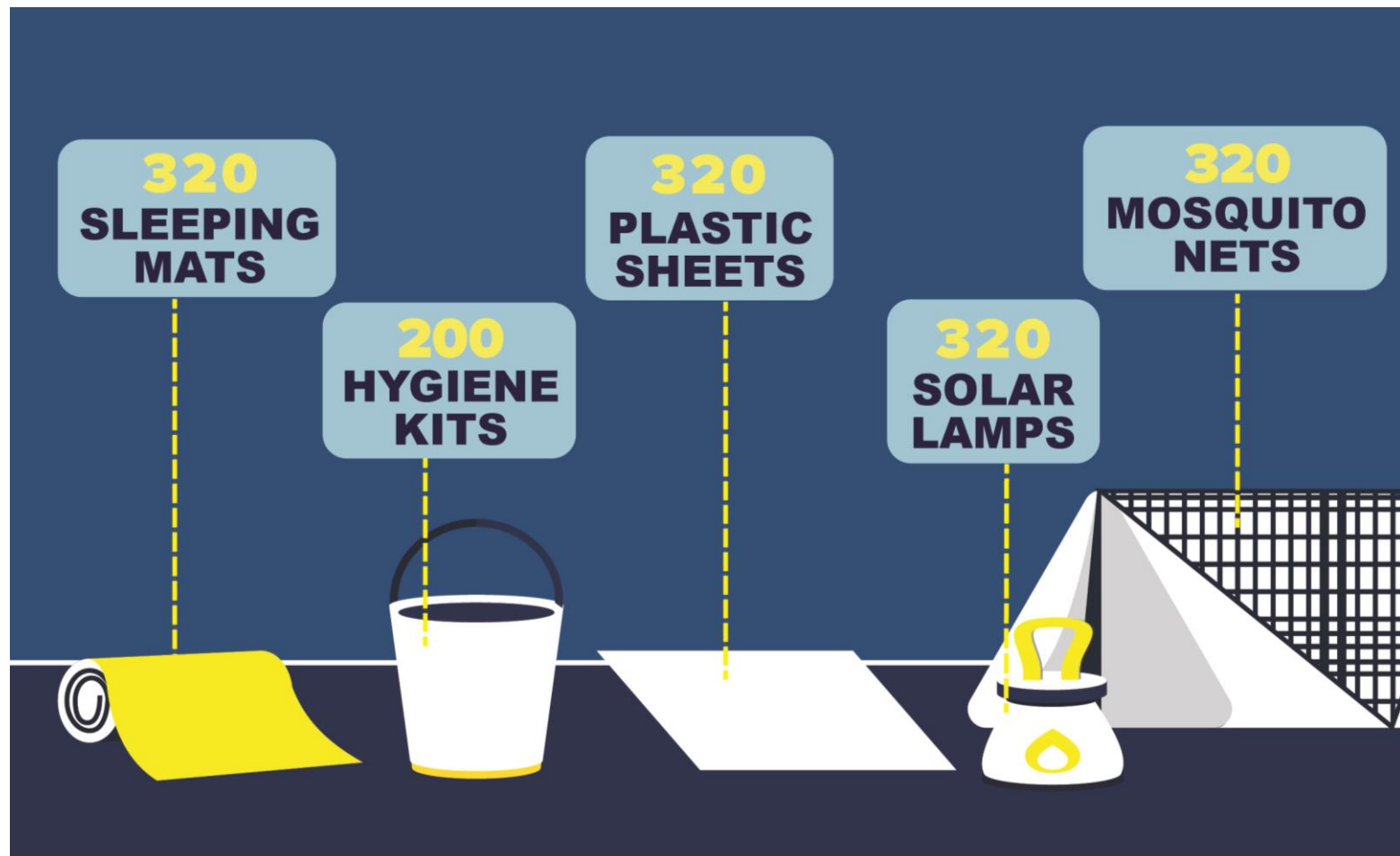


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Upon request of the government, UNHCR will ensure provision of core relief items to displaced families. UNHCR will maintain a role as advocate to ensure adherence to the protection principles, including non-discrimination in the provision of aid, and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

UNHCR, in coordination with the Local Government Unit and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office of Patikul and in partnership with Integrated Resource Development for Tri-People (IRDT), distributed hygiene kits, solar lamps, sleeping mats, plastic sheets and mosquito nets to 461 families in Patikul, Sulu. These families have finally returned to their places of origin after being displaced several times since July 2017 as a result of the focused military operation against the members of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).

GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- UNHCR contracted transporters also need to adhere with the strict health protocols set by specific municipalities, wherein they are required to undergo rapid testing with mandatory medical clearance and travel pass before they are granted entry to the distribution area.
- Adapting to the 'new normal', such as wearing of face masks and physical distancing measures, remains a challenge for the POCs. As a response, project partners conducted an orientation on the importance of wearing face masks and practicing physical distancing amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED



2,350

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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