WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
The number of IDPs slightly decreased from 234,600 last week to 230,700 this week.

Numerous returns to places of origin were verified during this period including 3,200 from Shan State (South) to Loikaw town in Kayah State, 150 within Kayah State's Hpruso Township and 1,000 within Tanintharyi Region's Dawei Township.

Additional new displacements were verified this week, mostly in the Myaing Gyi Ngu area of Kayin State's Hlaingbwe Township where 250 IDPs recently arrived from Hpapun Township following the intensification of the conflict there and indiscriminative shelling. About 50 new IDPs were also verified in Kyainseikgyi Township.

Secondary and tertiary displacements continue to occur within Hpruso and Demoso townships in Kayah State.

In total, 6,500 IDPs had to move to safer locations within the townships or towards Pekon Township in Shan State (South) after a series of shelling and airstrikes launched by the Tatmadaw but also due to the food shortages. The IDP population remains highly mobile and face challenges in finding safe locations.

WEEKLY DISPLACEMENT FIGURES
(1) Displaced by armed conflict in neighboring Kayah State. (2) Numbers are rounded to the nearest hundred by state.