalated and spread to neighboring barangay padas in Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur. The encounter resulted in the displacement of an estimated 607 families or approximately 2,965 Individual in Tubaran and Pagayawan Lanao del Sur.

According to sources from the local government unit of Tubaran, Lanao del Sur, ground assault was initiated by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), 55th IB against the group of “Abu Dar”, which is known to be associated with ISIS-inspired group in Barangay Gaput of the municipality of Tubaran Lanao del Sur. The barangays Tubaran proper, Gaput, Dinaigan and Madaya in Tubaran are among the areas affected by the encounter, which caused the displacement of 209 families with 975 individuals. The firefight has escalated to the neighboring municipality in Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur affecting three (3) barangays such as Padas (particularly Sitios Togona, Pampang and Palaasun), Kalaludan and Rangiran with cumulative number of 398 displaced families and approximately 1,990 individuals.

The encounter allegedly resulted to killing of one (1) alleged IS-inspired member and two (2) from the AFP.

CURRENT SITUATION

As of March 12, 2019, the Municipal Local Government of Tubaran have declared Dinaigan Madrasah and Multi-purpose center as temporary evacuation centers and some of the families sought refuge with their relatives. LGU continually assessed the status of the displaced families while food packs and medical assistance were distributed to the families.

Meanwhile, in the Municipality of Pagayawan, out of the total 398 IDP Families or 1990 individuals, 222 IDP families or approximately 1110 individuals have sought refuge in the declared Evacuations centers (Market, Toril, Tents and Ambari Primary School) located in Barangay Ngingir, while 176 IDP families or 880 individual are in their relatives in the barangays of Pinalangca, Diampaca, Guaraong, Bandara Ingud, and safer sitio of Padas. There were also reported number of IDPs coming from barangay Kalalodan which sought refuge and scattered in the barangays of Marogong, Lanao del Sur. The municipal local government unit meanwhile provides relief assistance that contains Rice, Can goods and Noodles to their IDPs.

As of date of assessment, the IDPs are in need of Jerry cans, Cooking Utensils, Plastic Sheets, Mats and Solar lanterns.

Law enforcement operations against the group is ongoing, which affects the return of the families in their places of origin. According to the IDPs and concerned LGUs, there are still no reports or official statement from the AFP as to the “No-Go Zone” barangays. Meanwhile the displaced families have attempted to request to enter their barangay, but were prevented to enter their areas in Barangay Gaput, Tubaran, LDS and Barangays of Pagayawan like Padas, Rangiran and Kalaludan.

Assessment and data finalization is on-going in the Municipalities of Pagayawan and Tubaran.



