

IDP PROTECTION ASSESSMENT REPORT (IDPPAR)

Armed encounter in Piagapo, Lanao del Sur (AFP vs. Alleged ISIS-Inspired group)

2020



UNHCR exists to protect and assist everyone who has been affected by forced displacement in Mindanao. To coordinate assistance to IDPs, we use a cluster approach. UNHCR works closely with the government and Mindanao Humanitarian Team to identify needs of IDPs in areas of assistance, such as shelter, health care, shelter and protection. We assume a coordination and operational delivery role in IDP situations to ensure protection is central to our work in order to prevent further displacement.

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DATE OF DISPLACEMENT # 15/02/2020	TIME OF DISPLACEMENT: 0900HH	GPS COORDINATES (If available): Not available
BARANGAY: Tapocan	MUNICIPALITY: Piagapo	PROVINCE: Lanao del Sur
TYPE OF DISPLACEMENT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW DISPLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RECURRENT DISPLACEMENT Please refer to issue #		
REASON FOR DISPLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL DISASTER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARMED CONFLICT <input type="checkbox"/> VIOLENCE	
	PLEASE SPECIFY: Armed encounter (AFP vs. Alleged ISIS-inspired group)	

Date of assessment: 18 February 2020



INCIDENT BACKGROUND

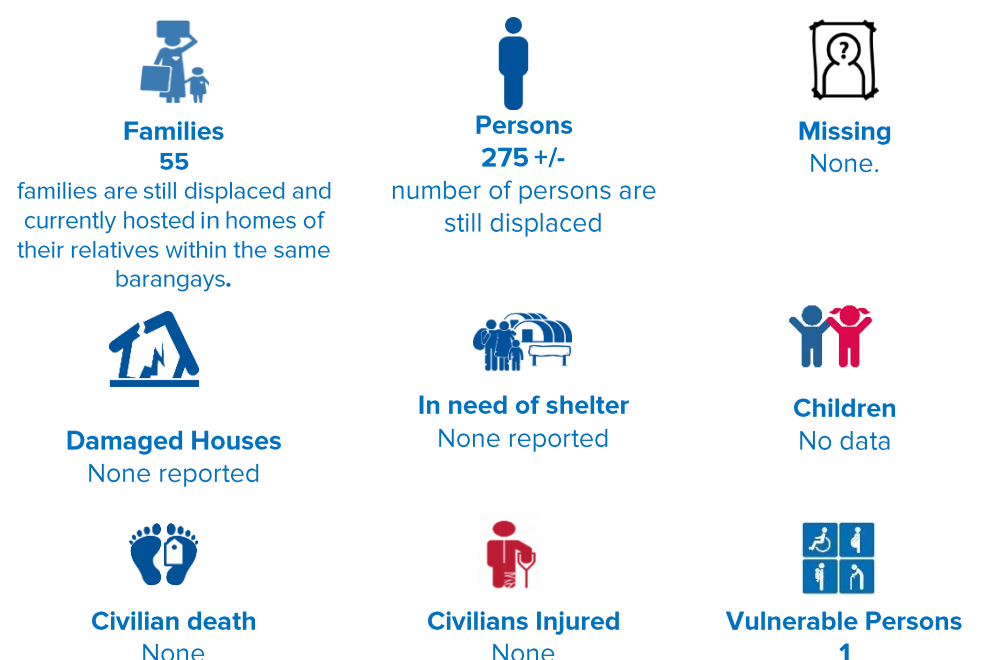
On 15 February 2020 at around 0900H, a firefight transpired between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and members of alleged ISIS-inspired group in Barangay Dado of the municipality of **Balindong (Watu)** and Barangay Tapocan of the municipality of **Piagapo**, both of Lanao del Sur province. The incident caused the displacement of residents from Purok Kalisyan, Barangay Tapocan to Purok Tagoloan-3 and Lagpan in the same barangay (Tapocan) in Piagapo. Meanwhile, there was no reported displacement from Barangay Dado, Balindong (Watu). According to the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Officer (MDRRMO) Haron T. Manalocon, there was a report one (1) casualty from the military but no official confirmation from the AFP.

CURRENT SITUATION

As of 18 February 2020, 55 displaced families from Purok Kalisyan are being hosted by relatives in Purok Tagoloan-3 and Lagpan in Barangay Tapocan, Piagapo. The local Government Unit of Piagapo through the MDRRMO distributed family food packs and medical assistance on February 15, 2020. However, as of reporting time, the MDRRMO is not able to access the IDPs due to security concerns. The area of displacement has weak to no available mobile network signal.

Kapamagogopa Inc. visited the municipality to conduct an assessment of the displacement, but was faced with a similar limitation.

