

# IDP PROTECTION ASSESSMENT REPORT (IDPPAR)

Incident title (Displacement in Ampatuan, Maguindanao due to AFP vs. BIFF Fighting)

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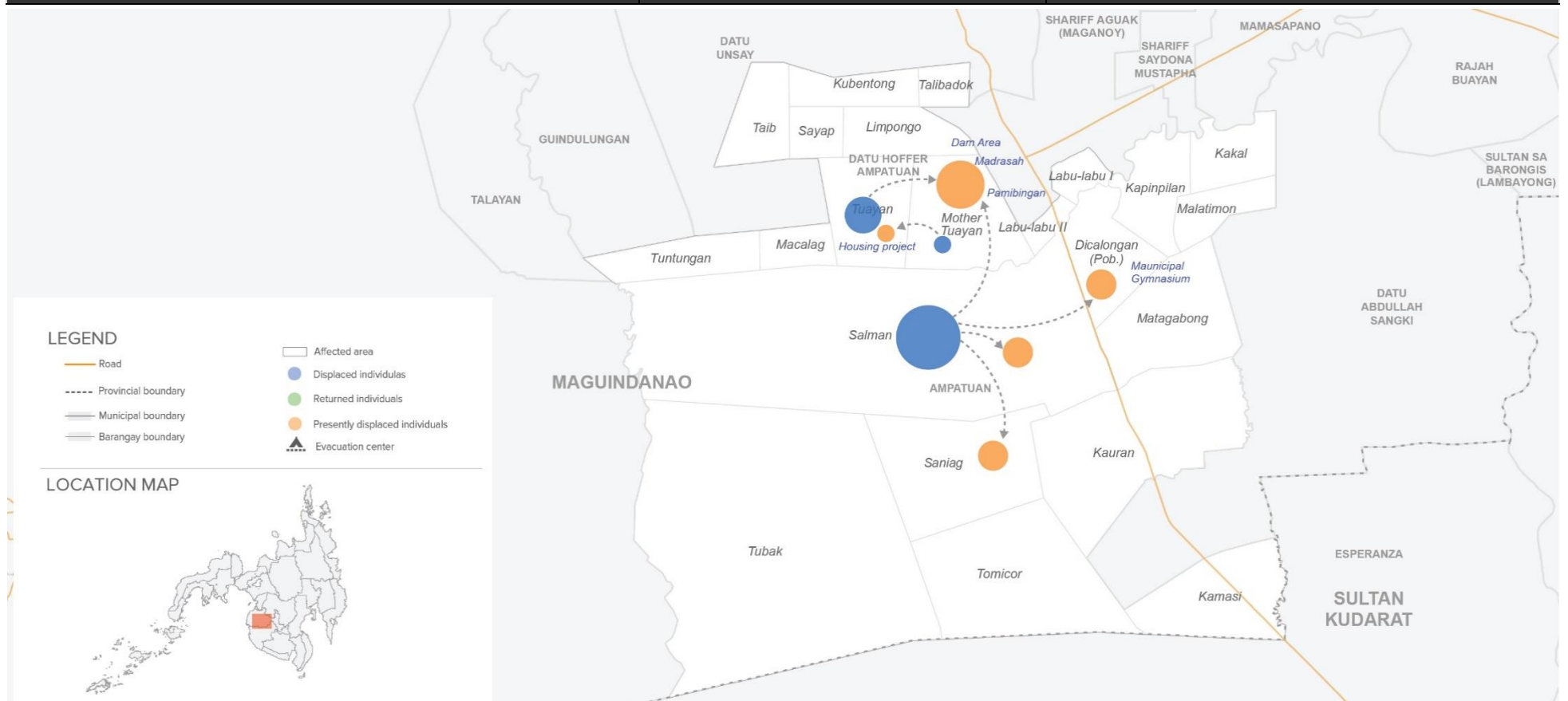


UNHCR exists to protect and assist everyone who has been affected by forced displacement in Mindanao. To coordinate assistance to IDPs, we use a cluster approach. UNHCR works closely with the government and Mindanao Humanitarian Team to identify needs of IDPs in areas of assistance, such as shelter, health care, shelter 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: <b>03/03/2020</b>	TIME OF DISPLACEMENT: N/A	GPS COORDINATES (If available): N/A
BARANGAY: <b>Salman</b>	MUNICIPALITY: <b>Ampatuan</b>	PROVINCE: <b>Maguindanao</b>
TYPE OF DISPLACEMENT: <input type="checkbox"/> NEW DISPLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECURRENT DISPLACEMENT   Please refer to issue #: <b>IDPPAR no. 18, 2019</b>		
REASON FOR DISPLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL DISASTER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARMED CONFLICT <input type="checkbox"/> VIOLENCE PLEASE SPECIFY: <b>AFP vs. BIFF (IS-inspired)</b>	

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## INCIDENT BACKGROUND

At noontime on 1 March, the government security forces have launched mortar shelling against the Islamic State inspired group in the interior part of the SPMS box (Salibu, Pagatin, Mamasapano & Shariff Aguak), in barangay Pagatin 2 and Pusao, all in Shariff Saydona Mustapha.

