

CRI 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

CRI distribution in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur

UNHCR, with its project partners ACTED and Kapamagogopa, Inc, distributed hygiene kits to 2,037 families in Sagonsongan Area 2, Sagonsongan Area 5, Sagonsongan Area 6, Boganga Transitory Site and Rorogagus Phase 2 in Marawi City. These families have been staying in these transitory sites after their homes were destroyed due to the siege in 2017.

CRI distribution in Patikul, Sulu

Through coordination with the Local Government Unit of Patikul and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, UNHCR and project partner Integrated Resource Development for Tri-People (IRDT), distributed hygiene kits and mosquito nets to 498 vulnerable IDP families in Patikul, Sulu who remain displaced since July 2017 as a result of the focused military operation against the members of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).

CRI distribution in Zamboanga City

In coordination with the City Government of Zamboanga, City Social Welfare and Development Office, and the Commission on Human Rights Region IX, hygiene kits were distributed to 622 vulnerable families displaced by armed conflict in September 2013 who are still dwelling in relocation sites and remaining transitory shelters up until now.

GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Due to the threats of COVID-19, a house-to-house distribution was conducted for most of the distribution sites in order not to put the beneficiaries at risk of contracting the virus, although the strategy was an extra strain to the distribution teams.
- Extreme weather conditions, especially extreme heat in the morning and heavy rains in the afternoon, added to the burden of the distribution team in doing house-to-house distributions.
- Some beneficiaries were not at home during the scheduled distribution conducted which resulted to scheduling an additional day requiring additional manpower to distribute the items.
- Road access to some transitory sites is challenging due to narrow roads.

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED



14,684

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

In April 2019, PWG for BARMM was established under the leadership of Ministry of Social Services and Development, 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 and 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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