



Older woman and her daughter in Mandalay registering for shelter assistance. © IOM Myanmar

17.2M

PEOPLE IN
EARTHQUAKE
AFFECTED AREAS

9.1M

PEOPLE IN
7 WORST-
AFFECTED AREAS

691,450

PEOPLE IN
NEED TARGETED
FOR ASSISTANCE*

SITUATION OVERVIEW









On 28 March 2025, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake occurred in Mandalay, Myanmar, at a depth of 10 km. Myanmar was hit by a strong aftershock of 6.4 magnitude around 12 minutes after the initial quake. It ruptured along the Sagaing Fault and was the largest to hit Myanmar in more than a century.

While transitioning toward early recovery and resilience, humanitarian needs remain widespread and severe. Many affected individuals, particularly those in hard-to-reach areas, are yet to receive any assistance, as the initial response was disproportionately concentrated in cities, town centers, and more accessible areas due to physical and humanitarian access constraints to large parts of affected areas.

In the response thus far, IOM has provided critical medical care to the injured and collaborated with local mental health and psychosocial support teams to offer psychosocial first aid and emotional support to individuals in acute distress. Through its expansive network of Population Mobility and Needs Tracking (PMNT) partners, IOM made significant contributions to multisectoral needs and mobility assessments, which have underpinned the entire response.

IOM APPEAL (USD)

29 March - 31 December 2025

	Shelter & Settlements	10.0 M
	MPCA	4.2 M
	Health	3.2 M
	WASH	1.3 M
	Protection and MHPSS	3.0 M
	CCCM	2.2 M
	Emergency Livelihoods	6.9 M
	PMNT	900 K
TOTAL		31.7 M

IOM also imported over 70,000 relief items from its global stockpiles, supplemented by donations from EU Member States, bringing relief assistance to more than 50,000 people. IOM has also partnered with over 20 local partners, providing emergency assistance to an additional 109,100 earthquake-affected people. In parallel, IOM has also begun to scale up its response to the immense medium and longer-term recovery and reconstruction needs, leveraging existing programming, footprint and network of partners from its large humanitarian operation and years of experience in resilience programming in Myanmar—both in pre and post-2021 contexts.

The earthquake caused extensive destruction, damaging or destroying more than 40,000 homes and leaving thousands of families without a safe place to return to. Needs have dramatically increased in the aftermath of the earthquake, with an estimated 5.2 million people need shelter & settlements, non-food items (NFI), and camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) support while over 4.3 million people require water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) support. Physical damage caused by the earthquake has been estimated at USD 11 billion, equivalent to 14 per cent of the country's 2024/2025 gross domestic product, according to the World Bank in May 2025.

**The total number of targeted persons in need is based on sectoral targets and adjusted to account for double-counting, as an estimated 20 per cent will benefit from more than one service/assistance.*

Heavy rains of an early monsoon season are expected to exacerbate these needs and further deteriorate the WASH crisis, including increasing risks of the spread of waterborne and communicable diseases, particularly for communities still residing in makeshift collective shelters and displacement sites.

In line with *Objective 1: Saving Lives and Protecting People on the Move* and *Objective 2: Driving Solutions to Displacement* of the [IOM Strategic Plan 2024–2028](#), IOM has identified three strategic areas where its mandate, strong partnerships and on-the-ground presence position it well to lead recovery efforts. These draw from ongoing efforts promoting community-based approaches to various intervention areas, notably disaster risk management, infrastructure and essential service rehabilitation, and MHPSS; and driving solutions for displaced populations, focusing on supporting community-led planning and strengthening local capacity and resilience to

to future disasters and shocks.

- I) Addressing post-earthquake mobility and creating conditions for the progressive resolution of displacement situations.
- II) Leveraging mobility and emergency livelihood for socio-economic recovery and resilience.
- III) Increase preparedness for future disasters.

As the initial three-month flash appeal concludes, IOM appeals for **USD 31.7 million** to meet humanitarian and early recovery needs of **691,450 earthquake-affected individuals** in Myanmar until 31 December 2025. This represents a USD 14.2 million increase from the original appeal to meet the needs of an additional 397,890 people.