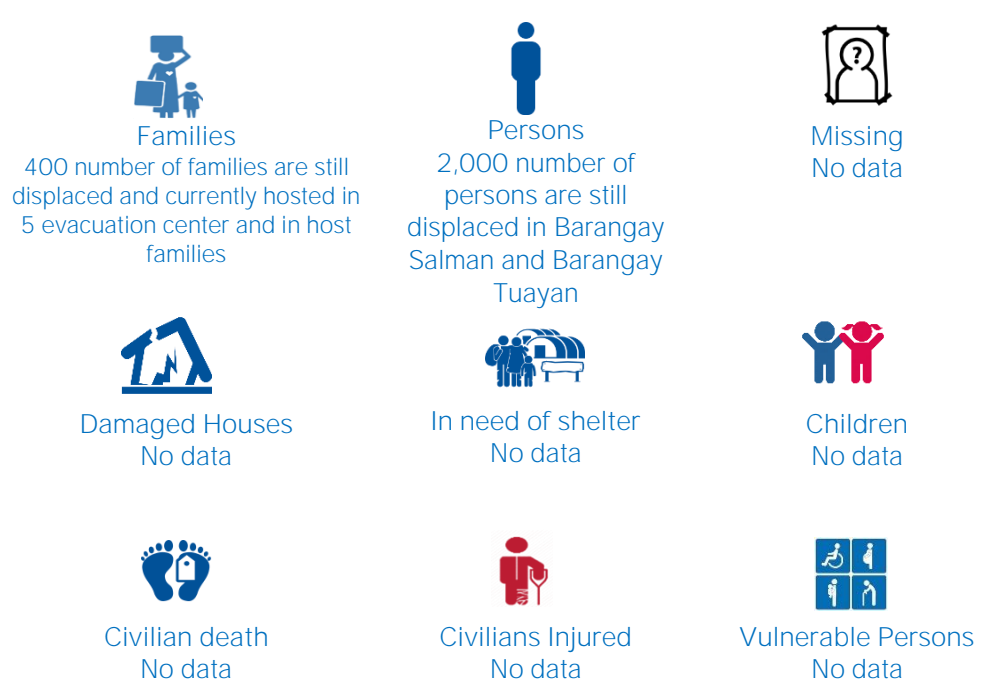
At early morning on 2 March, mortar shelling and aerial bombings were overheard in the neighboring communities of the SPMS box in the upper part of the municipalities of Ampatuan and Datu Hoffer Ampatuan. The residents of Barangay Salman, Ampatuan and Barangay Tuayan, Datu Hoffer Ampatuan were forced to flee their homes. Also, there is a growing presence of military in the affected areas.

The mortar shelling has continued the following day in the upper sitio of Barangay Salman, Ampatuan Municipality.

## CURRENT SITUATION

As of 3 March, there are approximately 2,000 persons displaced (400 families) in the municipalities of Ampatuan and Datu Hoffer Ampatuan based on assessments conducted by the Community and Family Services International (CFSI) and Magungaya Mindanao Inc. (MMI). Also, there are unaccounted number of affected populations who are confined near the conflict area but are now being responded by the local authorities.

## INCIDENT KEY FIGURES





## PROTECTION ISSUES AND RESPONSE

Protection Cluster in Mindanao

### 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.	Based on the information gathered from the Local Government Units, there are unaccounted number of families who are confined near the conflict zone based on the report from the LGU.		Ensure safe movement of the affected populations to safer grounds and access of these families to immediate humanitarian assistance.

### II. SHELTER

Shelter: meet the need for roofing and other materials from local sources if possible

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2.	The IDPs have occupied community structures such as the gymnasium and <i>madrasah</i> while others are with host families (please find below report the breakdown of IDPs per location). There are concerns on the living conditions of the IDPs, these community structures have no partitions and are located along the road which poses protection risks to small children.	The Local Government Unit of Ampatuan Municipality has provided plastic tarps to 60 IDP families who have occupied the municipal gymnasium.	Additional plastic tarps are needed to serve as partition for the community-based evacuation sites.

### III. FOOD AND NUTRITION

Ensure that IDPs receive a minimum basic food ration.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
3.	In Ampatuan Municipality, there is insufficient supply of food for the IDPs. According to the IDPs the newcomers were excluded in the list and did not receive food assistance. It was observed that evacuation sites do not have cooking areas and IDPs expressed the need for cooking items.  In addition, the local officials are restrained from providing assistance to the IDPs outside of municipal gymnasium because it is alleged that those IDPs have blood relations with the non-state armed men.	In Ampatuan Municipality, the Local Government Unit has established a communal cooking area at the municipal gymnasium and prepared cooked meals for the IDPs, instead of distributing food packs to the IDPs. However, the cooked meals only cater to those IDPs occupying the municipal gymnasium.	-Regular food ration to all IDPs in the evacuation sites and in host families  -Provision of cooking items to affected families.
4.	In Datu Hoffer Ampatuan Municipality, the IDPs did not receive food assistance due to resource constraint. The LGU has yet to receive its internal revenue allotment which has recently been approved.	Assessment is being conducted by the LGU in Barangay Tuayan, Datu Hoffer Ampatuan.	