PROTECTION ISSUES AND RESPONSE

ISSUES	RESPONSES	WAYS FORWARD
Threat to life, safety, and security		
<p>The current security situation in the 2 municipalities has affected the overall safety and security of the community. Information as to the return of the families affected are still not being disclosed. The chances that the ongoing encounter is going to escalate remains high in the neighboring municipality such as Marogong due to the rumoured presence of the armed group in various locations.</p> <p>In Tubaran, the same population had evacuated the armed encounter which happened earlier this 2019.</p> <p>In addition, the community and LGUs foresee that the situation may lead to protracted displacement due to the casualties from the AFP side.</p>	<p>Municipal Peace and Order Council with AFP and PNP provincial headquarter convened on 13 March 2019.</p>	<p>Concerned agencies to expedite the facilitation of IDP return and if not at least retrieval of the important belongings of the affected families.</p>
Threat to liberty and freedom of movement		
<p>Lack of Information or official statement from AFP with regards to the situation limits the return of the IDPs back to their places of origin. According to the IDPs, they were prevented to enter at the areas of Gaput, Tubaran, and Padas, Kalalodan, Rangiran, Pagayawan to get some of their belongings.</p>	<p>Municipal Peace and Order Council with AFP and PNP provincial headquarter conducted on 13 March 2019. No definite information on when the resident can return or get their belongings.</p>	<p>Advocacy to allow and provide protection to the IDPs to retrieve their belongings and farm products and equipment. Coordination to agencies like NP or ICRC and other agencies to facilitate the entry of the IDPs to their places of origin to get some of their important belongings.</p>
Access to food aid and nutrition		
<p>Insufficient food supply as the IDPs were not able to bring their food reserve along with other belongings.</p>	<p>LGU of both municipalities provided food packs to the displaced families.</p>	<p>Provision of basic food needs of the IDPs from other agencies and humanitarian organization as the LGU are not certain on their capacity to provide the food needs and the length of displacement.</p>
Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene		
<p>In Dinaigan Tubaran, access to water is among the expressed needs. There is 1 water tap but not enough to the host community much with the coming of the displaced population. Not enough latrines and water supply. IDPs at the evacuation center have only 1 door latrine. Lack of water containers. IDPs had borrowed water containers from the host communities.</p>		<p>Referral to WASH mandated agencies to provide support to the IDPs in Tubaran.</p>
Camp Coordination Camp Management		
<p>There is no camp manager yet assigned to the EC of Tubaran. No appropriate sleeping materials. IDPs at the EC are using ordinary plastic sheet or mat when sleeping.</p>	<p>MSWO is still yet to identify Camp Manager, meanwhile the MSWO and MDRMO is overseeing the ECs</p>	<p>Follow-up to LGU/MSWO on the camp management. Referral on the basic needs of the IDPs at the ECs</p>
Access to shelter		
<p>Some of the IDPs are with their relatives, while we observed number of families in 1 room and it manifest of congestion in the evacuation centre in the 2 municipalities.</p>	<p>LGU of Tubaran opened evacuation centers in the Madrasah and Multipurpose Hall of Dinaigan while 3 sites also were opened for IDPs in Pagayawan to include the Market, Tents and Toril (all are located in Barangay Ngingir).</p>	<p>LGU/UNHCR to facilitate opening of other available ECs to accommodate some incoming families if IDPs continue to increase.</p>
Access to health		
<p>A number of infants/children were observed in the Evacuation centre in Dinaigan, Tubaran who may be vulnerable to sickness. In Pagayawan, IDPs have expressed the need for medicines especially for cough and fever.</p>	<p>MHO of Tubaran conducted vaccination and medical mission to IDPs in Dinaigan. Meanwhile, the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Pagayawan are accessible and according to local authorities are with equipped with complete medicines and ready to accommodate IDP families.</p>	<p>Municipal Health Office (MHO) to continue monitoring and provision of health assistance. Advocate to health mandated agency to conduct assessment as the displaced population were displaced twice already within this year.</p>

Access to education		
Classes in Padas Elementary School in Pagayawan were temporary suspended.	No report yet	DepEd Lanao del Sur and the Education Cluster/Secretariat to explore ways to have classes continue for the Padas school children.
Access to information		
The said municipalities as well as the affected families have not yet accessed credible information from the AFP as to the return of the IDPs.	Access to information is limited and firsthand information was captured in LGU and community level. While the information security status coming from the AFP remains not being disclosed.	RHCR/CHR, UNHCR, ICRC to facilitate dialogue with the AFP.
Access to livelihoods		
Displaced families are relying on their farm products which are for harvesting and some are for delivery to market but are left at the farm. Displaced families are worried that nothing will be left if they are not allowed to retrieve their products soon.	No response yet	AFP to provide time for the families to retrieve back their important belongings.
Non-food items		
Lack of basic household items like sleeping materials, kitchen utensils and for hygiene materials. IDPs use plastic sheets for sleeping. Kitchen utensils were borrowed from the host community	No response yet	Referral to other agencies for support.
Protection of persons with specific needs		
There are numbers of elderly IDPs, lactating mothers and pregnant women are in need of protection support like the provision of medicines and NFIs that could protect them from the cold in the night. 2 IDP in Tubaran EC have limited movement due to health condition like epilepsy and impaired vision.	Some of the elderly are provided with medicines and vitamins	UNHCR/CFSI and other concern agencies to work out the provision of NFIs especially for the PWSNs.

