



Six families crowd on the stage of the school designated as evacuee centers. See more pictures and actual news on facebook – Pasali Philippines.

Years-old land ownership disagreement turns into war

Palimbang, Mindanao, June 30, 2011 - More than 6000 people in northern Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat are affected as a land ownership disagreement escalated into armed conflict. Initial government and Red Cross assessment noted only 90 families have been affected, but after a week of continued strife, hundreds of families have fled to neighboring villages. Casualties are estimated 20 and one negotiator from the area is reported killed. A new team of negotiators arrived, but there is no news yet of an end. Red Cross arrived on the 30th and the governor's representatives and the mayor. Red Cross distributed food and plastic for shelter enough for 65 families, and left early July.

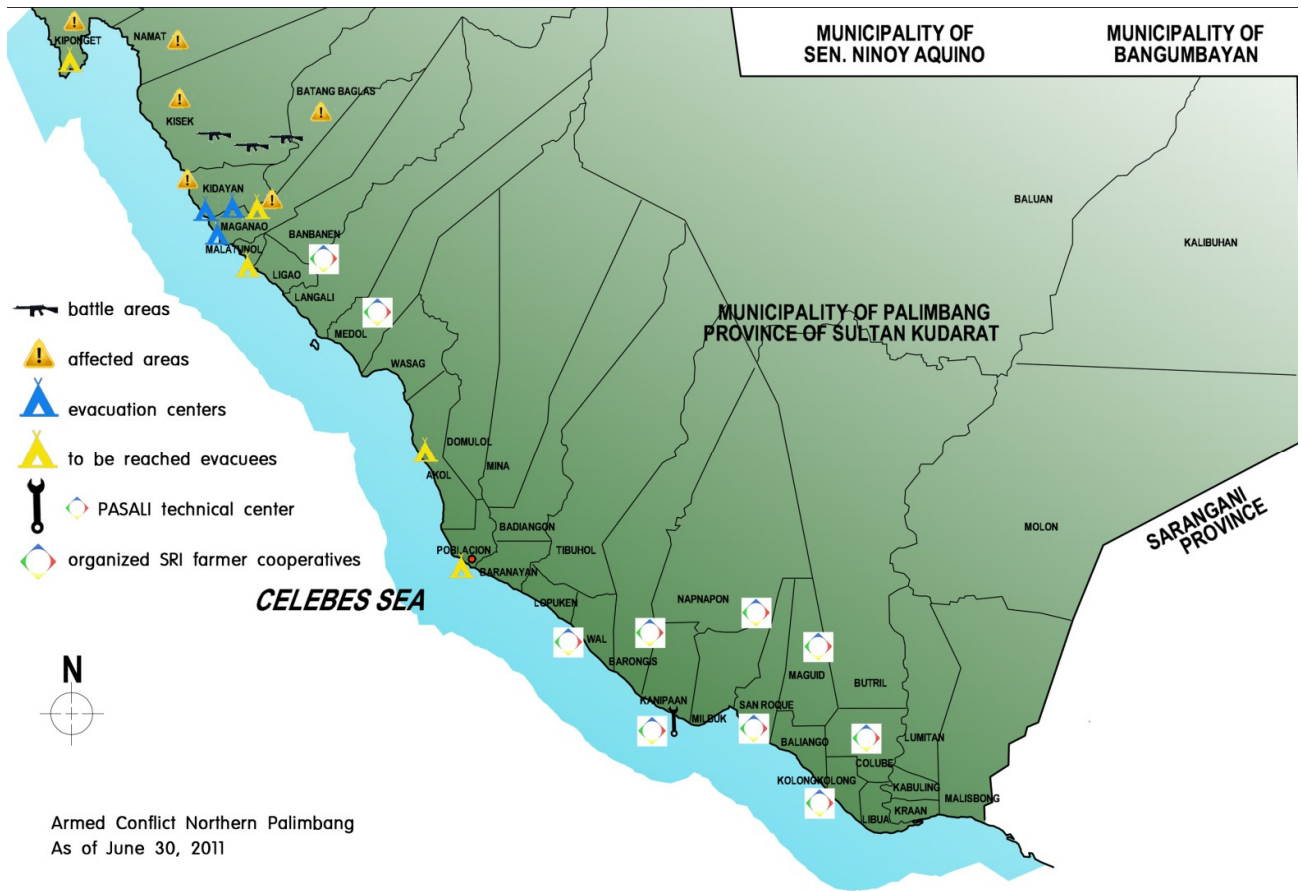
PASALI brought a team with medical team from Kapayapaan Kapatid Council, and distributed food and medical supplies to over 2000 evacuees June 28-29. PASALI found Moro, Christian families huddled in a *Madrassa* and elementary school building and Indigenous Peoples camping with no shelter on the beach or on make-shift huts. Three pregnant women were on site, one gave birth on the night of the 28th. PASALI dispatches a second relief team on Monday, July 4, 2011 to areas with evacuees who have received no help for over a week. The number of evacuee families listed by PASALI are 1000, estimated 6000 people.

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Relief, Recovery, Rehabilitation

While armed conflict continues, food, shelter, and medical attention are primary needs, but as the conflict comes to an end a plan for speedy recovery must be made, to make transition to rehabilitation and self-reliance smooth. PASALI has experience in post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation in three areas in Palimbang – Kanipaan formerly a contested area now location of the Technical center, Biao in Napnapon with Manobo IPs, and recently, Wal. PASALI's Farm Support Scheme for SRI rice has helped farmers organize into cooperatives in two northern villages, Ligao and Midol. ###

Figure 2: Dr. Roel Cagape of Hearts&Brains /Kapayapaan Kapatid Council gives medical attention a few hundred evacuees

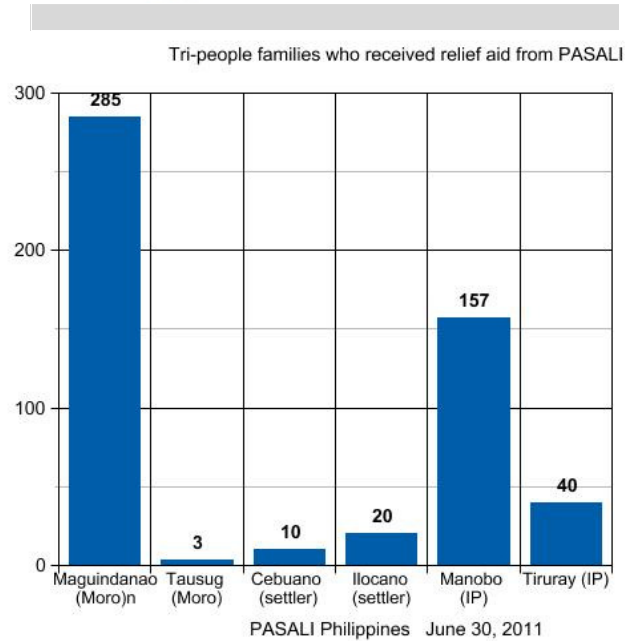


Figure 3: Manobo families (IP) sleep on make-shift huts

