

INCIDENT BACKGROUND

On 5 January 2020, a longstanding dispute between two warring groups have erupted in Barangay Babag (Babuan Island) in Tabuan-Lasa Municipality that have resulted to the displacement of civilians including pregnant women and children. According to the local authorities, the alleged members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MNLF) was harassed by unidentified armed group. The displaced families have sought temporary shelters in their relatives in the nearby barangays and in Isabela City and Maluso Municipality.

CURRENT SITUATION

According to the village chieftain, there are around 90% of the 2,179 population of the barangay who have fled to seek the safety of their families. Though assessment has yet to be done as the situation in the barangay remains volatile. Base on the report from the local monitors, there are more than 300 families (approximately 1,961 individuals) displaced as a result of the incident. There are no indications that the displaced families will immediately return to their residences due to potential retaliations because there are two (2) members of the warring parties that were killed in action.

As of the reporting date, the local authorities are accounting the whereabouts of the IDPs. So far, 158 families (approximately 687 individuals) were accounted and provided with food packs by the Municipal Social Services and Development.

Due to the geographical location of the village, the local monitors are facing some challenges on access to information and difficulties in tracking the whereabouts of the IDPs especially those at home-based setting.

PROTECTION ISSUES AND RESPONSE

ISSUES	RESPONSES	WAYS FORWARD
Threat to life, safety, and security		
Due to the ongoing tension between the two conflicting parties, displaced families felt it is not safe yet to return unless it is pacified and settled officially.	None.	Continuous protection monitoring and lobby the protection needs of the IDPs to authorities.
Food aid and Nutrition		
There is no food shortage that has been reported as of the reporting time. The IDPs receive food packs from the local authorities and are being supported by their relatives. However, if the displacement will prolong, there is likelihood on food shortage.	MSSD provided relief assistance to some displaced families.	Lobby for regular food rations to the IDPs.
Access to Education		
Classes in schools are disrupted because of the on-going tension. Some IDPs expressed that they do not have plans to return yet to their habitual residences due to the presence of an armed group in the barangays that are party to the conflict, which might trigger another round of firefight.	None.	Refer the issue on education to concerned agency.
Camp Coordination and Camp Management		
There is no designated evacuation centre	None.	

in the village. Though, there are 34 families who have built their makeshifts in Barangay Lanawan while majority have sought refuge in their relatives.		
Housing Land and Property		
There are reports from the IDPs that there are a few houses that are partially damage as a result of the fighting as well as loss of livestock and belonging but needs further verifications as no assessment has been done yet.	None.	Continuous protection monitoring and lobby the protection needs of the IDPs to authorities.
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)		
There are no WASH facilities in the displacement site in Barangay Lanawan. The IDPs share with the available WASH facilities of the host barangays.	None.	Refer the need on WASH to the concerned agency.

PERSONS OF CONCERN

No. of Fam	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Location (Origin)				Location (Current)				
				Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Exact Location
25		123	✓	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Babag	-	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Suligan	-	House-based
20		98	✓	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Babag	-	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Bolo-bolo	-	House-based
10		50	✓	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Babag	-	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Saluping proper	-	House-based
15		45	✓	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Babag		Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Lanawan	-	House-based
38		117	✓	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Babag		Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Lanawan		Evacuation center
30		154	✓	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Babag		Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Salloh	-	House-based
20		100	✓	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Babag		Basilan	Isabela City	Brgy Sunset and La Piedad	-	House-based
158		687	✓	Total								

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

SOURCES

Municipal Social Services and Development (Tabuan-Lasa)
 Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU-Babag)
 Inter-Island Protection and Response Team (i-PART)
 Integrated Resources and Development for Tri-People Inc (IRDT)
 Tiyakap-Kalilintad Inc (TKI)
 IDP Respondents



The IDP Protection Assessment Form

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). Given the fact that Mindanao did not witness major emergencies since Marawi siege, the protection cluster was not convened since mid-2017. Instead a protection working group was established in April 2019 to attend to protection needs of displaced families in BARMM

Protection Working Group for Bangsamoro Autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

In April 2019, PWG for BARMM was established under the leadership of Ministry of Social Services, co-led by UNHCR. The Protection Working Group (PWG), based in Cotabato City, is being convened to support the provision of protection interventions and services to these disaster- and conflict-affected communities. The main objectives of BARMM PWG is to strengthen coordination among relevant actors with a protection role (from regional down to municipal and community level) in order to: (a) ensure timely prevention of and response to protection issues in the BARMM region; and (b) facilitate timely information-sharing among these actors, in support of effective planning and implementation. The PWG meets every 2 months with members of Government agencies with protection roles, Relevant LGUs, UN agencies, Local and international NGOs & CSOs.

For more information, please visit the Protection Cluster website <http://www.protectioncluster.org/philippines/> or e-mail us at PHICOPRC@unhcr.org

KEY FIGURES

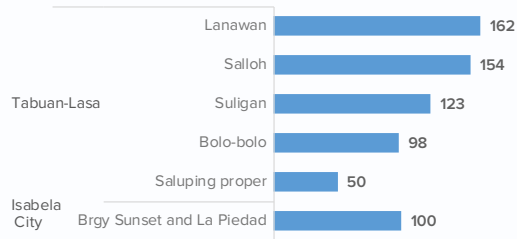
Estimated number of displaced population



Validated number of displaced population



Current location of displaced population



LEGEND



LOCATION MAP

