

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE: UNHCR FLASH UPDATE #9

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UNHCR staff engage with earthquake-affected community members to listen to their concerns and needs during a relief distribution in Mandalay. © UNHCR

KEY FIGURES*



6.3 million

TOTAL PEOPLE IN NEED IN
WORST EARTHQUAKE-
AFFECTED AREAS

2.1 million

CONFLICT-AFFECTED IDPs
IMPACTED BY THE
EARTHQUAKE

LEVEL 2

EMERGENCY

DECLARED BY UNHCR FOR 6
MONTHS

Delivery Summary



110,380

People assisted with core
relief items, shelter kits or
multi-purpose assistance.



116,780

People assessed
for assistance

Note: Assessments are ongoing, and not all earthquake-affected population have been identified yet.

Highlights

As Tens of thousands of displaced individuals continue to shelter in temporary sites and makeshift structures following recent disasters, UNHCR is closely monitoring the forecast of severe monsoon conditions expected to affect several regions across Myanmar. Heavy rains, strong winds, and the potential for flash floods and landslides pose serious risks to already vulnerable communities. In coordination with national and international partners, UNHCR is preparing to respond swiftly to emerging needs, ensuring that affected populations receive timely protection and life-saving assistance.

To date, over 110,300 individuals have received assistance from UNHCR and partners. More than 116,000 people have been reached through protection monitoring and assessments, which continue to guide targeted support for the most vulnerable, including those with specific needs.

UNHCR Response

- A truck carrying relief items donated by Australia—including kitchen sets, plastic tarpaulins, family tents and assistive devices—departed Yangon on 4 June en route to Mandalay. The supplies will support 1,000 people affected by the earthquake.
- **In Mandalay and Sagaing**, UNHCR reached 74,276 people (16,338 families) to date, including 17,146 people (4,403 families) who received multi-purpose assistance. During visits to earthquake-affected areas, UNHCR teams conduct site assessments to identify urgent needs and deliver targeted support in coordination with partners.
- **In Nay Pyi Taw**, UNHCR has assisted 8,761 people (1,892 families) to date. UNHCR has provided core relief items to 236 families identified as needing assistance. Preparations are underway, in collaboration with partners, to conduct protection training sessions for communities affected by the earthquake.
- **In the South-East**, 27,343 people (6,118 families) have received assistance to date, including 4,888 people (1,145 families) who received multi-purpose assistance. Core relief items for 500 additional families in Shan South are set for distribution next week, with preparations underway.
- Together with other humanitarian partners, UNHCR continues to advocate for an end to conflict and for safe, unhindered humanitarian access to deliver life-saving aid to those in need.



Australian-donated relief supplies being loaded onto a truck. © UNHCR

Protection Mainstreaming

Mandalay and Sagaing

- In Mandalay's displacement sites, inadequate shelters and poor living conditions remain a major concern. Reconstruction, debris clearance, and repairs in Mandalay and Sagaing offer some livelihoods but also pose protection and safety risks due to limited expertise and equipment. On 31 May, a building collapsed during demolition in Mandalay, killing one worker and injuring another.
- Below are further details on the protection concerns identified among communities affected by the earthquake. UNHCR addresses these challenges by incorporating them into its protection and assistance responses or, where appropriate, referring them to other actors for a coordinated, multi-sectoral response.
 - **Severe Weather Conditions:** Strong winds and heavy rain have severely damaged temporary shelters in earthquake-affected areas of Mandalay. Families reported sleepless nights due to leaking shelters, with flooding in some areas worsening damage and raising the risk of waterborne diseases.
 - **Privacy and Security:** Due to a shortage of adequate shelter in some displacement sites in Mandalay, multiple families are being accommodated in single tents. This overcrowding raises concerns about privacy and security, particularly for women and girls, who face increased risks in these shared living arrangements.
 - **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS):** MHPSS training needs were identified in some sites in Mandalay and referred to another agency.

South-East

- UNHCR has conducted household interviews with 300 families in southern Shan State to inform the planning of multi-purpose assistance. In parallel, rapid protection assessments were carried out in selected areas to identify urgent protection needs. Separately, protection support is being planned for earthquake-affected individuals with specific vulnerabilities, including women at risk and those with serious medical conditions.
- Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials were shared, covering topics such as Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), Child Protection (CP), Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), and the UNHCR Helpline.

Coordination and Partnerships

- For the earthquake response, UNHCR co-leads the **Protection Cluster** with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), and jointly leads the **Shelter/Non-Food Item (NFI) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster** with the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC).

Financial Information

UNHCR's total funding requirements for Myanmar in 2025 stand at **USD 88.3 million**. As of the end of April, only **25%** of funding had been secured. UNHCR is grateful for the generosity of donors who have stepped forward with earmarked contributions for Myanmar, as well as those providing flexible funding globally ensuring life-saving assistance reaches those most in need.

