

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

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HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS AND RESPONSE IN THE PHILIPPINES

The year 2015 was challenging for the Philippines due to several internal armed conflicts and other situations of violence that led to the displacement of around 100,000 civilians, mainly in Mindanao. Typhoons have also brought significant humanitarian consequences in some parts of the country.

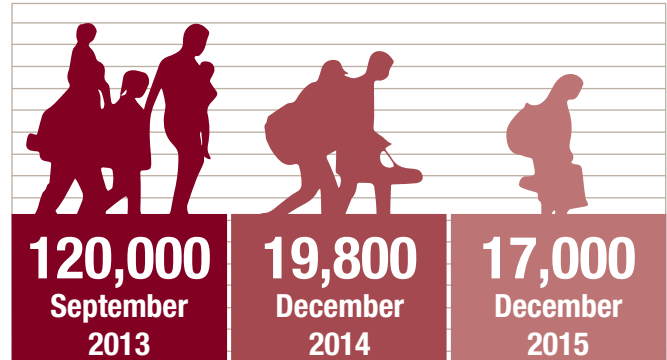
The level of conflict-related incidents was slightly higher than in 2014. The ICRC, a neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian organization, was concerned by the almost daily occurrence of attacks and encounters, arrests, summary executions and improvised explosive devices mainly in Central and Eastern Mindanao, and the Sulu Archipelago, but also in Sorsogon Province in Region 5 and Samar in Region 8.

The ICRC has increased its confidential dialogue with all parties to the conflicts in relation to the respect for international humanitarian law. Its priorities have included building the resilience of communities affected by chronic armed conflicts through various projects; supporting the authorities to address the causes and consequences of extreme jail overcrowding; and enhancing the capacity of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), its primary operational partner, to help people affected by man-made and natural disasters.

Humanitarian consequences




100,000 estimated number of civilians affected by both short-term displacements in Mindanao, including Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Surigao del Sur



Year	Number of People Displaced
September 2013	120,000
December 2014	19,800
December 2015	17,000


People displaced in Zamboanga City by the conflict from 2013 until 2015


Source: CCCM Cluster



325 people wounded by weapons and explosions in Mindanao, from January to September 2015

Other consequences of displacement: limited or no access to food, clean water, sanitation, healthcare services, as well as livelihood and education






411% As of November 2015, the national congestion rate in detention facilities managed by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, which goes up to 2,361% in the most congested jail. A total of 96,551 inmates were detained in 464 jails that should ideally hold approximately 19,000.

Source: BJMP

Total economic damage caused by three massive typhoons that hit the Philippines from 2013-2015 (Haiyan, Hagupit and Koppu)



2.35 BILLION USD

9.9 MILLION PEOPLE AFFECTED

Source: NDRRMC

ICRC RESPONSE IN 2015

Displacements in North Cotabato, Maguindanao, Bukidnon and Surigao del Sur

98,600

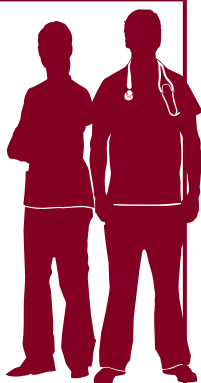
people assisted with the PRC through food rations, household and hygiene items, clean water, and access to health care and sanitation facilities



Life-saving support during emergencies

1,021

healthcare staff from North Cotabato, Agusan del Sur, and Maguindanao trained in First Aid and Basic Life Support from April to September.



The trainings conducted by the ICRC and PRC aimed to boost the local government units' capacity to respond in emergencies such as disasters, armed conflict, and other situations of violence.

Prolonged displacement in Zamboanga



36,000

liters of clean water trucked daily to four

transition sites from February to August

11,700

people in two transition sites gained regular access to clean water through water-supply projects



1,370

families (or 8,400 people) received cash grants used for livelihood projects



7,587

displaced people improved their access to primary health care services through a new health station

Overcoming jail congestion and its consequences for health and living conditions



8,000

inmates benefited from projects that enhanced their health and living conditions

74

criminal cases disposed through efforts of Task Force Katarungan and Kalayaan in Manila City Jail (as of September 2015)

19,605

inmates underwent mass screening for tuberculosis, as part of early case-detection efforts in two ICRC pilot sites

52

jail staff underwent training/workshops on database management and jail design; and paralegal decongestion action plan



Promoting international humanitarian law

2,585

weapon bearers (state and nonstate) participated in trainings or sessions to increase their awareness and understanding of international humanitarian law

Typhoon response with the Philippine Red Cross (PRC)



100 metric tons of rice and

24,000 cans of sardines donated to the PRC for distribution to Typhoon Koppu (Lando) victims in northern Luzon

75,000

people affected by Typhoon Hagupit (Ruby) in Eastern and Northern Samar in 2014 had their livelihoods restored and their damaged shelters rehabilitated.

1,263

families or 6,315 people affected by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in Samar received individual latrines and complementary training sessions on hygiene and sanitation



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