IOM CAPACITY

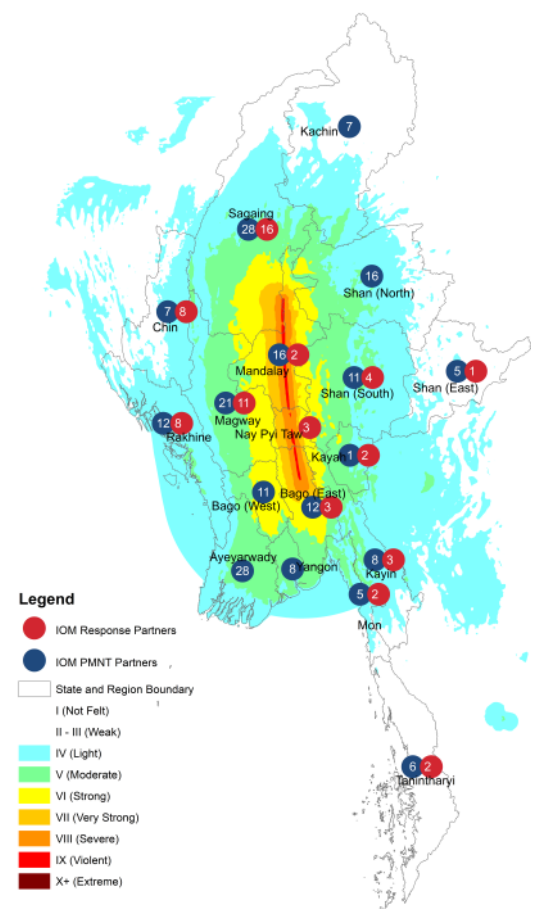
IOM has been present in Myanmar since 2005 and works with partners in all areas of the country. IOM has over 290 staff working across seven offices, with its country office in Yangon, a liaison office in Nay Pyi Taw, and sub/field offices in Sagaing, Rakhine, Kachin, Kayin, Mon, as well as nine Migrants Resource Centres (MRCs). IOM's operational capacity is further strengthened through its wide network of local partners, with active agreements with over 30 local partners, including national NGOs, civil society organizations, women-led and faith-based organizations, and close collaborations with the private sector, ethnic and welfare organizations. IOM has assessed capacity, conducted due diligence, and strengthened the capacity of 110 local organizations, pre-approved to be IOM partners.

In the states and regions most harshly affected by the earthquake — Sagaing, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Shan — IOM is working with 31 partners, while 67 other partners have passed IOM's capacity and due diligence assessment, ready to be mobilized when needed. Through these well-established partnerships, IOM is particularly well positioned to continue its rapid response by capitalizing on the existing partnerships, access and operational presence.

All IOM activities mainstream protection, gender-based violence (GBV) risk mitigation, accountability to affected populations (AAP) and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). IOM Myanmar has Protection and MHPSS Specialists and dedicated PSEA and AAP Officers supporting local partners to build institutional capacity and skills of their frontline staff to ensure that protection principles, GBV risk mitigation, disability inclusion, and PSEA considerations are accounted for in the planning, distribution, and monitoring, that multiple feedback and complaint mechanisms are available and properly managed, and the active participation of affected communities promoted.

COORDINATION

IOM is an active member of the Humanitarian Country Team and related humanitarian coordination mechanisms at the national and sub-national levels. IOM engages with the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) to coordinate inter- sectoral humanitarian responses and recovery activities, and participates in numerous humanitarian clusters and working groups, including Early Recovery, Food Security, Shelter/NFI/CCCM, WASH, Health and Protection Clusters, as well as relevant working groups, such as the MHPSS technical working group. IOM, having a large cash-based response, coordinates closely with the Cash and Market Working Group to ensure that approaches are harmonized whenever feasible.