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Immediate Needs

UNHCR is urgently seeking USD 16 million to provide life-saving assistance to those affected by the devastating earthquake in Myanmar. Learn more about the appeal and how you can support: [Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Appeal | Global Focus](#)



Shelter

Provide emergency shelter kits (including plastic tarpaulin, ropes, and other essential materials) to enable people to live in safe and dignified shelters, particularly in light of the upcoming monsoon season.



CRIs and multi-purpose assistance

Deliver immediate emergency CRIs, including sleeping mats, blankets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, buckets, and solar lamps, as well as multi-purpose assistance to support earthquake-affected populations.



Protection

Strengthen access to protection services, including communication with communities, legal assistance, psychosocial support, and targeted interventions for Persons with Specific Needs, including children, women, Elderly People, and Persons with Disabilities.

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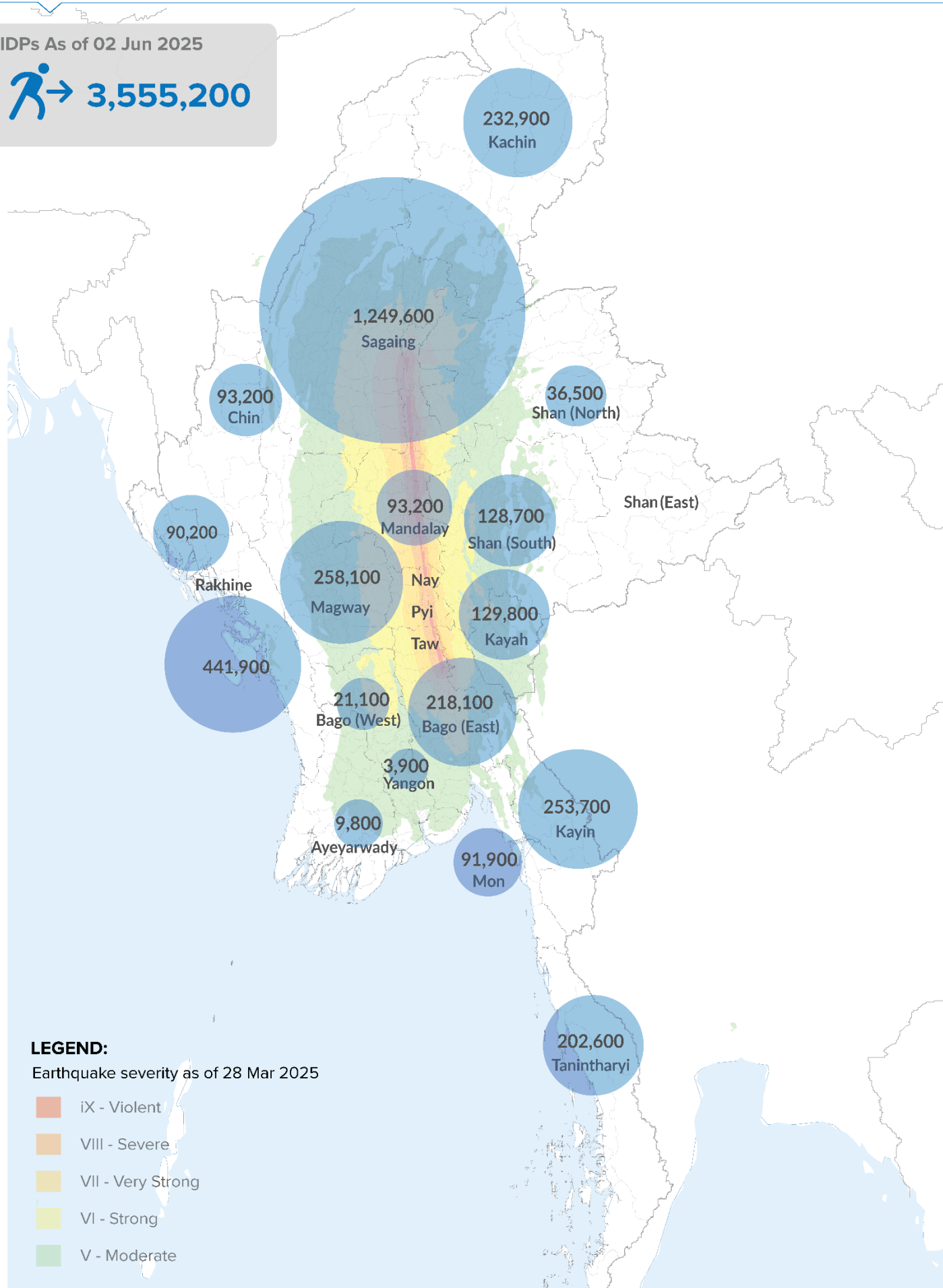
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IDPs As of 02 Jun 2025

 **→ 3,555,200**



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