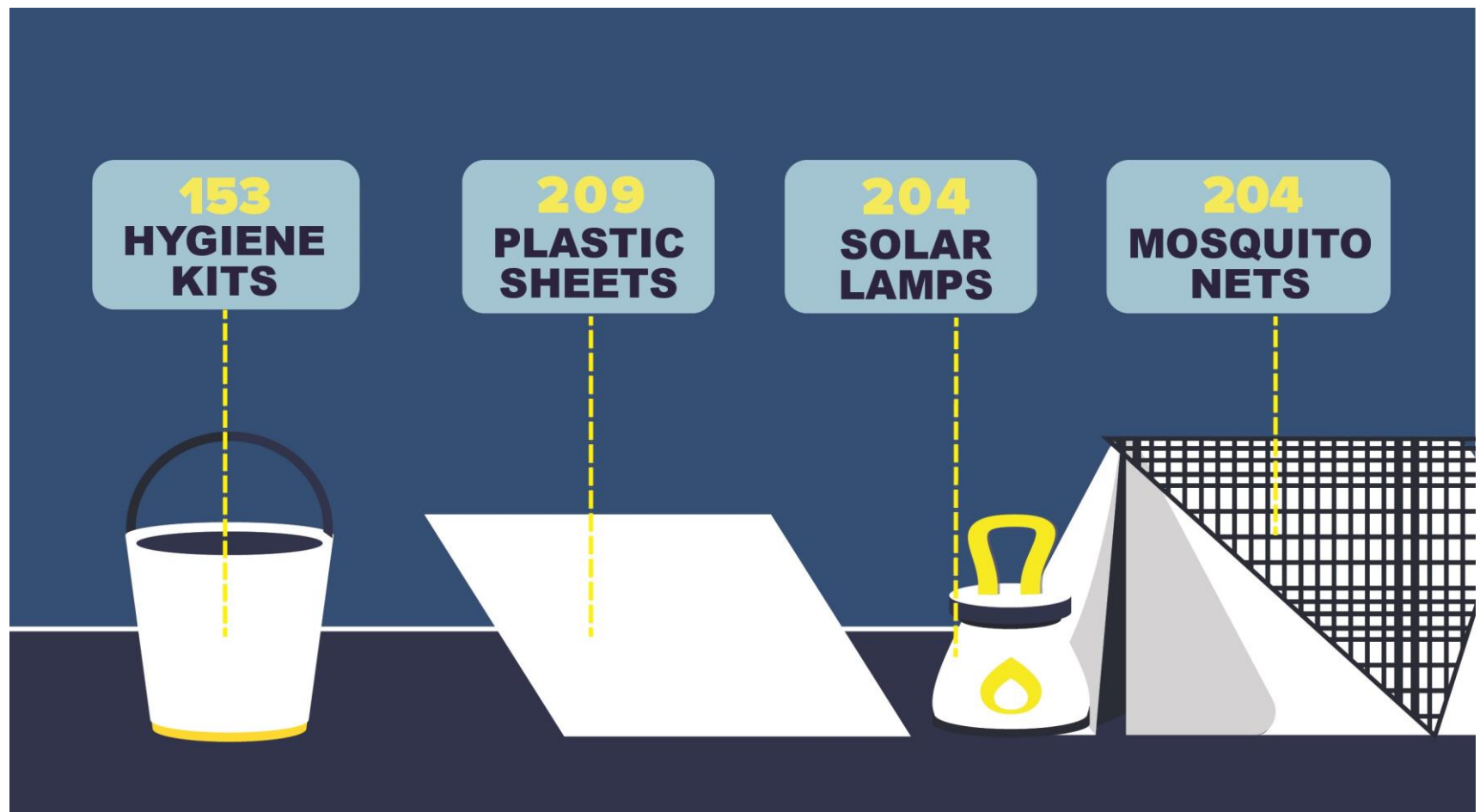


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Upon request of the government, UNHCR will ensure provision of core relief items to displaced families. UNHCR will maintain its role as an advocate to ensure adherence to the protection principles, including non-discrimination in the provision of aid, 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 in partnership with the local government units, and with partner humanitarian NGOs where feasible.



KEY POINTS

Core Relief Items (CRI) distribution in Sultan sa Barongis, Maguindanao

UNHCR, in partnership with CFSI, distributed core relief items such as hygiene kits, mosquito nets, plastic sheets and solar lamps, to 204 displaced families (approximately 1,020 individuals) in Sultan sa Barongis, Maguindanao Province. These internally displaced persons (IDPs) were forced to leave their homes due to an armed conflict between alleged Moro Islamic Liberation Front-Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (MILF-BIAF) affiliated men and the group of a village chieftain.

CRI distribution in Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao

UNHCR, through CFSI, distributed plastic sheets in Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao Province for the displaced families from the Municipalities of Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Mamasapano, and Shariff Aguak. These IDPs were affected by the mortar shelling launched against the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) aligned armed group.

GAPS AND CHALLENGES

Safety and security issues are currently being faced by the beneficiaries. Some of them were not able to personally attend the distribution activity sent representatives instead in order to claim the core relief items. The representatives were duly certified by the local government unit (LGU) officers present during the activity.

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED



1,020

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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