

IDP PROTECTION ASSESSMENT REPORT (IDPPAR)

Firefight in Barangay Lukketon, Sumisip, Basilan, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

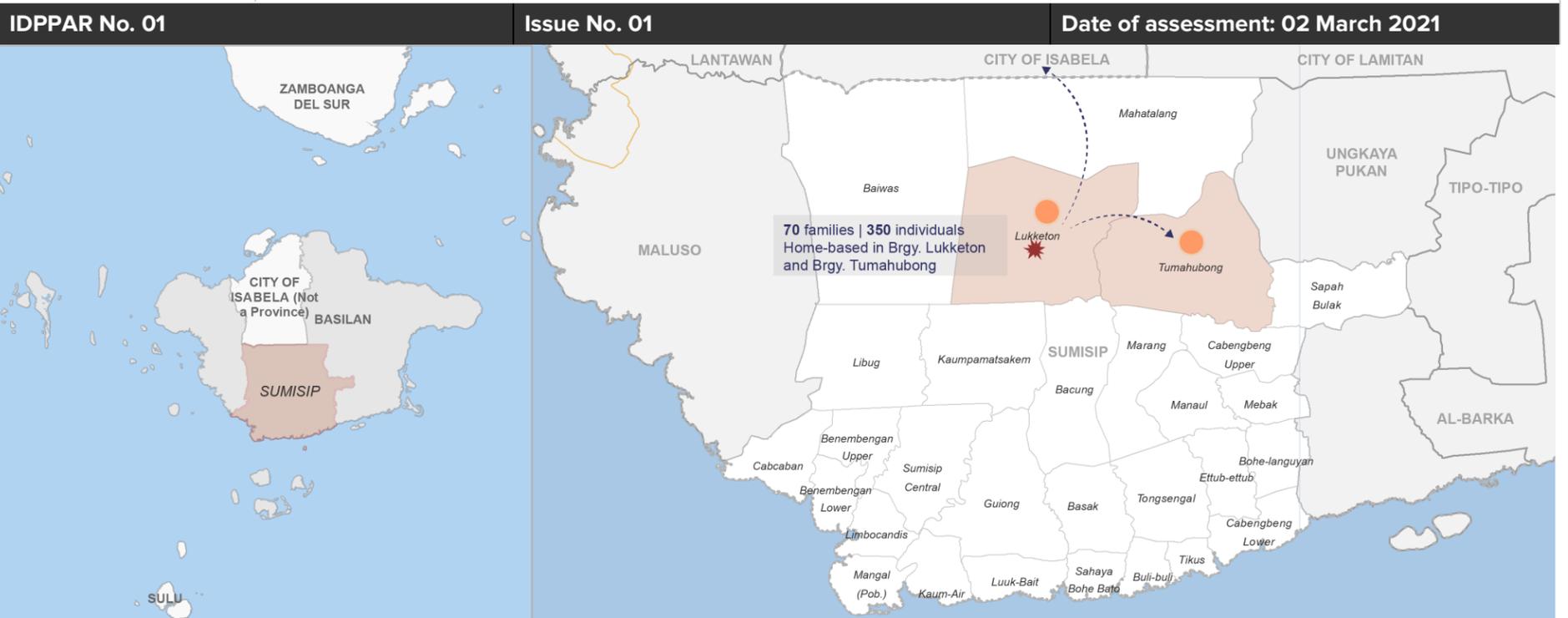
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UNHCR exists to protect and assist everyone who has been affected by forced displacement in Mindanao. To coordinate assistance to IDPs, we use a cluster approach. UNHCR works closely with the government and Mindanao Humanitarian Team to identify needs of IDPs in areas of assistance, such as shelter, health care and protection. We assume a coordination and operational delivery role in IDP situations to ensure protection is central to our work in order to prevent further displacement.

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DATE OF DISPLACEMENT: 28/02/2021	TIME OF DISPLACEMENT: 1:45 pm	GPS COORDINATES (If available): N/A
BARANGAY: Lukketon	MUNICIPALITY: Sumisip	PROVINCE: Basilan
TYPE OF DISPLACEMENT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent Please refer to issue		
REASON FOR DISPLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL DISASTER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARMED CONFLICT <input type="checkbox"/> VIOLENCE	
	Please specify: Firefight between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and armed men allegedly affiliated with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)	



INCIDENT BACKGROUND

On 28 February 2021, a firefight erupted between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and armed men who are allegedly affiliated with the MILF in Brgy. Lukketon, Sumisip Municipality. The two-hour armed encounter between the parties resulted to the displacement of 70 families (approximately 350 individuals) who have sought temporary shelters in the neighboring communities of Brgy. Tumahubong and Sitio Behe Buwaye, all in Sumisip municipality while the rest of the displaced individuals fled in Isabela City. The armed encounter resulted to seven casualties from both parties.

CURRENT SITUATION

On 1 March 2021, the members of the Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC), under the leadership of the Chief Executive of Sumisip Municipality, have convened to discuss on the peaceful settlement of the issue between the parties. Meanwhile, the displaced families expressed urgent needs which includes food and hygiene materials.

