

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATES

Philippines SitRep No. 9

multi-purpose cash assistance

10 - 23 October 2020 Reporting Period



OM deploys vehicles and solar-powered transportable refrigerators for cold-chain management in the Bangsamorc Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). ©IOM, 2020

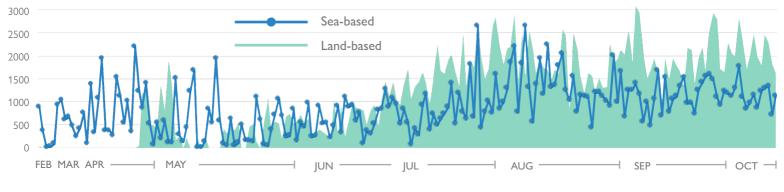


In response to such multi-layered crisis (earthquakes, conflict and pandemic) IOM utilizes a multi-sectorial "Prepare, Prevent, Protect" (PPP) approach with the goal of mitigating the negative impact of COVID-19 on already vulnerable displaced communities. Each response is color coded to the areas the activities cover.

NUMBER OF RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (ROF) BY DATE OF ARRIVAL

514,913

Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROF) since February 2020



Source: DOH COVID-19 Response Report on ROFs

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IOM, with support from the UK Embassy in the Philippines, provides emergency cold chain support for BARMM's COVID-19 repsonse. ©IOM, 2020





SURVEILLANCE

The vehicles with solar mobile refrigerators that IOM provided to the Ministry of Health (MOH-BARMM) and Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) in Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur transported more than 1,100 COVID-19 specimens, collected from more than 110 households in 73 communities, for testing.



POINTS OF ENTRY

- IOM provided 48 vans to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) for this reporting period (for a total of 237 vans since May) to support their swabbing operations at various testing and quarantine facilities around Metro Manila.
- IOM provided 41 buses to Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) for this reporting period (for a total of 228 buses since May, with 4,339 Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) served) to support the government's Hatid Tulong Program, providing onward transportation to OFWs to return home to their provinces.
- IOM deployed 12 vans to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for this reporting period (for a total of 20 vans since early October). They were used to shuttle vulnerable migrants (unaccompanied children, pregnant women, older people) between airport terminals and quarantine facilities.



INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL

- IOM distributed 1,295 PPEs (1,250 face masks and 45 face shields) and hygiene materials (alcohol, liquid hand soap, alcohol and liquid hand soap dispensers, foot bath set) to be used for community-based training for the Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB) cooperatives and associations.
- A total of 193, 437 PPEs has been distributed by IOM, to date.

Ę	103,500	face masks	800	foot covers
BREAKDOWN	85,000	nitrile examination gloves	700	bunny suit coveralls
	2,105	face shields	110	thermal scanners
PPE B	1,200	isolation gowns	20	modular tents



PROTECTION

- IOM distributed cash for work (CfW) materials and equipment in 10 sites. Five groups started CfW activities, such as sewing of PPEs and dignity items.
- 89 MHPSS kits were distributed in Davao del Sur. Psychosocial support activities were conducted for children aged 8-14 during the distribution.
- 94 IDPs from nine sites in Davao del Sur were trained on peer support and handling of MHPSS Hotline. A total of 13 protection committees were organized and strengthened.
- Nine (9) MHPSS Hotlines were installed in North Cotabato.
- IOM provided face-to-face psychosocial support to 16 IDPs in need of care. Remote follow-up care was given to previously identified cases.





CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- IOM trained 922 camp managers and IDP leaders on CCCM in 39 sites, to date.
- 210 individuals, mostly women, were engaged in cash for work activities on care and maintenance of communal facilities in 11 sites.





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- 80 handwashing stations in Davao del Sur (66) and North Cotabato (14), and 19 soap refilling stations in North Cotabato (15) and Davao del Sur (4) were installed.
- Soap and refills were distributed in 12 sites in North Cotabato, which benefitted 2,295 IDP families (11,475 persons). Organized and trained WASH committee members facilitated the distribution, ensuring proper physical distancing and wearing of face masks. As a sustainability measure, IDP families decided to contribute PHP 5 to 20 (USD 0.10) per refill for purchase of additional hygiene consumables.



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Internally displaced persons (IPDs) in Davao del Sur, Philippines, receive the first tranche of multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA). ©IOM, 2020



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

The Returnee Survey for Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROF) is ongoing. As of 26 October 2020, 4,310 or more than 50% of the target respondents have been interviewed.



ADDRESSING SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE CRISIS

IOM conducted Community-Based Fundamentals of Cooperative Training in collaboration with Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for 4 out of 5 selected BIWAB cooperatives and associations.

• 827 families (4,135 persons) were provided with the first tranche of multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) of PHP 5,000 each. IOM also provided these families with handwashing kits, with soap, alcohol, soap holder, and jerry cans for water storage.

IOM's action to support migrants is supported with funding from:



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As part of IOM's revised global COVID-19 Response Plan, the IOM Mission in the Philippines requires USD 6.3 million to support the Government's efforts to address the health and socio-economic consequences of the pandemic.



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