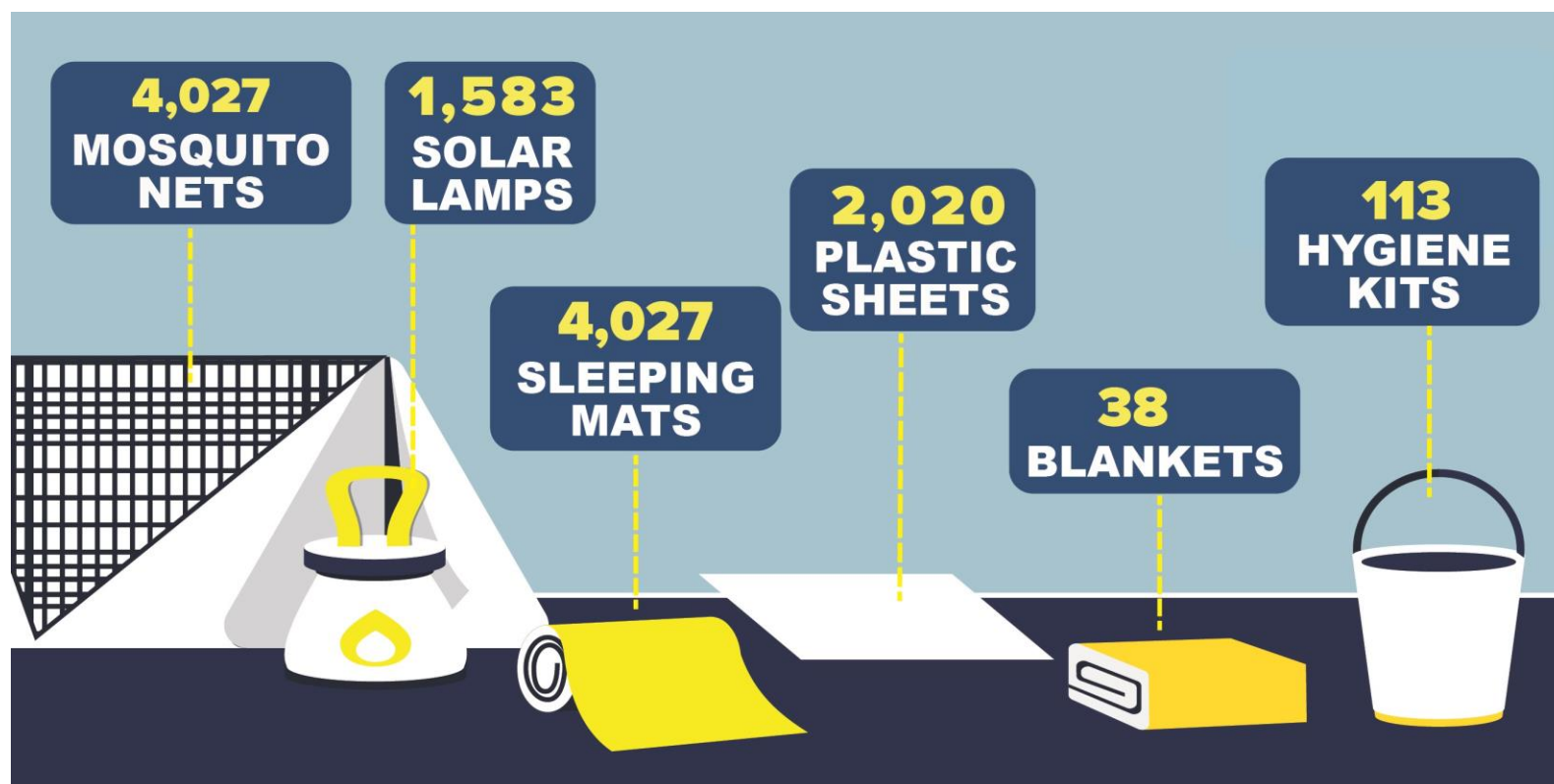


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Upon request of the government, UNHCR will ensure provision of core relief items to displaced families. UNHCR will maintain a role as advocate to ensure adherence to the protection principles, including non-discrimination in the provision of aid, and 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 Matungao, Lanao del Norte

UNHCR, in partnership with ACTED, distributed hygiene kits to 127 IDP families in Pangi Bakwit Village, Matungao as a response to the COVID-19 health emergency. These families have been seeking refuge in the said transitory site after their homes were destroyed due to the Marawi siege in 2017.

CRI distribution in Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat

UNHCR, in partnership with Magungaya Mindanao Inc. (MMI), distributed core relief items composed of blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, plastic sheets and solar lamps to 37 IDP families in Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat. These IDPs were displaced due to a storm surge that hit the municipality leaving the IDP's houses totally damaged.

CRI distribution in BARMM-SGA Clusters

UNHCR, in partnership with Community and Family Services International (CFSI), distributed mosquito nets, plastic sheets, sleeping mats, and solar lamps to 3,422 IDP families in Pigcawayan and 567 IDP families in Midsayap. Most of these families were residing along rivers and low-lying areas and were displaced as their homes have been damaged or have been submerged to floodwaters due to heavy flooding caused by the torrential rains.

GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Distribution teams need to adhere to strict health protocols set by specific municipalities. Staff are required to undergo rapid testing and to submit mandatory medical clearance and travel pass before they are granted entry to the distribution sites.
- Delay of distribution due to strict quarantine protocols as well as lockdowns or restricted entry to the distribution site in consideration of the safety and security of all stakeholders.
- Communication is difficult in some areas with poor or intermittent network signal and reception.
- Adapting to the 'new normal' such as wearing of face masks and physical distancing measures remain a challenge from the level of the POCs and thus, UNHCR project partners conduct orientation on the importance of wearing face masks and practicing physical distancing during distribution activities.

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED



20,706

MINDANAO VIRTUAL PROTECTION COORDINATION PLATFORM (MVPCP)

In the present circumstances where no limited physical access to IDPs is possible, and humanitarian actors are adjusting response using alternative modalities to access people in need including relying on social media, phones and other online communication tools to maintain regular communication with protection monitors within IDP community, as well as host communities, Mindanao Virtual Protection Coordination Platform (MVPCP) will strengthen coordination among relevant actors with a protection role (from regional and provincial down to municipal and community level) in Mindanao

Under the leadership of Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) and with full participation of key state agencies: DSWD, BARMM READI and IATF, members of MVPCP will work closely to ensure that COVID-19 related prevention and response initiatives at the national level include IDPs, while at the same time closely monitoring their application to ensure that IDPs have access to basic services. Members of the MVPCP will work closely to ensure timely prevention of and response to protection issues in Mindanao including BARMM region and facilitate timely information-sharing with the IDP community on health measures in response to COVID-19.

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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