

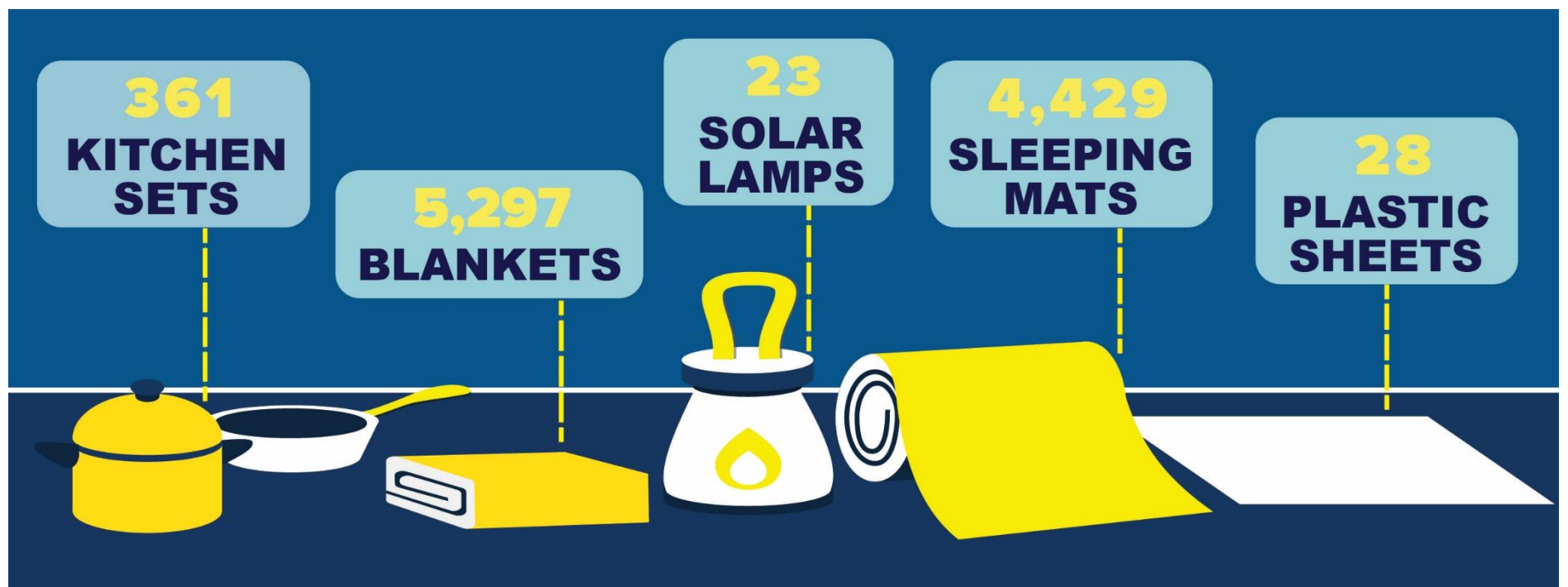
# CRI

## QUARTERLY REPORT

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Upon request of the government, UNHCR will ensure provision of core relief items to displaced families. UNHCR will maintain a role as advocate to ensure adherence to the protection principles, including non-discrimination in the provision of aid, and provision of support to displaced persons with specific needs, including women, children or families headed by elderly persons. All distributions will be carried out in coordination and partnership with the local government units, and with partner humanitarian NGOs where feasible



### KEY POINTS

In July 2019, the Ministry of Social Services in Sulu and the Integrated Resource Development for Tri-People, Inc. (IRDT) assisted UNHCR in providing CRIs to 249 IDP families of Indanan, Sulu who fled their homes for fear of being caught in a crossfire between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) pursuing members of the lawless element Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), following the bombing of a military camp in the same municipality. CRIs were also distributed to 15 IDP families in Pantar, Lanao del Norte who remain displaced due to the 2017 Marawi Siege.

In August 2019, UNHCR and its project partner Magungaya Mindanao, Inc. (MMI) handed out CRIs to 112 displaced families in South Upi, Maguindanao when a fire broke out between private parties involved in a long-standing conflict over land disputes. Solar lamps were also provided to 66 IDP families in Marawi City who were still staying in shelter sites after the Marawi Siege in May 2017.

