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Migration Case Scenario

You are a member of the Avanland Red Cross Society (ARCS) Psychosocial Support Team the headquarters, working along with other staff and volunteers to provide PSS in times of emergencies.

Basic info of Avanland:

- *Population size:* *7,456,678*
- *Total female population:* *3,567,431*
- *Population aged 18-60:* *4,563,271*
- *Female population aged 18-60:* *2,254,678*
- *% of population in urban area:* *45*
- *Adult literacy rate (%):* *41*
- *Female literacy rate (%):* *32*
- *Religion affiliation:* *35% Muslim, 20% Christian, 18% Catholic, 27% Indigenous beliefs*
- *Language:* *English, and over 10 other dialects*
- *Agriculture:* *Cotton, peanuts, rice, cattle, sheep, poultry*
- *Industry:* *Food processing, cement, steel, mining, textile*

The following is being reported from Avanland:

28 Aug Migration

Refugee settlements have been around near the borders with Junea, an adjacent country to Avanland, for the past 10 years. Nevertheless, due to recent worsening of political situations at Junea, the refugee population at the settlement at Avanland has increased from 5,300 in last year to currently 40,000 individuals. The local Red Cross chapter at Laban, a city near the border, has been running basic programs for refugees including relief items distribution and basic health care clinics.

The combined factors of low social development of the hosting area in Laban, the huge influx throughout the years and the status of the unregistered people being unrecognized, all contribute to the poor living conditions in makeshift camps and the corresponding adverse impact to those hosting communities.

Local chapter of the Avanland Red Cross was requested by the government to provide support at Laban, especially to address the psychosocial needs of the people in the neighborhood as well as to the refugees. However, there is no PSS team in the local chapter and they are asking for assistance from the headquarters.