IOM and partners' operational presence in earthquake affected areas. Source: [US Geological Survey](#)



SHELTER AND SETTLEMENTS

IOM in close coordination with the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster and Cash and Market Working Group (CMWG) and other relevant working groups, will provide life-saving emergency shelter and NFIs as well as transitional and recovery shelter assistance to support vulnerable households through in-kind, service delivery, cash and voucher assistance modalities, as well as support to collective and evacuation centers and displacement sites to shelter people whose homes were destroyed.

- Guided by the Settlements Approach, conduct shelter and infrastructure damage assessments in collaboration with the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster and other partners, to inform multi-sectoral, area-based responses through spatial analysis, market assessments and community-led planning.
- Distribution of emergency shelter kits, including rapid response tarp and shelter tool kits to displaced and earthquake affected households.
- Provision of NFIs tailored to the needs of affected households and market assessments, such as blankets, solar lamps, mosquito nets, clothing, etc.
- Support the removal of debris, repair and rehabilitation of shelter units for earthquake-affected households, based on individual shelter needs assessments.
- Support the construction of transitional shelter or the provision of cash for rent for vulnerable households with fully destroyed housing until shelters or multi-unit housing can be reconstructed.
- Promote longer-term housing solutions by integrating rental support, cash-based assistance and partnerships with local markets, authorities and housing actors to support recovery, upgrades and durable solutions.

Funding required

\$10,000,000

Target no. of individuals

65,500



MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

In affected areas where markets are functioning and accessible, multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) remains one of the most effective, cost-efficient, and dignified assistance modalities. In close coordination with CMWG, IOM will assist vulnerable earthquake affected households to meet household needs, including drinking water, food, hygiene and relief items.

- Market and cash feasibility assessments in affected areas.
- Provision of one-off or short-term MPCA, applying the updated value of MMK 360,000 per household, recommended by the CMWG, through implementing partners.

Funding required

\$4,200,000

Target no. of individuals

129,000



HEALTH

IOM, in coordination with the National and Sub-National Health Clusters, the Risk Communication and Community Engagement Working Group and other relevant stakeholders, will provide direct healthcare services in earthquake-affected areas through the deployment of mobile clinics, community outreach and support to static facilities. IOM efforts will support sustained recovery and strengthened community resilience through the rehabilitation of health facilities while equipping them with essential medical equipment and supplies to facilitate the continued delivery of basic healthcare.

- Provision of essential integrated health services, including primary healthcare, maternal and neonatal health services, trauma care and provision of essential medicines and supplies.
- Support to emergency referrals to secondary care, with a focus on trauma and rehabilitation, maternal and child services, and care for survivors of gender-based violence.
- Strengthen capacities to prevent, detect and respond to disease outbreaks through early outbreak and response at community level.
- Establish temporary shelter health clinics near damaged facilities to ensure continuity of outpatient consultation services, in collaboration with public health center staff.
- Contribute to the renovation and reconstruction of health facilities, such as improving structural integrity, ensuring functional WASH facilities, and equipping health centers with essential medical supplies and equipment to deliver safe, inclusive and uninterrupted healthcare.

Funding required

\$3,200,000

Target no. of individuals

210,700



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Clean water remains a key priority in several affected areas in the aftermath of the earthquake as the infrastructure damage caused by the earthquake contaminated water in many locations, including piped water distribution and ground water wells. People unable to return to their homes are also in need of hygiene items and sanitation facilities. IOM will support the WASH response in coordinating closely with the WASH Cluster.

- Provision of safe water through distribution of hygiene kits, including water purification tablets and water filters, as well as soap and menstrual hygiene management items.
- Provision of support to small-scale infrastructure projects, focusing on the repair of WASH infrastructure.
- Fill gaps in the provision of WASH services and infrastructure in collective centres and displacement sites.

Funding required

\$1,300,000

Target no. of individuals

21,500



PROTECTION AND MHPSS

IOM, in coordination with the Protection Cluster and the MHPSS Technical Working Group, will support access to protection and MPHSS services. A layered system of complementary support will be implemented, as outlined in the IASC MHPSS intervention pyramid and IOM's Manual on Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support. IOM will utilize existing partnerships to deploy protection and psychosocial mobile teams to provide appropriate support and referral to adequate services.

