PHILIPPINES
Mindanao Humanitarian Situation

as of 25 March 2019

DISPLACEMENT IN MAGUINDANAO

Renewed armed conflict erupted between the AFP and a faction of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) on 9 March in four areas in Maguindanao: Salbu, Pagatin, Mamasapano, and Shariff Aguak, causing the cumulative displacement of more than 35,200 people, of which over 27,900 are inside 19 evacuation centres or staying with host families. Government authorities are leading the response, with support from the Philippine Red Cross and the Mindanao Humanitarian Team (MHT).

Maguindanao internally displaced population:

- Evacuation centres: 27,900
- Staying with host families: 7,300

DISPLACEMENT IN LANAO DEL SUR

In Lanao del Sur, armed encounters south of Lake Lanao, particularly in the municipalities of Tuburan and Pagayawan were reported between the AFP and the remnants of the Maute armed group on 11 and 14 March which caused the displacement of more than 8,900 people from two municipalities. Displaced people in Lanao del Sur are sheltered in schools, madrasahs or are staying with host families. The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) government’s humanitarian response team, BARMM-HEART together with the MHT member agencies will conduct rapid needs assessment in the affected municipalities on 26 March.

DISPLACEMENT IN SULU

In the island provinces of Mindanao, the AFP continues to engage the Abu Sayaff Group in Sulu following the bombing of Jolo cathedral in January 2019. A spike of encounters in February led to displacements of more than 5,000 people in the municipalities of Patikul, Tongkil, Jolo, Indanan and Maimbung. According to the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix needs assessment, the primary and most urgent needs expressed by the IDPs are food and relief items such as blankets, water containers, kitchen sets and hygiene kits.

Marawi internally displaced population:

- Evacuation centres: 4,500
- Temporary shelters: 8,600
- Staying with host families: 52,900

MARAWI CONFLICT

Nearly two years after the Marawi conflict, over 66,000 people remain displaced, mostly staying with host families while more than 900 families (an estimated 4,500 people) are still sheltered in four evacuation centres. The government plans to transfer 364 families to the Boganga temporary shelter before end of March. Task Force Bangon Marawi continues to conduct the IDP profiling in the most affected areas in Marawi City. The Task Force conducted a two-day consultation for residents of the most affected areas on 18 March. During the consultation, IDPs were given an opportunity to air their sentiments and concerns.