PERSONS OF CONCERN

No. of Fam	+	No. of Persons	+	Location (Origin)				Location (Current)				
				Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Exact Location
9		35		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Tubaran Proper		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Dinaigan		Home based
125		625		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Gaput		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Dinaigan		Home based, Madrasah, Multi-Purpose
40		140		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Dinaigan		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Dinaigan		Home based
22		110		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Madaya		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Dinaigan		Home based
13		65		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Guairong		Lanao del Sur	Tubaran	Dinaigan		Home based
9		45		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Rangiran		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Guairong		Home-based
70		350		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Rangiran		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Diampaca		Home-based
25		125		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Rangiran		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Padas		Home-based
72		360		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Padas		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Pinalangca		Home-based
86		430		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Padas		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Ngingir		Market EC
5		25		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Kalaludan		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Ngingir		Market EC
55		275		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Padas		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Ngingir		Toril EC
71		355		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Padas		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Ngingir		Tents EC
5		25		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Padas		Lanao del Sur	Pagayawan	Ngingir		Ambari Primary School, EC

DURABLE SOLUTIONS (no returns yet)

				Location (Displaced)			Location (Current)			Type (Please select one)		
No. of Fam	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Province	Municipality	Barangay	Province	Municipality	Barangay	Return	Relocation	Local Integration

SOURCES:

Community and Family Services International (CFSI)
 Yassin Papandayan, Mayor, Tubaran, LDS
 Salman Ibrahim, MDRRM Tubaran
 Casamila Sedic, MSWO Tubaran
 Maguidala Macacuna, MDRRM Pagayawan
 Alanoding Balindong, MDRRM Pagayawan
 SPO1 Balindong Yahya, MPS Pagayawan
 Haimah Manongcarang, MSWDO Pagayawan

The IDP Protection Assessment Form (IDPPAR)

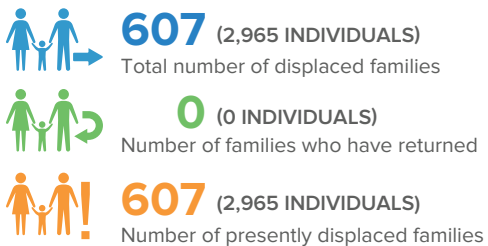
The IDP Protection Assessment Form aims to provide a starting point for information and analysis that can help humanitarian agencies, policy makers and other stakeholders concerning instances of forced displacement or solutions (repatriation, resettlement, integration). The number of people displaced/affected may differ from the number in need of humanitarian assistance. To the extent possible, the terminology used in the Dashboard reflects the *UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement* and other sources of international law and practice. The information reported in the IDP Protection Assessment Forms has been received from members of the Protection Cluster across Mindanao. Consequently, unreported cases of forced displacement and solutions are not reflected. Updates will be provided as and when more information is received from members. Although efforts are made to verify the data, the Protection Cluster takes no responsibility for the incompleteness or inaccuracy of the information. At the end of every month, this data is compiled and distributed through the 'Protection Dashboard'. The information provided in this IDP Assessment Report does not necessarily reflect the views of UNHCR or any individual member of the Protection Cluster.

The Protection Cluster

In the Philippines, the protection cluster has been established by the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Circular No 5 series of 10 May 2007 (Institutionalizing Cluster Approach in Philippine Disaster System). The cluster approach is part of a global response aimed at providing more timely and consistent help to the internally displaced and other affected people in complex emergencies and disasters. The Protection Cluster in Mindanao meets in Cotabato, Iligan, Davao and other cities on a regular basis. Currently there are over 100 participating agencies including from the Government, State, Civil Society, national and international NGOs and agencies, as well as the United Nations. For more information, please visit the Protection Cluster website <http://www.protectioncluster.org/philippines/> or e-mail us at PHICOPRC@unhcr.org



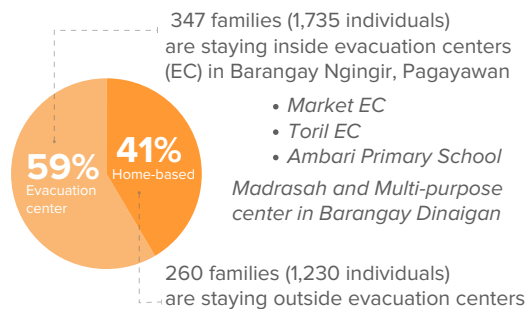
KEY FIGURES



IDPs PER PLACE OF ORIGIN (MUNICIPALITY)



IDPs PER LOCATION OF DISPLACEMENT



LEGEND



LOCATION MAP

