Myanmar

Water, sanitation and hygiene

What do we want to change?

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What are our priorities?

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- Ending open defecation and promoting demand for safe, climate smart and equitable sanitation and hygiene services for vulnerable communities
- Improving affected populations’ safe access to and use appropriate sanitation/WASH facilities
- Improved WASH facilities in healthcare facilities and child learning spaces

What are we doing?

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In 2022, UNICEF provided critical water, sanitation and hygiene services to 600,000 people. 428,000 people gained access to safe water. In total, 237,000 people were reached with sanitation and hygiene services, and 33 communities received solar-powered water systems. What do we need?

- Scale up of lifesaving humanitarian WASH services for IDPs and conflict-affected communities
- Scale up of triple nexus WASH programming in conflict affected rural communities and peri-urban areas
- Increased funding for innovative approaches to community capacity development, real time monitoring and climate resilient WASH services
- Scale up in promotion of handwashing practices as defense against communicable diseases
- US$ 61.9 million for strategic WASH interventions in conflict-affected areas and vulnerable communities in peri-urban areas

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