In September 2019, plastic sheets were distributed to three IDP families in Iligan City who also remain displaced due to the Marawi Siege in May 2017 and 44 IDP families in Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte who have been affected by Tropical Storm Falcon.

In October 2019, UNHCR and its project partner Community and Family Services International (CFSI) provided CRIs to 728 IDP families of Datu Montawal and 195 IDP families of Pagalungan, both from the Province of Maguindanao, who have been displaced due to a conflict between warring commanders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front's Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (MILF-BIAF). Fifty IDP families in Marawi City who remain displaced from the 2017 Marawi Siege also benefitted from plastic sheets provided by UNHCR.

In November 2019, blankets were given out to IDPs in the Province of North Cotabato (45 IDP families in Mlang, 819 IDP families in Tulunan and 1,863 families in Makilala) who have been displaced due to the 6.3 magnitude earthquake which devastated homes and other structures in these municipalities.

In December 2019, CRIs were distributed to 2,108 IDP families in Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao who fled their places of origin due to ground and aerial assaults and fire fights between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF).

### GAPS AND CHALLENGES

Due to the emergency nature of the CRI requests, UNHCR and its logistics partner, CFSI, were no longer able to conduct road assessments. Therefore, the size of the trucks used for transporting the CRIs at times tend to be inappropriate, making it difficult to access some distribution sites. Nevertheless, distribution activities were carried out successfully with the support of the project partners and government partners who managed the distribution of the items.

Some distribution areas, especially the interior barangays were difficult to access due to roadside erosion and landslides, but the distribution teams were persistent in reaching the sites and pursue the distribution as planned.

The distribution teams sometimes would pack up and finish with the distribution very late in the evening as some IDPs prioritized attending to their farms and their household chores first before going to the distribution site to claim the CRIs.

### TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED



**31,485**

## PARTNER IN FOCUS

The Integrated Resource Development for Tri-People, Inc. (IRDT) is a non-governmental volunteer organization registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), concurrently registered with DSWD-IX as social welfare agency providing direct services, and with the National Anti-Poverty Commission as member of the Victims of Disaster and Calamity Sector, representing Region 9. IRDT is serving marginalized and underprivileged people in multi-ethnic, conflict-affected and vulnerable communities in ARMM and Zamboanga Peninsula. IRDT is experienced in a) governance; b) peace building; c) humanitarian work, from emergency response to early recovery and rehabilitation; d) other social development projects that include community infrastructure; e) women and child protection; f) life skills development; and g) livelihood.

### PROTECTION WORKING GROUP FOR BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

In April 2019, PWG for B ARMM was established under the leadership of Ministry of Social Services, co-led by UNHCR. The Protection Working Group (PWG), based in Cotabato City, is being convened to support the provision of protection interventions and services to these disaster- and conflict-affected communities. The main objectives of BARMM PWG is to strengthen coordination among relevant actors with a protection role (from regional down to municipal and community level) in order to: (a) ensure timely prevention of and response to protection issues in the BARMM region; and (b) facilitate timely information-sharing among these actors, in support of effective planning and implementation. The PWG meets every 2 months with members of Government agencies with protection roles, Relevant LGUs, UN agencies, Local and international NGOs & CSOs.

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

UNHCR works in partnership with government entities, INGOs, NGOs, CSOs, and UN Agencies, and other organizations. Its primary role is to share information on protection risks and needs and to facilitate coordinated intervention among the various actors involved in IDP protection. UNHCR has project partnership with CFSI, CHR, ACCORD, MMI, KI, TKI, ACTED and IRDT covering Mindanao island including BARMM region. In addition to its project partnership, UNHCR works closely with local authorities and Mindanao Humanitarian Actors including: UNICEF | IOM | OCHA | UNDP | UNFPA | UNHABITAT | WFP | WHO | OXFAM | ACTION AGAINST HUNGER | CARE | UNWOMEN | ICRC | SAVE THE CHILDREN | KFPDI | PRC

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