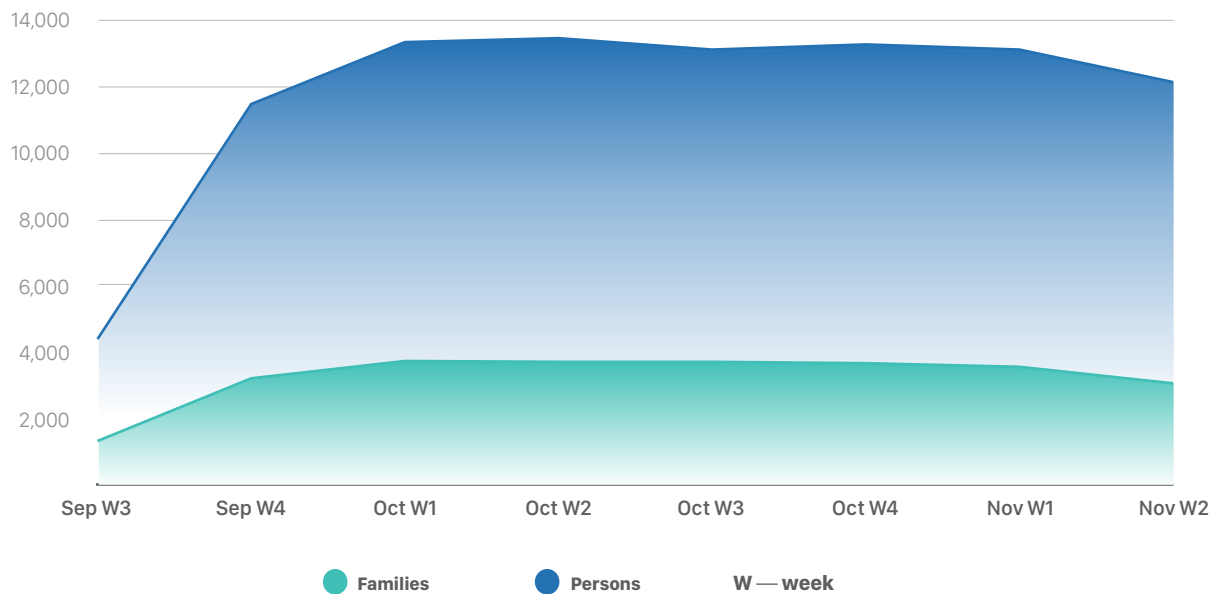


Special DTM Issue on the IDP Return

The declaration of Marawi's liberation from armed groups that took control of the city, has opened it back to residents. Beginning last 29 October 2017, residents from periphery barangays have begun to return, starting with nine barangays cleared by the military for unexploded ordnance. With the ongoing return program of the Philippine government, many residents have expressed their desire to go back home, as they await their turn for their respective barangays to be cleared.

From the 45 evacuation centers covered by IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), 387 families have already returned to their barangays.

Population growth in evacuation centers



With a surge of IDPs wanting to return, issues on their return have cropped up. Many of the concerns have to do with the packages IDPs are supposed to receive upon their return to assist them in the process of rebuilding. Issues were reported by camp managers who were monitoring the return of IDPs from their respective sites.

Some IDPs have not received food packs which are supposed to provide sustenance for returnees who have yet to have food security. Cash assistance is also needed by many IDPs who have returned but do not have work or any form of livelihood. This is especially important for those who have to start from scratch and returning to homes that are empty.

The graph above shows the populations of families and persons since the first rollouts of the Displacement Tracking Matrix. This graph only includes data starting from the 3rd week of September, during the time when populations have normalized. The sharp rise from the 3rd week to the 4th week of September merely shows the increase of the number of evacuation centers, to include those that were previously not accessed or not included in the DTM coverage.

	Evacuation Center	Municipality	Current number of Families	Number of Returned Families
1	Maria Cristina Gymnasium	Iligan City	134	55
2	Buru-un School of Fisheries	Iligan City	157	3
3	Bayanihan Gymnasium	Iligan City	221	22
4	Tibanga Gymnasium	Iligan City	73	8
5	Buru-un Gymnasium	Iligan City	53	3
6	Gomampong Ali Gymnasium / Balo-i Gymnasium	Balo-i	157	8
7	Mahad Abdel Azis	Balo-i	157	54
8	Madraza Mahad Markazi (Madraza Sapacan)	Balo-i	138	7
9	Nangka Barangay Hall	Balo-i	34	3
10	Al-Quariya Madrasa	Balo-i	65	4
11	Landa Madrasah Evacuation Center	Balo-i	197	-
12	Mahad Abdul Hamid Evacuation Center	Balo-i	176	-
13	Babool Torril Evacuation Center	Balo-i	64	0
14	Al-Bironi Evacuation Center	Balo-i	63	16
15	Sarip Alawi Evacuation Center	Balo-i	103	3
16	Momungan Learning Center (Pamana Building)	Balo-i	45	0
17	Brgy. Bubonga Evacuation Center	Pantao Ragat	57	16
18	Calawi Auditorium	Pantao Ragat	53	0
19	Natangcopan Evacuation Center	Pantao Ragat	50	0
20	Brgy. Lomidong (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	6	0
21	Brgy. West Poblacion (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	7	14
22	Brgy. West Poblacion (Madrasah)	Pantao Ragat	21	2
23	Brgy. Bubong Radapan (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	9	0
24	Brgy. Pantao Marug (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	10	0
25	Brgy. Pansor (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	10	0
26	Brgy. Madaya (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	8	0
27	Brgy. Tangcal (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	30	0
28	Brgy. Tangcal (Madrasah)	Pantao Ragat	30	0
29	Bryg. Matampay (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	18	0
30	Brgy. East Poblacion (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	22	-
31	Brgy. Dimayon (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	10	0
32	Brgy. Aloon (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	15	0
33	Brgy. Tongcopan (Pamana Building)	Pantao Ragat	24	0
34	Tent City of Pantar	Pantar	109	2
35	People's Plaza (Brgy. Poblacion)	Saguianan	134	75
36	Covered Court (Brgy. Poblacion)	Saguianan	373	65
37	MSU-Saguianan High School (Brgy. Poblacion)	Saguianan	26	0
38	Pantao Raya Warehouse	Saguianan	26	0
39	Maito Basak Elementary School	Saguianan	26	0
40	Lumbayanague Evacuation Center	Saguianan	63	2
41	Saguianan Central School	Saguianan	59	25
42	Pantaon Health Center	Saguianan	4	0
43	Mipaga Primary School	Saguianan	69	0
44	Lumbacatoros Madrasah	Saguianan	22	0
45	Bubong Elementary School	Saguianan	309	0
	TOTAL		3,437	387



One family from the Buru-un Gymnasium evacuation center in Iligan City was able to receive both cash and food assistance, but found their home completely destroyed in Navarro (Datu Saber), Marawi City, forcing them to ultimately return to the evacuation center. Many IDPs resonate with this concern, which makes information on return especially important. Many fear that they will get in line for return, only to be forced back to evacuation centers after finding their homes in Marawi are now inhabitable.

The need for information also extends to residents who were tenants in their previous homes but were not owners. The LGU has indicated that people who rented spaces in Marawi prior to their displacement cannot return just yet, as they are prioritizing people who are owners of homes and land.

As IDPs are at the cusp of return, it is important that information is clear about their situation. It will be a long process, balancing immediacy with a conscious effort to ensure the safety of IDPs who are now faced with the reality of finally coming home.

The data in this table is currently being verified, especially evacuation centers whose camp managers could not be contacted at the time of data collection.