DISPLACEMENT KEY FIGURES





PROTECTION ISSUES AND RESPONSE

I. THREAT TO LIFE, SAFETY AND SECURITY



Protection assessment considers the various threats to life, safety and security of displaced persons stemming from crime, violence, armed conflict or nature disaster

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
1.	As of 18 February 2020, government security actors have held back relief assistance and assessment to be conducted by the MDRRMO related to displacement due to safety and security concerns. Military operations is still ongoing in the area.	The MDRRMO have initially provided relief assistance to the affected families on 15 February 2020. However, last 18 February 2020, they were no longer allowed to pass through checkpoint to deliver aid.	There is an urgent need to secure a safe passage for humanitarian actors, especially government first responders into the area to provide humanitarian assistance and conduct assessment of the situation. MDRRMO to continue with the close coordination with the AFP.
2.	Military checkpoints were put up in the area. There are currently no report of limitations on the freedom of movement. However, information to return is not yet clear.	LGU Piagapo to conduct coordination with the AFP on the return of the IDPs	Coordination with the AFP regarding updated on safety and security

II. SHELTER



Meet the need for roofing and other materials from local sources if possible

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3.	All the IDPs took shelter with the relatives in Purok Tagoloan3 and Lagpan, in Brgy. Tapocan. Due to the volatile security situation, no assessments are being done yet as to their situation while displaced.	No response yet	There is an urgent need for LGUs to conduct an assessment of the needs of the IDPs and any urgent protection concerns.

III. FOOD AND NUTRITION



Ensure that IDPs receive a minimum basic food ration.

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4.	Food assistance received by the IDPs has already run out. The MDRRMO Piagapo distributed food items on 15 February 2020 which is meant to last for 2 days only. The food assistance was put on hold by the AFP checkpoints on February 18, 2020.		There is an urgent need to secure a safe passage for humanitarian actors, especially government first responders into the area to provide humanitarian assistance and conduct assessment of the situation. LGU to coordinate with the AFP to conduct a relief operation to affected families

IV. WASH



Ensure sanitary facilities such as showers, toilets and washing areas are in place.

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5.	Due to the volatile security situation, no assessments are being done yet as to the water, sanitation and hygiene situation.		There is an urgent need for LGUs to conduct an assessment of the needs of the IDPs and any urgent protection concerns and for security actors to grant safe passage top humanitarian actors.

V. EDUCATION



Particular attention must be placed on the risks faced by adolescent girls, such as lack of access to education

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6.	There are yet no reports of schools being affected by the firefights. However, as the displacement goes on, there is a need to ensure that the education of school-age children are not affected.		There is an urgent need for LGUs to assess the needs of the IDPs and any urgent protection concerns and for security actors to grant safe passage top humanitarian actors.

VI. HLP (HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY)




Report any HLP related issues

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7.	There are yet no reports as to the situation of the properties of the IDPs left in the area of origin.		
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VII. HEALTH

 Ensure that IDPs have access to health facilities.


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8.	Possibility of untreated or unaddressed health issues among the IDPs. Medicines that were provided to IDPs last 15 February 2020 may have run out.	The MDRRMO had provided medicine together with the distribution of food item on 15 February 2020, but according to sources, the assistance will not last for 2 days.	

VIII. Vulnerable Persons

 Particular attention should be given to persons with specific needs and vulnerable groups.

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9.	A 30-years-old male with disability (Paralyzed) had difficulty in evacuating with his family.	During the firefight, the AFP and the Barangay local officials help the family of the PWD during the evacuation.	Need to conduct further assessment on the particular needs of the PWD concerned, and to obtain information as to other groups (if any) with specific vulnerabilities among the IDPs.

IX. Core relief items (CRIS)

 Particular attention should be given to vulnerable persons in need of core relief items

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10.	According to the office of MDRRM Piagapo, all the families have evacuated with limited belongings that they have carried. The displacement is likely last for a week or more, the need of non-food items must be provided.		The MDRRM will conduct assessment once the AFP permits. Ongoing coordination is been done especially with the concern on return.

PERSONS OF CONCERN (Breakdown by location)

Location (Origin)								Location (Current)				
No. of Fam	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Exact Location
55	/	275	/	Lanao del Sur	Piagapo	Tapocan	Kalisyan	Lanao del Sur	Piagapo	Tapocan	Tagoloan-3 and Lagpan	Home-based (relatives)

NEEDS ANALYSIS	Remarks
Protection	There is an urgent need for local authorities to be given safe passageway into the area of displacement, so that they could provide humanitarian aid to the IDPs and conduct assessment to determine what are the other humanitarian and protection needs of the displaced families.
Food	
Shelter	
WASH	
EDUCATION	
HLP	
HEALTH	
CORE RELIEF ITEMS	
GBV	
Child Protection	
Security	

KEY ADVOCACY MESSAGE

- The local authorities and other humanitarian actors must be ensured safe passage to the areas and communities affected by displacement so that humanitarian assistance could be provided, and thorough assessment can be made of the urgent humanitarian and protection concerns of the IDPs.

IDP ASSESSMENT REPORT

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.

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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