INCIDENT BACKGROUND

Members of a local ISIS-inspired group and the Armed Forces of the Philippines engaged in an armed encounter on March 11, 2019 in Brgy. Gaput, Tubaran, Lanao del Sur, which escalated and spread to neighboring barangay padas in Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur. The encounter resulted in the displacement of an estimated 627 families or approximately 2,965 individuals in Tubaran and Pagayawan Lanao del Sur.

According to sources from the local government unit of Tubaran, Lanao del Sur, ground assault was initiated by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), 59th IB against the group of “Abu Dar”, which is known to be associated with ISIS-inspired group in Barangay Gaput of the municipality of Tubaran Lanao del Sur. The barangays Tubaran proper, Gaput, Dinaigan and Madaya in Tubaran are among the areas affected by the encounter, which caused the displacement of 209 families with 975 individuals. The firefight has escalated to the neighboring municipality in Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur affecting three (3) barangays such as Padas (particularly Sitios Togona, Pampang and Palaasun), Kalaludan and Rangiran with cumulative number of 398 displaced families and approximately 1,990 individuals.

The encounter allegedly resulted to killing of one (1) alleged IS-inspired member and two (2) from the AFP.

CURRENT SITUATION

As of March 12, 2019, the Municipal Local Government of Tubaran have declared Dinaigan Madrasah and Multi-purpose center as temporary evacuation centers and some of the families sought refuge with their relatives. LGU continually assessed the status of the displaced families while food packs and medical assistance were distributed to the families.

Meanwhile, in the Municipality of Pagayawan, out of the total 398 IDP Families or 1,990 individuals, 222 IDP families or approximately 1,110 individuals have sought refuge in the declared Evacuations centers (Market, Toril, Tents and Ambali Primary School) located in Barangay Ngingir, while 176 IDP families or 880 individual are in their relatives in the barangays of Pinalangca, Diampaca, Guiaraong, Bandara Ingud, and safer sitio of Padas. There were also reported number of IDPs coming from barangay Kalaludan which sought refuge and scattered in the barangays of Marogong, Lanao del Sur. The municipal local government unit meanwhile provides relief assistance that contains Rice, Can goods and Noodles to their IDPs.

As of date of assessment, the IDPs are in need of Jerry cans, Cooking Utensils, Plastic Sheets, Mats and Solar lanterns.

Law enforcement operations against the group is ongoing, which affects the return of the families in their places of origin. According to the IDPs and concerned LGUs, there are still no reports or official statement from the AFP as to the “No-Go Zone” barangays. Meanwhile the displaced families have attempted to request to enter their barangay, but were prevented to enter their areas in Barangay Gaput, Tubaran, LDS and Barangays of Pagayawan like Padas, Rangiran and Kalaludan.

Assessment and data finalization is on-going in the Municipalities of Pagayawan and Tubaran.
## PROTECTION ISSUES AND RESPONSE

