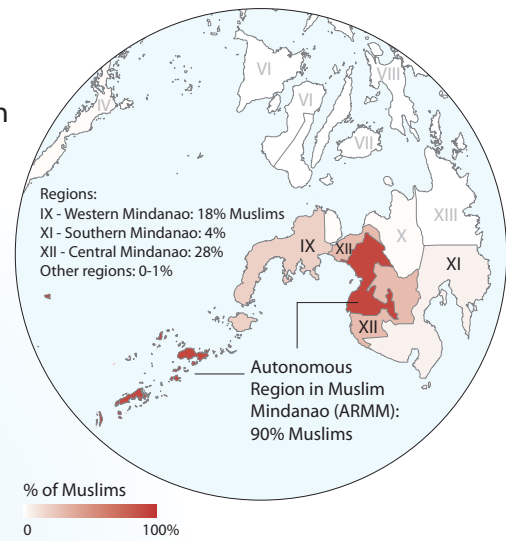
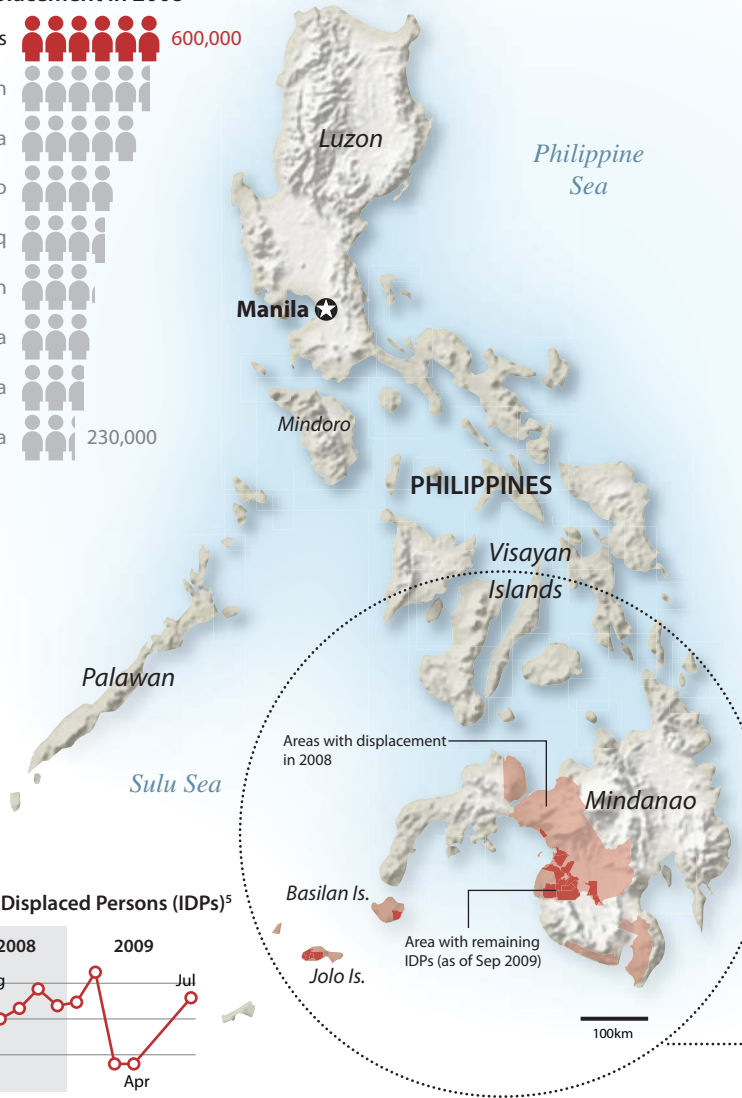
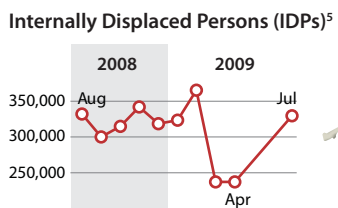
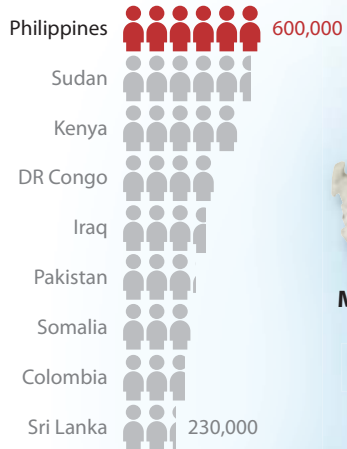


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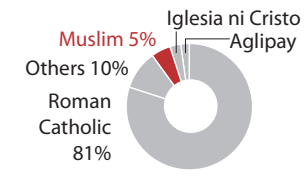
In 2008, the largest new displacement in the world occurred in the Philippines where 600,000 people fled fighting between the Government and armed groups in the southern region of Mindanao.¹

New Displacement in 2008¹



The Muslim Minority

Though Filipino Muslims represent a religious minority of only 5% of the total population, they have inhabited the southern Philippines since the 15th century. The Moro rebel groups emerged in early 1970s with the goal of an independent Muslim nation. Despite the creation in 1990 of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, clashes with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) still continue.³



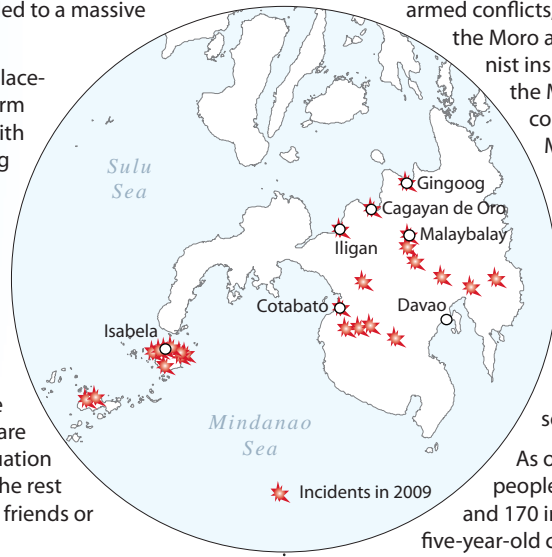
Displacement

Upsurge in fighting between government troops and separatists in August 2008 led to a massive displacement.¹

While most displacement is short-term and localised, with people returning to their homes as soon as fighting has subsided,¹ some 330,000 remain displaced (as of 25 August 2009).² Sixty five percent of IDPs are housed in evacuation centres⁵, while the rest are staying with friends or relatives.²

Armed Conflicts

For four decades, the Government has had to address intermittent armed conflicts, including with the Moro and the communist insurgencies. While the Moro groups are concentrated in Mindanao and seek autonomy, the communists are spread throughout the archipelago and claim for the establishment of a communist-led society.⁶

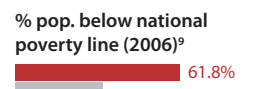
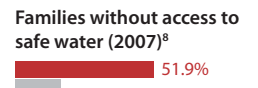
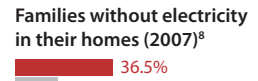
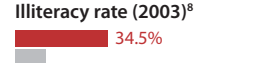


As of 2 July, 380 people have been killed and 170 injured⁴ since the five-year-old ceasefire has been broken in August 2008.

■ Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao region
 ■ National figures



ARMM is the poorest region with only half of the national average income



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