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Humanitarian support to Myanmar and Bangladesh

Joint media release with:

The Hon Pat Conroy MP, Minister for International Development and the Pacific

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The Australian Government will provide an additional \$12.5 million to meet urgent humanitarian needs in Bangladesh and Myanmar following Tropical Cyclone Mocha.

Tropical Cyclone Mocha caused widespread damage across Myanmar and Bangladesh when it struck on 14 May, affecting an estimated 2.4 million people and compounding an already serious humanitarian situation.

In Myanmar, Australia will provide \$10.5 million to support 1.6 million affected people, through the United Nations-led response plan. This assistance will be provided to UN agencies and humanitarian partners to ensure that it does not directly benefit or legitimise the military regime.

In Bangladesh, Australia will provide \$2 million to humanitarian partners, primarily to support Bangladeshi communities in the most severely affected areas.

This brings Australia's contribution towards the Tropical Cyclone Mocha relief efforts to \$13.5 million, following Australia's initial \$1 million contribution. Our initial support focused on the rapid delivery of humanitarian supplies and impact assessments.

The additional contributions build on our ongoing support for the humanitarian response in Myanmar and Bangladesh, now totalling \$145 million in 2022-23.

We continue to urge the military regime in Myanmar to provide safe and unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance.

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