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IOM Philippines

Humanitarian Response in Mindanao

Conflict Affected Communities

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IOM established its office in the Philippines in 1975. In 1988, the Philippines became an IOM Member State – among the first Member States in Asia, with Manila as one of the first regional IOM offices in late 1996. In 2003, the Global Administrative Centre was established in Manila (now known as MAC), and provides global support in the areas of finance, human resources management, information technology, staff security, project tracking, and health claims processing, among others.

IOM is a member of the UN Country Team/Humanitarian Country Team (UN CT/HCT). IOM is the co-lead agency of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster for internally displaced persons (IDP).

Background: Since 1992, IOM has supported the design and implementation of some of the largest peace process operations in the world including in Mindanao. The second largest island of the Philippines, Mindanao is home to more than 20 million people of diverse ethno-linguistic backgrounds. Of this number, about 5 million are Muslims, who belong to at least 13 ethno-linguistic groups. IOM setup its Cotabato sub-office in 2008 as response to the massive displacements and humanitarian needs brought by the GPH-MILF peace talks breakdown over the ancestral domains claim. Since then, **IOM assisted cumulatively about 2,328,545 displaced individuals (1,187,558 men and 1,140,987 women) or 465,709 displaced families** with various cluster activities, community-based awareness and interactive sessions on CCCM, shelter and health, and prevention of human trafficking.

Current Projects

- CERF- UFE and DFID (in Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat provinces)**
 - ✓ CCCM-DRR training, camp/evacuation center management support based on national/regional guidelines and international standards
 - ✓ alternative transitional shelter (ATS) and non-food items (NFI) for IDPs affected by floods and conflict
 - ✓ repair of health posts and upgrading of health equipment or facilities
 - ✓ interactive community mapping
- Japan (Humanitarian Communications component of Humanitarian Assistance to Mindanao)**
 - ✓ humanitarian communications (e.g. materials, trainings) for ARMM and Framework Agreement for Bangsamoro (FAB) areas
 - ✓ focus group discussions (FGD) and policy dialogues (on displacements and impacts of gender and conflict) with the ARMM regional government and the FAB entities (e.g. Bangsamoro Development Agency/BDA, Bangsamoro Transition Commission/BTC)
- Return and Reintegration Assistance for Victims of Trafficking (VoT)**
 - ✓ support to the Manila-based counter-trafficking unit for the VoT domestic returns and reintegration packages on technical assistance and basic livelihoods; includes coordination with ARMM IACAT

Partnerships

- ✓ **Mindanao Humanitarian Team (MHT):** UN-OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNFPA, WHO and NGOs
- ✓ ARMM Regional government, ARMM IACAT, LGUs, BTC and BDA
- ✓ **Civil society organizations (CSO):** MTB, MYROi, HOM, Blas Ople Center

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