



Humanitarian Response for Vulnerable Populations in Conflict Affected Communities in Mindanao

Community Profile

Barangay : **Aliman Gunsí (Pandan)**

Municipality : **South Upi**

Province : **Maguindanao**



Land scape

The community is located at the eastern part of the municipality at approximately 22 kilometers from the Poblacion. It is 100 meters above sea level

It has a total land area of 1,136 hectares with 10 subdivided sitios (*sub – villages*). 80 % of the land area is mountainous and hilly and 20% are plane and undulating.

Population

Barangay Pandan has a total population of 925 families and 5,367 individuals (2,520 males and 2,847 females). It is predominantly occupied by Indigenous people - *T'duray* tribe, comprising 87 % of the total population. 12 % are settlers from Visayas Region (Ilonggo and Cebuano) while 1 % are Moros (Maguindanaon).

Some families have voluntary move in the area from the nearby village while others are displaced caused by armed conflict and clan feuds.

Economy

The village is largely agricultural area thus farming is the main source of income. Farmers produce corn, rice, peanuts, coconut and fruit trees. However challenge with relatively high rainfall throughout the year and unstable road access to the town proper. Many of the families are living below the poverty line

Social

Shelter - Most of the houses are made up of light materials such as wood, nipa and bamboo. There is an average of 6 members living in a single household

Food - Rice, corn and root crops are common staple food. Farmers are dependent on their harvest. During rainy season families are challenge with the high price of commodities caused by the transportation cost.

Health - Only one (1) Barangay Health Station with one (1) midwife and six (6) Barangay Health Workers providing health services to the entire populations. The nearest hospital is located around 22 kilometers from the area. Common diseases are pneumonia, loose of bowel movement, influenza, bronchitis, skin diseases and Tuberculosis symptomatic. Traditional Birth Attendant are commonly requested by the community members for maternal services.

WASH - Water pipe made of bamboo from spring source, open spring, rain fall and unprotected well are common sources of water in the area. While many families have water sealed latrines, there are significant numbers

Education - There are significant number of schools in the barangay with lack of facilities, supplies and teachers. There are _ day care centers, 3 primary schools, 2 elementary schools, and 1 high school.

Vulnerabilities

The Barangay is one of the Conflict Affected Areas in Mindanao. The highest displacement has been recorded in 2008 which affected a total of 717 families from the nearby sitios. This is caused by the Government Armed Forces and the MILF armed conflict escalated after the postponed signing of the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA – AD).

Other hazards identified are landslide, flooding, drought and water contamination.

IOM Assistance

Contribute to the Government efforts in enhancing life – saving health services to vulnerable populations through the;

- ✓ Refurbishment of Barangay Health Station (BHS) in accordance to the Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) standards
- ✓ Provision of medical equipment and supplies base on BEmONC guidelines
- ✓ Conduct of orientation on health facility care and maintenance and medical equipment usage to the health workers and community volunteers to ensure sustainability
- ✓ Continuing coordination with the Mindanao Health Cluster in other related interventions (ie. *Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Activities, Capacity Building on Reproductive Health,*)
- ✓ Conduct of Inter Active Community Mapping (ICM) to strengthen local mechanisms on disaster resiliency