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# **Emergency Crisis in Marawi City, Mindanao (Philippines): Urgent Call for Humanitarian Aid**

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See also the call issued by Mindanao based movements, "[Mindanao \(Philippines\): Our call on the Emergency Crisis in Marawi City](#)".

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### **#DuyogMarawi: An Appeal for Emergency Response to Marawi Siege Affected Communities**

Around 2 o'clock in the afternoon of 23 May 2017, gunfight between armed men (suspected Maute Group and allegedly ISIS sympathizers) and the elements of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) erupted in public places in Marawi City putting civilian population hostage in the situation. As the violence heaps up, civilian population are exposed to higher risk of being killed or injured. In fact, reports have noted that the gunfight has already claimed 44 lives, wounded hundreds other individuals, abducted church leaders, held civilians hostages, occupied hospital and burned and destroyed properties as of midnight of May 23.

Tight inspections in every checkpoint and curfews were implemented following the declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao by President Rodrigo Duterte on the 23rd of May. As the military operation intensified, more and more civilians were forced to flee the area. An estimated 25,000 individuals have fled Marawi City since May 23. [1] There were also civilians including children reported trapped inside buildings who have not eaten several meals waiting for rescue that has not yet come. More than 1,300 individuals are still trapped in Marawi City as of May 26. [2]

The Ranaw Disaster Response and Rehabilitation Assistance Center (RDDRAC), the secretariat for Multi-sectoral Initiatives for Humanitarian Action against Disaster (MiHANDS-NorthWestern Mindanao) has documented at least 343 families who evacuated from Marawi City and are now staying in evacuation centers and their relatives in Iligan City.

**While RDRRAC is still determining the total number of affected individuals and families who evacuated in Iligan City and Lanao del Norte, it is now appealing to your support in this humanitarian action.**

Among the expressed immediate needs of the IDPs, as of this moment, are:

- Halal Food and Drinking Water
- Sleeping materials (malong/blanket, sleeping mat, pillow, insect repellent)
- Hygiene Kits
- Medicines
- Kitchen utensils and cooking wares

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- Clothing

- Transportation support for stranded and trapped individuals in Marawi City (communities and universities) and Saguilaran, Lanao del Sur

We are hoping for your positive response.

Any donation can be channeled to our network command center:

*Ranaw Disaster Response and Rehabilitation Assistance Center (RDRRAC), Inc. at Door 2 Maca-agir Apartment, 6th East Rosario Heights, Tubod, Iligan City, Philippines.*

Contact details:

Contact Person: RICHEL BORRES

Email: rdrac\_inc@yahoo.com

You may deposit cash donations to:

Account Name: Ranaw Disaster Response and Rehabilitation Assistance Center

Account Number: 186-123321-9

Bank: China Banking Corporation

Branch: Quezon Avenue, Iligan City

Swift Code: CHBKPHMM

Donations from different places in Mindanao and Manila can also be channeled to the network and partners of MiHANDs in different strategic areas:

1.) Lanao del Norte (c/o Demokratikong Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas-Lanao)

Contact Person: MARIO PONGASE

2.) Cotabato City and Maguindanao area (c/o Tri-people Organization against Disaster Foundation)

Contact Person: YENNAH TORRES

3.) Pagadian City and Zamboanga del Sur (c/o Convergence of NGOs/POs in Zamboanga del Sur for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development)

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Contact Person: VILMA WAHID

4.) Butuan City

Contact Person: Daisy Jane Apit

5.) Agusan del Sur (c/o Filipino Katoliko Church at Purok 13, Sibagat)

Contact Person: Rev. Pedro Fenis Junior

6.) Quezon City and Metro Manila (c/o Lilak-Purple Action for Indigenous Women's Rights)

Contact Person: Judy Pasimio

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## Donations through ESSF

*Donations for humanitarian aid coming from outside the Philippines can also be channeled through our bank account, for facility and if preferred.*

## To send donations

### Cheques

*cheques to ESSF in euros only, payable in France, to be sent to:*

ESSF

2, rue Richard-Lenoir

93100 Montreuil

France

### Bank Account:

Crédit lyonnais

Agence de la Croix-de-Chavaux (00525)

10 boulevard Chanzy

93100 Montreuil

France

ESSF, account number 445757C

### International bank account details :

IBAN : FR85 3000 2005 2500 0044 5757 C12

BIC / SWIFT : CRLYFRPP

Account holder : ESSF

### Through PayPal

You can send money through Paypal: see the PayPal button on the upper right side of [ESSF English home page](#).

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[1] NHCR Philippines, Protection CLuster. Armed confrontations and displacement in Marawi City. May 26, 2017

[2] UPDATES Regarding MARAWI CITY CRISIS from the ARMM Regional Government. 26 MAY 2017