

Zamboanga Crisis

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The grandstand in Zamboanga City Sports Complex is stretched well-beyond its capacity for human habitation. It now houses 50,343 evacuees. © Inquirer 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

- Government-launched airstrikes corner MNLF militants. 64 hostages in total have regained freedom.
- 82,106 displaced persons. 70,711 persons staying in 29 evacuation centers.
- Joint assessment using Displacement Tracking Matrix is underway.
- Recent violence in Basilan Province has also caused population displacements.

Overview

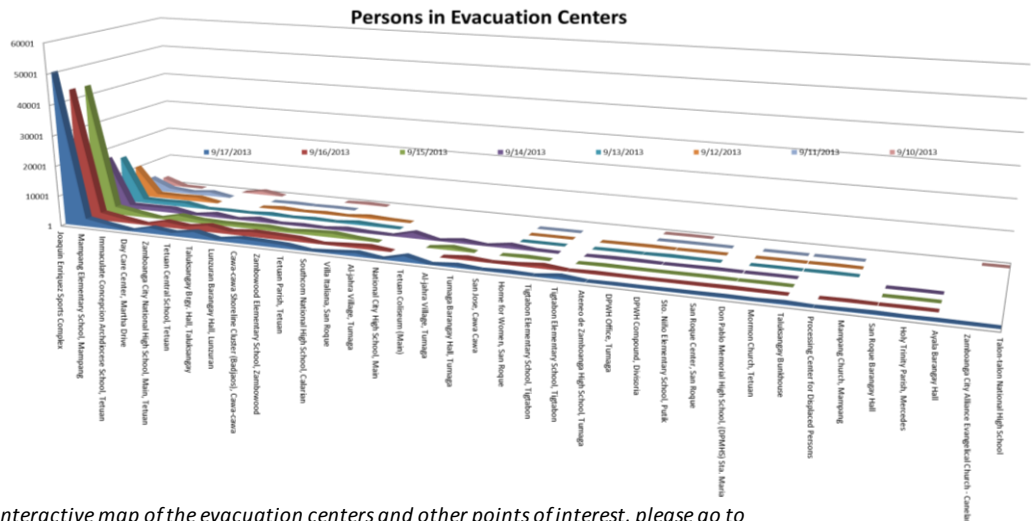
On the ninth day of the crisis, following military airstrikes at MNLF militants, Philippine troops have recaptured 70 percent of the coastal areas of Zamboanga City that were occupied by rebels. A total of 64 hostages have regained freedom.

Continuing evacuation, has resulted in the further rise of the number of displaced families to 16,533 or 82,106 persons.

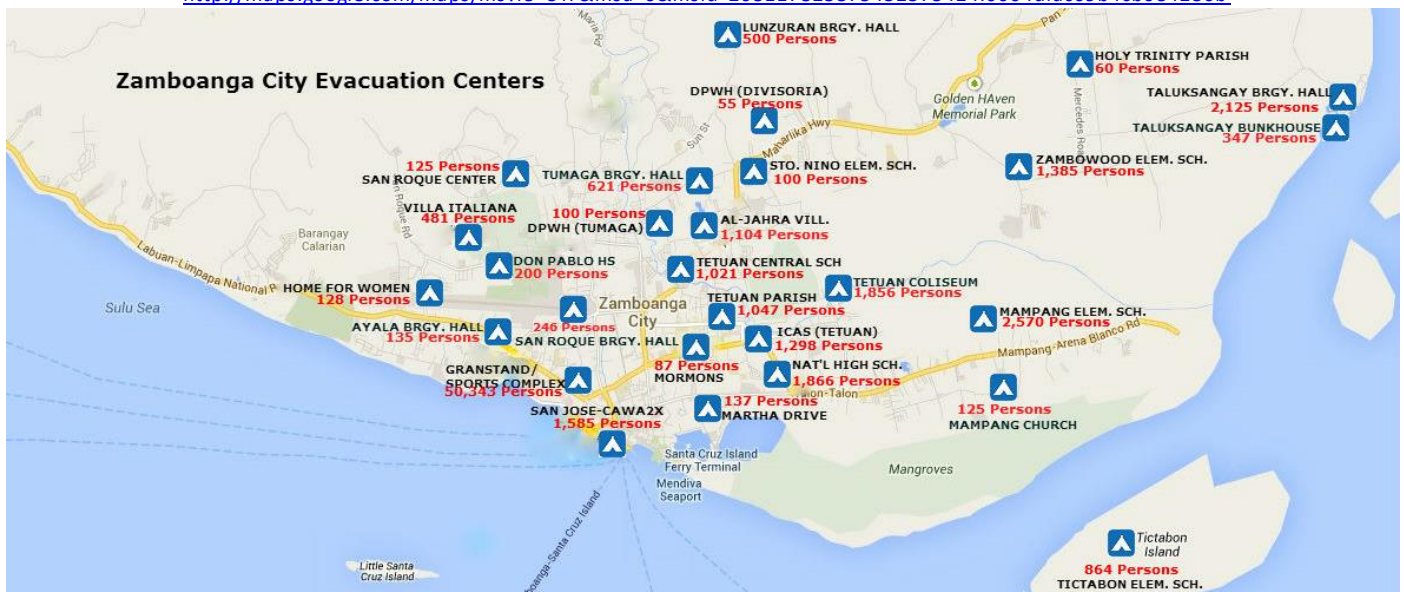
This is already 37% of the population of Zamboanga City as per 2010 statistical data. 13,635 of these families or 70,711 persons are staying in 29 evacuation centers.

An inter-agency assessment focusing on CCCM using the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is underway to determine the specific conditions and needs of the evacuees.

Recently, violence has also erupted in the province of Basilan resulting in similar displacements.



To view an interactive map of the evacuation centers and other points of interest, please go to <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=208117823875452575424.0004dfdc69b4cb0e4286b>



Sources: Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Council (NDRRMC)