



About Mamasapano

Mamasapano is a 5th class municipality in the province of Maguindanao, Philippines.

According to the 2010 census, it has a population of 22,354 people and 4,724 households.

The municipality that was established in 1998 has eighteen barangays taken from its mother Municipality of Shariff Aguak.

Map of Mamasapano in Maguindanao © IOM 2015

ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN PNP-SAF AND ARMED GROUPS ERUPTS IN MAMASAPANO

BACKGROUND

At least 44 police officers from the elite Philippine National Police (PNP)-Special Action Force (SAF) were killed during the 11-hour firefight with members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) in Barangay Tukanalipao in the town of Mamasapano, Maguindanao on Sunday, 25 January. The PNP-SAF reportedly launched the operation in order to serve an arrest warrant against Jemaah Islamiyah leader Zulkifli bin Hir also known as Commander Marwan and whose presence had been confirmed in the area. Marwan is one of the most wanted JI leaders operating in Southeast Asia. He was believed to be involved in several bombing and terror attacks in Mindanao involving the JI-assisted Abu Sayyaf group.

INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

Per report from the Municipal Social Welfare Office from the Municipality of Mamasapano, as of 29th January 2015, the validated number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) has reached over 6,000 (or more than 1,000 families). They only have occupied one evacuation centre, but later it was closed, as IDPs have returned to their places of origin, while others are still living with their relatives and friends. The latest report shows that most of the armed conflict affected

families are home-based (HB) (see table below).

Name of Evacuation Sites	# of Families	Individuals
Brgy. Daladap EC (already closed)	66	330
Brgy. Pedsandawan(HB)	62	310
Brgy. Tuka(HB)	235	1,175
Brgy. Tukanalipao (HB)	422	2,110
Brgy. Pembalakan	234	1,170
Brgy. Dasikel	180	900
Brgy. Linantangan	125	625
TOTAL Displaced	1,324	6,620

Until the 30th January, only a few numbers of local humanitarian agencies conducted validation on IDPs immediate needs and gaps. The ARMM-Humanitarian Emergency Assistance and Relief Team (ARMM-HEART) has initially extended assistance: 761 individuals have received food assistant. ARMM HEART with the Swiss Foundation on Mine Action conducted an orientation to members of the Tukanalipao community on Unexploded ordnance to increase awareness.

Meanwhile, the Regional Vice Governor and ARMM-concurrent DSWD Secretary together with other ARMM key officials, visited the affected areas on 29th January 2015 to validate the current condition of the displaced families.

TOWN OF KABACAN, COTABATO PLACED UNDER STATE OF CALAMITY DUE TO FLOOD

BACKGROUND

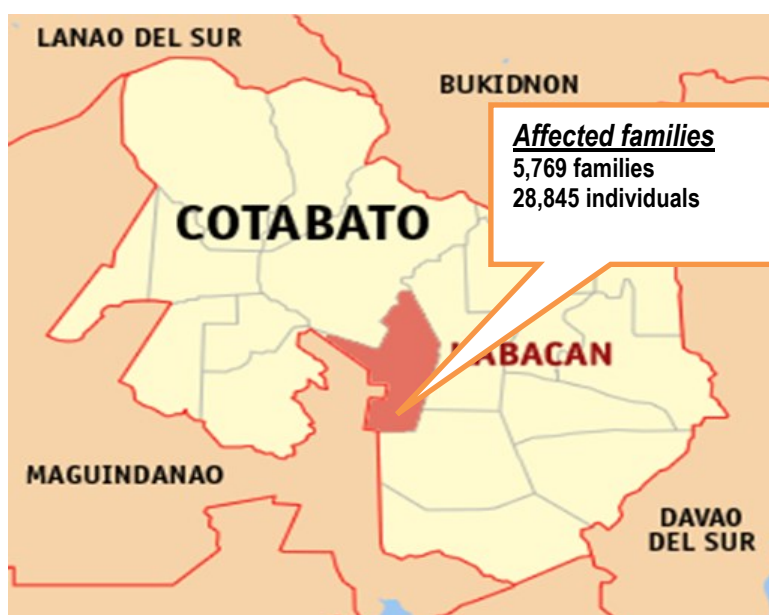
On Friday 23 January the town of Kabacan was placed under a state of calamity due to the extent of damage brought by flash floods from the Kabacan River that submerged low-lying villages and displaced thousands of residents on 21 January. Kabacan mayor acted on the recommendation of the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC) to put the town under a state of calamity to utilize the town's quick response funds.

INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Kabacan provided IOM with this recent figures on the extent of displacement brought by the flood. There were 12 totally and 14 partially damaged houses. One casualty has been reported due to drowning. So far, only a number of family food packs and non-food items have been distributed to affected families. The municipal local government unit

Affected Barangays	Families	Individuals
Kayaga	2,798	13,990
Aringay	692	3,460
Bangilan	269	1,345
Dagupan	25	90
Pedtad	117	585
Salapungan	326	1,630
Malanduague	70	350
Katidtuan	212	1,060
Poblacion	500	2,500
Sanggaladong	50	250
Magatos	305	1,525
Kilawasan	105	525
Bannawag	200	1,000
Nangaan	100	500
TOTAL	5,769	28,845

has planned to further augment its emergency assistance to address the needs of the IDPs in their places of origin. All families have already returned to their respective villages.



About Kabacan

Kabacan is a first class municipality in the province of Cotabato, Philippines. According to the 2010 census, it has a population of 81,282 people.

The town is predominantly composed of rice farms made possible by the influx of Ilocano-speaking people from northern Philippines.

The University of Southern Mindanao is in Kabacan. It is strategically located between the cities of Cotabato and Davao from west to east and the cities of Cagayan de Oro from the north and General Santos from the south.

IOM IN COTABATO

Since the opening of the Cotabato Office in 2008, IOM has become one of the biggest humanitarian actors – leading emergency response for affected populations – in Mindanao. IOM Cotabato is currently implementing peace building and gender mainstreaming activities in partnership with Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC), and Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), INGOs, NGOs, and civil society organizations.

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