### IV. WASH

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

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5.	There are no designated bathing areas in the evacuation centers and there is expressed need for hygiene kits.		Need for the provision of hygiene kits for IDPs.
6.	There is lack of toilets at the evacuation centers both in the municipalities of Ampatuan and Datu Hoffer Ampatuan.		Provision of temporary WASH facilities in the evacuation sites.

## 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
7.	Classes have been disrupted as a result of the displacement incident.		Establishment of temporary learning centers/education in emergency in order not to disrupt the classes in view of the closing of the school year by the end of March.

## VI. HLP (HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY)

Report any HLP related issues

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
8.	There are reports that there are houses of civilians that were hit by the mortars and have been burned down.		Referral of the issue to concerned agencies for appropriate actions if this report is verified.

## VII. HEALTH

Ensure that IDPs have access to health facilities.

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
9.	There are reported cases of common ailments such as fever, flu and cough. Also, the IDPs, particularly the persons with special needs, are exposed to heat which may worsen their health conditions.	The health workers of the Rural Health Units of both municipalities of Ampatuan and Datu Hoffer Ampatuan have conducted medical missions at the evacuation sites.	Need for medicines for common ailments such as fever, flu and cough.

## VIII. Vulnerable Persons

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

#	ISSUES	RESPONSE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND REMAINING GAPS
10.	There is lack of sleeping materials for persons with special needs. it was observed that children make use of the plastic tarps provided by the LGU as sleeping mats.		Persons with special needs should be prioritized especially if available resources are limited.

## 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
11.	The plastic tarpaulins that the IDPs have received from the LGU of Ampatuan were used as sleeping mats, though only 60 families have received these items. Other IDP families used depleted plastic tarpaulins as sleeping mats.	The Local Government Unit of Ampatuan Municipality has provided plastic tarps to 60 IDP families who have occupied the municipal gymnasium.	Need for additional core relief items such as plastic tarpaulins, sleeping mats and hygiene kits.

**PERSONS OF CONCERN (Breakdown by location)**

Location (Origin)								Location (Current)				
No. of Fam	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Exact Location
55		275	x	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Talpok, Narra, Sulkit	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Poblacion		Municipal Gymnasium
20		100	x	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Talpok	Maguindanao	Datu Hoffer	Mother Tuayan		Dam Area
63		315	x	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Talpok	Maguindanao	Datu Hoffer	Mother Tuayan		Madrasah
28		140	x	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Talpok	Maguindanao	Datu Hoffer	Mother Tuayan		Pamibingan
11		55	x	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Upper Malatin	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Lower Malatin	
55		275	x	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Ugapok	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Saniag		
20		100	x	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Ugapok	Maguindanao	Ampatuan	Salman	Binibiran	
148		740	x	Maguindanao	Datu Hoffer	Mother Tuayan	Pamimbingan	Maguindanao	Datu Hoffer	Tuayan	Aliman	Housing project

NEEDS ANALYSIS	Remarks
<b>Protection</b>	Safe movement of unaccounted number of IDPs who are reportedly confined at their houses located near the conflict zone.
<b>Food</b>	Provision of regular food assistance to IDPs not only those who are settled in the evacuation sites but also those who are being hosted by their relatives and those who are at risk of displacement that are reportedly confined in their homes but whose livelihood activities have been disrupted because of the security condition in their communities.
<b>Shelter</b>	The IDPs have occupied community structures located along the road which poses protection risks especially to small children. Also, they need plastic tarpaulins to improve the conditions of their temporary shelters.
<b>WASH</b>	There is absence of bathing areas and toilets at the evacuation sites.
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Classes have been disrupted because of the conflict. There is a need for authorities to look into the issue considering that the current school year will close by the end of March.
<b>HLP</b>	There is a need for the verification of the reported cases of houses that were hit by the mortars and were burned down.
<b>HEALTH</b>	Need for regular visits of the health workers to the displacement sites to conduct continuous assessments of the IDPs' health and medical needs and any appropriate actions thereof.
<b>CORE RELIEF ITEMS</b>	There is a need for additional core relief items such as plastic tarpaulins, mats, and hygiene kits.
<b>GBV</b>	
<b>Child Protection</b>	
<b>Security</b>	

**KEY ADVOCACY MESSAGE**

## 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.

## PROTECTION WORKING GROUP FOR BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

In April 2019, PWG for B ARMM 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.

## 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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