

On 7-8 May 2016, an estimated 1,600 people left their villages in Kyaukme and Hsipaw townships in Shan State following heightened tensions between armed groups in the area.

According to the Government's Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD), 1037 newly displaced people (316 households) arrived to Kyaukme Town and are staying in seven sites. In Hsipaw Town, 596 people (143 households) have arrived and are sheltering in two monasteries.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) has distributed some relief items in Hsipaw and distributions in Kyaukme are ongoing today. The RRD has also provided relief kits and food sufficient for three days in both locations.

An inter-agency team of UN and NGO humanitarian staff is today travelling to Kyaukme and Hsipaw for an assessment of humanitarian needs.