INCIDENT KEY FIGURES





I. THREAT TO LIFE, SAFETY AND SECURITY

Protection assessment considers the various threats to life, safety and security of displaced persons stemming from crime, violence, armed conflict or nature disaster.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
1	The displaced families expressed that they are reluctant to return home due to fear that the conflict might escalate. Accordingly, the displaced families will voluntarily return home if their safety and security is guaranteed by the authorities.	I-PART has conducted protection monitoring at the displacement site to identify the needs and issues faced by the IDPs. The MPOC initiated a peace dialogue attended by representatives from both parties to clarify the root cause for a peaceful resolution of the conflict.	Continuous protection monitoring on the situation of the IDPs until they return to their habitual residences.

II. SHELTER

Meet the need for roofing and other materials from local sources if possible

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
	No shelter-related issues were reported.	No significant information.	No significant information.

III. FOOD AND NUTRITION

Ensure that IDPs receive a minimum basic food ration.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
2	No food assistance was provided either by the local authorities or humanitarian agencies. Displaced families rely on their own sources and supports from their host families.	Issue was referred to the Barangay Local Government Unit for their support.	Provision of food packs while return is not yet possible.

IV. WASH

Ensure sanitary facilities such as showers, toilets and washing areas are in place.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
	No significant issue raised.	No significant information.	No significant information.

V. EDUCATION

Particular attention must be placed on the risks faced by adolescent girls, such as lack of access to education.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
3	The classes at the elementary school in Brgy. Lukketon, Sumisip Municipality were suspended temporarily. Parents and teachers were advised not to access the school while the MPOC is resolving the issue.	The teachers and parents have agreed to meeting Brgy. Tumahubong, Sumisip Municipality for the distribution and submission of modules.	No major gap raised.

VI. HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY (HLP)

Report any HLP related issues.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
4	A number of IDPs have complained that the belongings they left at home were looted.	The issue was referred to the BLGU for their appropriate action.	Documentation of the reported and referral to concerned agencies.

VII. HEALTH

Ensure that IDPs have access to health facilities.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
	No significant information.	No significant information.	No significant information.

VIII. Vulnerable Persons

Particular attention should be given to persons with specific needs and vulnerable groups.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
	No significant information.	No significant information.	No significant information.

IX. Core relief items (CRIs)

Particular attention should be given to vulnerable persons in need of core relief items.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
	No significant information.	No significant information.	No significant information.



PERSONS OF CONCERN (Breakdown by Location)

Location (Origin)								Location (Current)				
No. of Families	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Exact Location
70		350	+/-	Basilan	Sumisip	Lukketon (Sukaten)	Kahawaan, Proper Lukketon	Basilan	Sumisip	Tumahubong, Lukketon (Sukaten)	Proper Tumahubong, Behe Buwaye	Home-based

DURABLE SOLUTIONS (Breakdown by Location)

Location (Displaced)							Location (Current)			type (please select one)		
No. of Families	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Province	Mun	Barangay	Province	Mun	Barangay	Returned	Relocation	Local Integration
										✓	✓	✓

NEEDS ANALYSIS	Remarks
PROTECTION	Strengthen the capacity of the barangay local leaders in providing emergency response to their constituents which include setting up of early warning system and tracking of IDP movements.
FOOD	Advocate for the provision of food packs while return is not yet possible.
SHELTER	Go and see visit in the places of origin to facilitate the safe return of IDPs. Document if there are cases of looting and damages.
WASH	
EDUCATION	
HLP	Referral to Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC) for investigation the alleged cases of looting reported by the IDPs.
HEALTH	
CORE RELIEF ITEMS	
GBV	
CHILD PROTECTION	
SAFETY & SECURITY	Facilitate the safe return of the IDPs into their places of origin if safety and security guarantees.

SOURCES

- Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) – Brgy. Lukketon
- Tiyakap Kalilintad Inc.
- Internally Displaced Person (IDP)

IDP ASSESSMENT REPORT

The IDP Protection Assessment Form aims to provide a starting point for information and analysis that can help humanitarian agencies, policy makers and other stakeholders concerning instances of forced displacement or solutions (repatriation, resettlement, integration). The number of people displaced/affected may differ from the number in need of humanitarian assistance. To the extent possible, the terminology used in the Dashboard reflects the *UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement* and other sources of international law and practice. The information reported in the IDP Protection Assessment Forms has been received from members of the Protection Cluster across Mindanao. Consequently, unreported cases of forced displacement and solutions are not reflected. Updates will be provided as and when more information is received from members. Although efforts are made to verify the data, the Protection Cluster takes no responsibility for the incompleteness or inaccuracy of the information. At the end of every month, this data is compiled and distributed through the '**Protection Dashboard**'. The information provided in this IDP Assessment Report does not necessarily reflect the views of UNHCR or any individual member of the Protection Cluster.

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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