

## INCIDENT BACKGROUND

On 01 February 2017, an armed encounter between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the New People's Army (NPA) broke out at around 12:30PM in Barangay Lambog, Manay municipality, Davao Oriental province. The firefight affected 2,422 families in five barangays (Barangays Caoasna, del Pilar, Lambog, Rizal, and Taocanga). A total of 749 families (approximately 3,500 persons) were displaced to Barangay Central Poblacion. Residents of neighbouring barangays were also affected.

Further displacement occurred on 04 February, when alleged sightings of armed groups in Barangay Old Macopa, Manay municipality, caused 125 families (approximately 700 persons) to flee and seek refuge in neighboring Barangay San Ignacio.

On 04-06 February, the municipal local government unit (LGU) facilitated the return of the 749 families (estimated 3,500 persons) from three temporary shelters to the five barangays affected by the initial incident on 01 February, after the AFP and the Philippine National Police declared these areas cleared of the presence of armed groups.

## CURRENT SITUATION

As of 09 February 2017, around 125 families (700 persons) remain displaced in Barangay San Ignacio, including 7 families who took shelter in Brgy. San Ignacio gym. Both these IDPs and those staying with their relatives have received relief assistance from the LGU.

## PROTECTION ISSUES AND RESPONSE

ISSUES	RESPONSES	WAYS FORWARD
<b>Threat to life, safety, and security</b>		
<p>Four civilians were reported missing during evacuation.</p> <p>Two civilians reportedly died during the incident.</p>	<p>The LGU of Manay, with the support of the barangay officials, organized a search and rescue operation. The missing civilians were found a day after the incident.</p> <p>The LGU also facilitated the burial of the two civilian casualties.</p> <p>The LGU has installed a command post headed by the provincial governor of Davao Oriental. An incident action plan was formulated and four teams were formed to manage the emergency situation. They were assigned specific tasks, respectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transportation of IDPs to evacuation centers;</li> <li>• distribution of immediate assistance;</li> <li>• monitoring the situation of IDPs inside and outside evacuation centers; and</li> <li>• search and rescue.</li> </ul>	<p>Continue monitoring security threats in the area that may pose risks of further displacement.</p>
<b>Access to food and water</b>		
<p>IDPs had immediate needs for food and water.</p>	<p>The municipal LGU, with support from the Philippine Red Cross, distributed food packs to the IDPs.</p> <p>Following the IDPs' return to their habitual residences, the LGU coordinated with the Office of the Provincial Governor for the provision of additional food packs in order to support them in meeting their needs after their return.</p>	<p>Follow up on residual needs following return and advocate with government actors as needed.</p>
<b>Return, Relocation, Local Reintegration</b>		
<p>The AFP and PNP declared the Barangays of Caosna, del Pilar, Lambog, Rizal, and Taocanga cleared of armed group presence, paving the way for the IDPs' return.</p> <p>Those staying in Barangay San Ignacio, however, remain displaced as of this report.</p>	<p>The LGU of Manay provided dump trucks to facilitate the IDPs' return on 04-06 February.</p> <p>They also plan to conduct a consultation meeting with the displaced families to discuss issues relating to their return.</p>	<p>Protection partners to continue follow-up monitoring in the return areas and coordination with government stakeholders.</p> <p>Monitor the situation of those who remain displaced and identify ways to support/facilitate durable solutions.</p>

## PERSONS OF CONCERN

No. of Fam	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Location (Origin)				Location (Current)				
				Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Exact Location
749		3500		Davao Oriental	Manay	Lambog		Davao Oriental	Manay	Central Poblacion		Church
				Davao Oriental	Manay	Del Pilar		Davao Oriental	Manay	Central Poblacion		Central ES
				Davao Oriental	Manay	Capasnan		Davao Oriental	Manay	Central Poblacion		Evarisco HS
125		700		Davao Oriental	Manay	Old Macopa		Davao Oriental	Manay	San Ignacio		Homebased/ San Ignacio Gym

## DURABLE SOLUTIONS

No. of Fam	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Location (Displaced)			Location (Current)			Type (Please select one)		
				Province	Municipality	Barangay	Province	Municipality	Barangay	Return	Relocation	Local Integration
749		3500		Davao Oriental	Manay	Central Poblacion	Davao Oriental	Manay	Del Pilar	X		
				Davao Oriental	Manay	Central Poblacion	Davao Oriental	Manay	Capasnan	X		
				Davao Oriental	Manay	Central Poblacion	Davao Oriental	Manay	Lambog	X		

## SOURCES:

Silingang Dapit (SILDAP, Inc.)  
 Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council – Davao Oriental  
 Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office – Davao Oriental  
 Municipality of Manay, Davao Oriental

### The IDP Protection Assessment Form (IDPPAR)

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.

### The Protection Cluster

In the Philippines, the protection cluster has been established by the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Circular No 5 series of 10 May 2007 (Institutionalizing Cluster Approach in Philippine Disaster System). The cluster approach is part of a global response aimed at providing more timely and consistent help to the internally displaced and other affected people in complex emergencies and disasters. The Protection Cluster in Mindanao meets in Cotabato, Iligan, Davao and other cities on a regular basis. Currently there are over 100 participating agencies including from the Government, State, Civil Society, national and international NGOs and agencies, as well as the United Nations. For more information, please visit the Protection Cluster website <http://www.protectioncluster.org/philippines/> or e-mail us at PHICOPRC@unhcr.org



# AFP vs NPA Armed Conflict in Manay, Davao Oriental

as of 09 February 2017



**4,200**  
TOTAL PERSONS DISPLACED  
874 FAMILIES



**3,500**  
ESTIMATED NO. OF PERSONS  
WHO HAVE RETURNED  
749 FAMILIES



**700**  
NUMBER OF PRESENTLY  
DISPLACED PERSONS  
125 FAMILIES

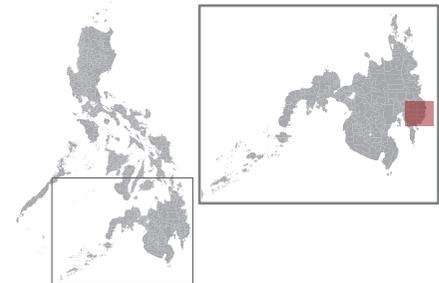


**7**  
NUMBER OF FAMILIES STAYING  
INSIDE EVACUATION CENTER



**118**  
NUMBER OF FAMILIES STAYING  
OUTSIDE EVACUATION CENTER

MAP LOCATION



LEGEND

- Provincial boundary
- Municipal boundary
- Barangay boundary
- Road
- Displaced persons
- Returned persons
- Presently displaced persons
- Conflict
- Presence of armed group