- Conduct assessments for key protection risks, mitigation strategies, MHPSS needs, and existing social structures and conflict mediation mechanisms, informing longer-term recovery planning, with the engagement of affected populations.
- Provision of protection awareness raising on explosive ordnance risk education and protection case management to persons facing violence, exploitation and abuse—including emergency cash for protection, referrals to relevant services incld. specialized protection services.
- Provision of psychological first aid, counselling and support groups, MHPSS case management, referrals to specialized MHPSS services, and capacity building for partners and community leaders on social cohesion activities, social skills building, support for individuals with mental health disorders and integration of small-scale conflict mediation to strengthen socio-relational capacities and practices towards peaceful co-existence and community stability.
- Provision of integrated protection and family and community-focused MHPSS services to facilitate access to and strengthen appropriate community, religious and cultural support networks for supporting mourning activities, reestablishing routines, and positive coping mechanisms.
- Integration of MHPSS services within health response to address the rising prevalence of maladaptive behaviours and pervasive feelings of hopelessness. The expanded multidisciplinary mobile health teams will be equipped to manage complex cases and provide tailored support.

Funding required

\$3,000,000

Target no. of individuals

112,000



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

In close coordination with the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster, IOM will assist earthquake-affected populations with CCCM support for those in collective centres and displacement sites.

- Deployment of mobile CCCM teams to support camp coordination and camp management in collective centres and displacement sites to ensure that displaced populations have access to minimum basic services and to identify urgent gaps.
- Conduct assessments on needs, assistance gaps, intentions and barriers to solutions for people in displacement sites.
- Provision of CCCM training and guidance to community/site leaders on CCCM, minimum standards, data collection and sharing, basic maintenance and protection mainstreaming.

Funding required

\$2,200,000

Target no. of individuals

21,500

- Basic maintenance and repair works to improve living conditions in collective centres and displacement sites to increase dignity and privacy, as well as reduce health and protection risks, including GBV risks, for affected populations.
- Strengthen local leadership in identifying and solving joint problems, facilitate community dialogues, and organize recreational activities in collective centres and displacement sites, to ensure community stabilization approaches are integrated into the CCCM response.



EMERGENCY LIVELIHOODS

IOM will assist vulnerable individuals and interventions that revitalize market actors and structures impacted by the earthquake. IOM will also use cash assistance to support the restoration of livelihoods, restoration of markets and community resilience, particularly for vulnerable households with extremely limited or without access to livelihoods or income. In parallel, IOM will work to strengthen the broader economic environment through initiatives which provide capital, coaching and technical assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in sectors with high labour demand.

- Conduct rapid assessments focused on the livelihood needs of affected population.
- Strengthen social protection initiatives, primarily through cash grants for those who cannot work.
- Implement cash-for-work focused on rehabilitation of community infrastructure, rubble/debris clearance, etc.
- Restore small and micro-enterprises/businesses through short-cycle business management training, cash grants, access to microfinance mechanisms, and coaching services.

Funding required

\$6,937,500

Target no. of individuals

131,250



POPULATION MOBILITY AND NEEDS TRACKING (PMNT)

IOM's PMNT (also globally known as DTM—Displacement Tracking Matrix) is contributing to the development and collection of sectoral surveys to gather data on specific needs, intentions, vulnerabilities, resources, economic losses and recovery priorities among households and among communities through participatory processes. PMNT aims to also develop community profiles and continuously monitor the evolving needs and impacts of recovery, resilience and reconstruction programming through baseline population and needs assessments, and household mobility and needs surveys.

Funding required

\$900,000

Rapid needs assessments

10,000

To more effectively inform post-earthquake recovery, resilience and reconstruction programming, PMNT will contribute to collecting early recovery needs assessments, covering durable solution intentions and multi-sectoral absorption capacity in sites of current displacement.

Read more at the [IOM Myanmar Crisis Response Plan 2025](#)

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Older woman waiting for her family at a distribution site in Mandalay © IOM Myanmar