

INCIDENT BACKGROUND

On July 26, 2019, the 55th Infantry Battalion (IB) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) launched military operations in the outskirts of the municipality of Lumba Bayabao, Lanao del Sur, which is believed to be where a group of New People's Army (NPA) were sighted. At around 2:00 in the morning the military launched a ground attack to suppress the presence of the said armed group. Series of artillery shelling were directed to the alleged location of the NPA. The artillery are pre-positioned in Barangay Ragayan in Poona Bayabao, firing towards the direction of Lumba Bayabao where the target, 7kms away, is said to be located. Around 20 families residing in the in the upper portions of barangay Ragayan were advised to come down to the lower part of the barangay for their safety, given that military forces are on the ground. In Lumba Bayabao, 162 families from barangays are Gambai, Gadongan and Lubo-Basara evacuated and sought safer grounds in Barangay Gologan, Cabasaran and Mapantao in Lumba Bayabao.

Allegedly, the military suffered one casualty in the firefight (to be validated).

CURRENT SITUATION

In Lumba Bayabao, most displaced families are reported to have returned to their places of origin, except for 5 families staying in Barangay Gambai who have not returned yet to Barangay Gadongan due to fear. The Mayor of Lumba Bayabao had circulated text messages announcing that the security alert has been lifted and the situation has returned to normal. Gun fires have stopped as of the reporting period.

In Poona Bayabao, the 20 families displaced from the upper areas of Brgy Ragayan are still staying with their relatives in the lower parts of the barangay.

The military is still conducting continuous ground patrol in the said areas of concern. It was reported also that Marine forces had replaced the 55th Infantry Battalion to continue the pursuit of the said NPA members.

PROTECTION ISSUES AND RESPONSE

ISSUES	RESPONSES	WAYS FORWARD
Threat to life, safety, and security		
On-going military operations against the alleged NPA group, resulting to fear among the communities of affected barangays.	No response, however, the community have evacuated and sought safe grounds in Brgy Ragayan, Poona Bayabao and safer barangays of Lumba-Bayabao	BARMM, RHRC and ICRC to monitor the situation to prevent protection related issues.
Threat to liberty and freedom of movement		
AFP had prevented temporarily the community to get near the radius of the areas of operations.	No response, however, the community have evacuated and seek safe grounds within the municipality of Lumba Bayabao. AFP has advised the residents of barangay Ragayan to secure / lock their houses to prevent any loss to their properties left behind	BARMM, RHRC and ICRC to monitor the situation to prevent protection related issues.
Access to Livelihood, Food aid and nutrition		
Food is among the expressed needs of the displaced families.	LGU Lumba Bayabao provided food packs to the affected families. Barangay Captain of Ragayan, Poona Bayabao distributed food assistance	BARMM and concerned humanitarian agencies to assess the needs and impact of the fire-fight.

Health		
Reported vulnerable groups currently in need of assistance, accordingly, 1 pregnant woman and elderly are in need of health assistance in Lumba Bayabao	No conducted health related activities.	BARMM and concerned humanitarian agencies to assess the needs and impact of the fire-fight.

PERSONS OF CONCERN

No. of Fam	+/-	No. of Persons	+/-	Location (Origin)				Location (Current)				
				Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Province	Mun	Barangay	Sitio	Exact Location
5	✓	25	✓	Lanao del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Gadongan		Lanao del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Gambae		Homebased
20	✓	100	✓	Lanao del Sur	Poona Bayabao	Ragayan		Lanao, del Sur	Poona Bayabao	Ragayan		Homebased

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
83	✓	415	✓	Lanao del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Golingang, Mapantao and Cabasaran	Lanao, del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Gadongan	✓		
59		295		Lanao del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Golingang, Mapantao and Cabasaran	Lanao, del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Gambae	✓		
20		100		Lanao del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Golingang, Mapantao and Cabasaran	Lanao, del Sur	Lumba-bayabao	Lobo-Basara	✓		

SOURCES

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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



KEY FIGURES



935 (187 Families)

Total number of individuals displaced at the time of the incident



810 (162 Families)

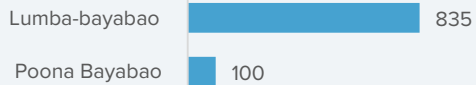
Total number of individuals who have returned



125 (25 Families)

Total number of presently displaced individuals

Breakdown of 935 displaced individuals by place of origin



LEGEND

- Conflict
- Provincial boundary
- Municipal boundary
- Barangay boundary
- Displaced individuals
- Returned individuals
- Presently displaced individuals
- Evacuation center

LOCATION MAP

