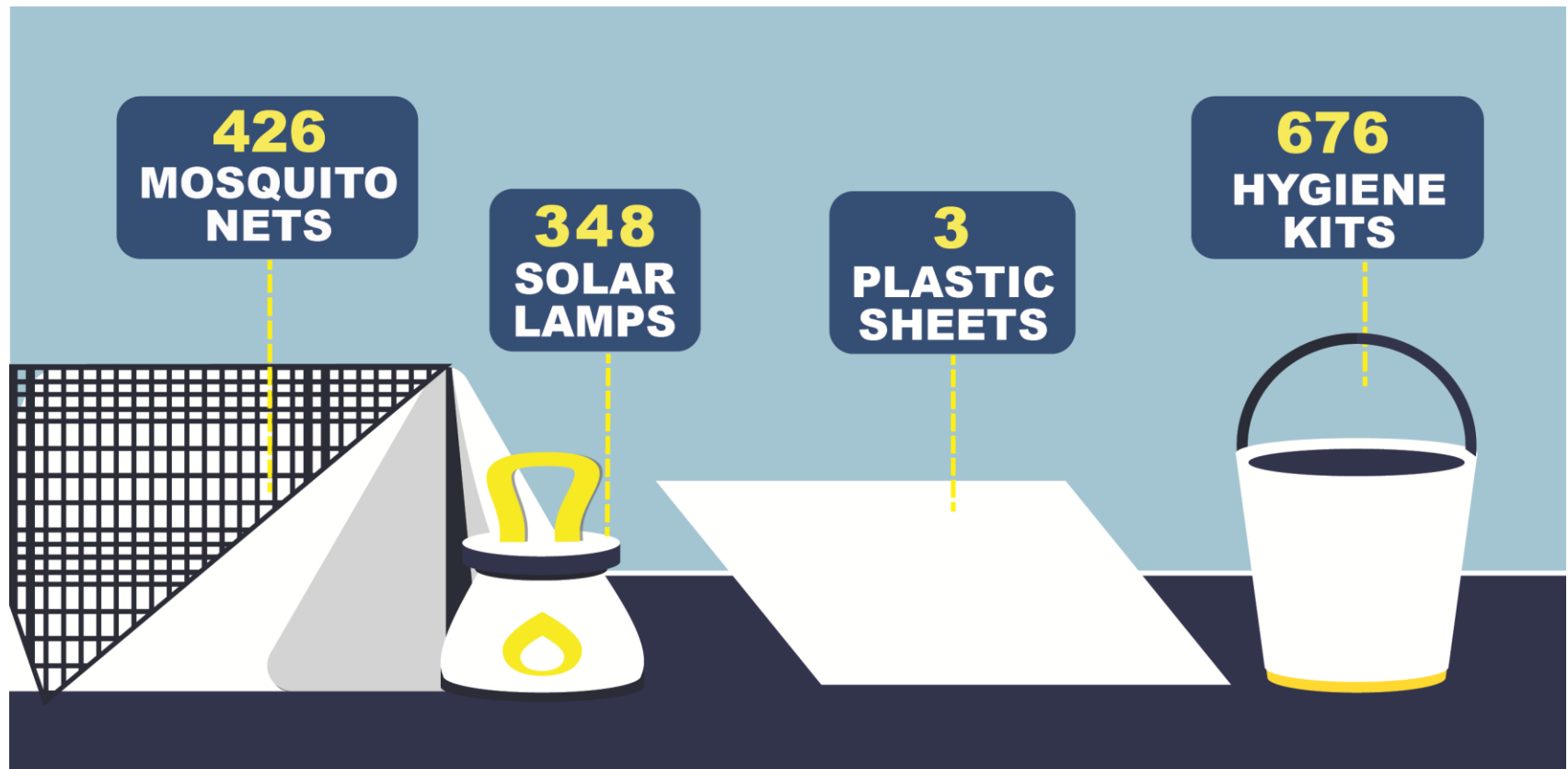


# CRI REPORT

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Upon request of the government, UNHCR will ensure provision of core relief items to displaced families. UNHCR will maintain 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 partnership with the local government units, and with partner humanitarian NGOs where feasible.



## KEY POINTS

### Core Relief Items (CRI) distribution in Zamboanga City

UNHCR, in partnership with National Commission on Indigenous Peoples- Zamboanga Sub-office and Commission on Human Rights Region IX, distributed hygiene kits to 250 Sama Bajau families (1,623 individuals) in Zamboanga City who are among the most vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic, as these families are staying in high-density settlements. These families have also been at risk of being stateless.

### CRI distribution in Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao

UNHCR, through project partner CFSI, distributed hygiene kits, mosquito nets, plastic sheets and solar lamps to 68 displaced families (approximately 340 individuals) in Datu Saudi Ampatuan Municipality, Maguindanao Province. These families remain displaced due to insecurities of returning to their places of origin as a result of the recent clashes between government troops and the Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces-Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

### CRI distribution in Kabuntalan, Maguindanao

UNHCR, through project partner CFSI, distributed solar lamps to 280 families (approximately 1,400 individuals) in Barangay Butiren, Municipality of Kabuntalan in Maguindanao Province. Most of these families have repeatedly been displaced for the past 20 years due to armed conflict between the military and the Moro National Liberation Front. Hygiene kits and mosquito nets were also distributed to 358 displaced families (approximately 1,790 individuals) in Kabuntalan Municipality, Maguindanao Province who were displaced due to clan feud that originated from the Municipality of Talitay, Maguindanao Province.

## GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Maintaining social distancing during distribution was a challenge as some of the distribution site has a small area with limited space, and which is also surrounded by rivers.
- Wearing of face masks during distributions was constantly emphasized by the distribution teams, but the same was not observed.

## TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED



**5,153**

## 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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