

Fire 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 August Fire in urban settlement

A deadly fire broke out at the urban slum area at Boka, Avanland capital city, in the middle of the night. Due to congested environment and poor preparedness for fire at the slum area, the huts and settlement of almost the entire community were on fire within an hour. Rescue was difficult as fire igniting materials were found in many households and there was no map showing the roads and house number at the slum. A total of 600 residents are temporarily staying at the nearby gymnasium as shelter while 56 people are missing as the firemen are still in the process of putting out the fire. Avanland Red Cross local chapter is now providing physical first aid, relief materials, and psychosocial support to the residents at the shelter. However, there is no PSS team in the local chapter and they are asking for assistance from the headquarters.