MYANMAR

Ongoing fighting in several states and regions across the country has resulted in additional new displacement and an increase in humanitarian needs, particularly in Kachin, Mandalay, and the Northwest. In Kachin, continued armed clashes and heavy military deployment have forced another 200 families (more than 1,100 people) in Shwegu township into displacement, bringing the total number of newly internally displaced people (IDPs) in this township to nearly 20,000 since early March 2023. In Mandalay, nearly 10,000 people have been displaced since mid-July due to continued fighting in Thabeikkyin township and are especially in urgent need of food and healthcare. In the Northwest, more than 7,150 IDPs in four townships in Sagaing are in urgent need of food, water, shelter, and hygiene kits. In addition, at least ten houses and a church in eastern Bago, Chin, Kayin, Mon, southern Shan, and Tanintharyi were reportedly destroyed during the reporting period.

As of 14 August, the total displaced people in the country stands at more than 1.9 million across the country, with over 1.6 million people having been displaced since 1 February 2021.¹

PAKISTAN

Flooding around the Sutlej River has affected seven districts in Punjab Province – Kasur, Okara, Bahawalpur, Pakpathan, Vehari, Bahawalnagar and Lodhra – prompting the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) to issue a flood warning on 17 August. Over 238,000 people and 17,000 livestock have reportedly been relocated to safer areas, and a significant amount of farmland and crops have been submerged, causing further damage to the affected communities.²

PRECEPITATION FORECAST

The precipitation forecast for the Aug – Sep - Oct season indicates that precipitation is likely to be below normal across Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, Vietnam, Brunei and Timor-Leste. Above normal precipitation is likely across China, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, French Polynesia and Solomon Island.

Source: IRI, Columbia University. JULY 2023

¹ Source: UN, humanitarian organizations, local media
² Source: PMD, NDMA