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<td><strong>Threat to life, safety, and security</strong></td>
<td>Municipal Peace and Order Council with AFP and PNP provincial headquarter convened on 13 March 2019.</td>
<td>Concerned agencies to expedite the facilitation of IDP return and if not at least retrieval of the important belongings of the affected families.</td>
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<td>The current security situation in the 2 municipalities has affected the overall safety and security of the community. Information as to the return of the families affected are still not being disclosed. The chances that the ongoing encounter is going to escalate remains high in the neighboring municipality such as Marogong due to the rumoured presence of the armed group in various locations. In Tubaran, the same population had evacuated the armed encounter which happened earlier this 2019. In addition, the community and LGUs foresee that the situation may lead to protracted displacement due to the casualties from the AFP side.</td>
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<td><strong>Threat to liberty and freedom of movement</strong></td>
<td>Municipal Peace and Order Council with AFP and PNP provincial headquarter conducted on 13 March 2019. No definite information on when the resident can return or get their belongings.</td>
<td>Advocacy to allow and provide protection to the IDPs to retrieve their belongings and farm products and equipment. Coordination to agencies like NP or ICRC and other agencies to facilitate the entry of the IDPs to their places of origin to get some of their important belongings.</td>
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<td>Lack of information or official statement from AFP with regards to the situation limits the return of the IDPs back to their places of origin. According to the IDPs, they were prevented to enter at the areas of Gaput, Tubaran, and Padas, Kalalodan, Rangiran, Pagayawan to get some of their belongings.</td>
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<td><strong>Access to food aid and nutrition</strong></td>
<td>LGU of both municipalities provided food packs to the displaced families.</td>
<td>Provision of basic food needs of the IDPs from other agencies and humanitarian organization as the LGU are not certain on their capacity to provide the food needs and the length of displacement.</td>
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<td>Insufficient food supply as the IDPs were not able to bring their food reserve along with other belongings.</td>
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<td><strong>Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene</strong></td>
<td>Referral to WASH mandated agencies to provide support to the IDPs in Tubaran.</td>
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<td>In Dinaigan Tubaran, access to water is among the expressed needs. There is 1 water tap but not enough to the host community much with the coming of the displaced population. Not enough latrines and water supply. IDPs at the evacuation center have only 1 door latrine. Lack of water containers. IDPs had borrowed water containers from the host communities.</td>
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<td><strong>Camp Coordination Camp Management</strong></td>
<td>MSWO is still yet to identify Camp Manager, meanwhile the MSWO and MDRRMO is overseeing the ECs</td>
<td>Follow-up to LGU/MSWO on the camp management. Referral on the basic needs of the IDPs at the ECs</td>
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<td>There is no camp manager yet assigned to the EC of Tubaran. No approproate sleeping materials. IDPs at the EC are using ordinary plastic sheet or mat when sleeping.</td>
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<td><strong>Access to shelter</strong></td>
<td>LGU of Tubaran opened evacuation centers in the Madrasah and Multipurpose Hall of Dinaigan while 3 sites also were opened for IDPs in Pagayawan to include the Market, Tents and Toril (all are located in Barangay Ngingili.</td>
<td>LGU/UNHCR to facilitate opening of other available ECs to accommodate some incoming families if IDPs continue to increase.</td>
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<td>Some of the IDPs are with their relatives, while we observed number of families in 1 room and it manifest of congestion in the evacuation centre in the 2 municipalities.</td>
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<td><strong>Access to health</strong></td>
<td>MHO of Tubaran conducted vaccination and medical mission to IDPs in Dinaigan. Meanwhile, the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Pagayawan are accessible and according to local authorities are with equipped with complete medicines and ready to accommodate IDP families.</td>
<td>Municipal Health Offic (MHO) to continue monitoring and provision of health assistance. Advocate to health mandated agency to conduct assessment as the displaced population were displaced twice already within this year.</td>
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<td>A number of infants/children were observed in the Evacuation centre in Dinaigan, Tubaran who may be vulnerable to sickness. In Pagayawan, IDPs have expressed the need for medicines especially for cough and fever.</td>
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**Access to education**

Classes in Padas Elementary School in Pagayawan were temporary suspended.

**Access to information**

The said municipalities as well as the affected families have not yet accessed credible information from the AFP as to the return of the IDPs.

Access to information is limited and firsthand information was captured in LGU and community level. While the information security status coming from the AFP remains not being disclosed.

**Access to livelihoods**

Displaced families are relying on their farm products which are for harvesting and some are for delivery to market but are left at the farm. Displaced families are worried that nothing will be left if they are not allowed to retrieve their products soon.

No response yet

AFP to provide time for the families to retrieve back their important belongings.

**Non-food items**

Lack of basic household items like sleeping materials, kitchen utensils and for hygiene materials. IDPs use plastic sheets for sleeping. Kitchen utensils were borrowed from the host community.

No response yet

Referral to other agencies for support.

**Protection of persons with specific needs**

There are numbers of elderly IDPs, lactating mothers and pregnant women are in need of protection support like the provision of medicines and NFIs that could protect them from the cold in the night.

2 IDP in Tubaran EC have limited movement due to health condition like epilepsy and impaired vision.

Some of the elderly are provided with medicines and vitamins

UNHCR/CFSI and other concern agencies to work out the provision of NFIs especially for the PWSNs.

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**PERSONS OF CONCERN**

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KEY FIGURES

607 (2,965 INDIVIDUALS)
Total number of displaced families

0 (0 INDIVIDUALS)
Number of families who have returned

607 (2,965 INDIVIDUALS)
Number of presently displaced families

IDPs PER PLACE OF ORIGIN (MUNICIPALITY)

Pagayawan
398 families

Tubaran
209 families

IDPs PER LOCATION OF DISPLACEMENT

347 families (1,735 individuals) are staying inside evacuation centers (EC) in Barangay Ngingir, Pagayawan
- Market EC
- Toril EC
- Ambari Primary School

260 families (1,230 individuals) are staying outside evacuation centers

59% Home-based
41% Evacuation center

Evacuation center
Home-based

LEGEND

Conflict
Affected area
Inland water
Evacuation center
Number of displaced families
Presently displaced families

LOCATION MAP

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