

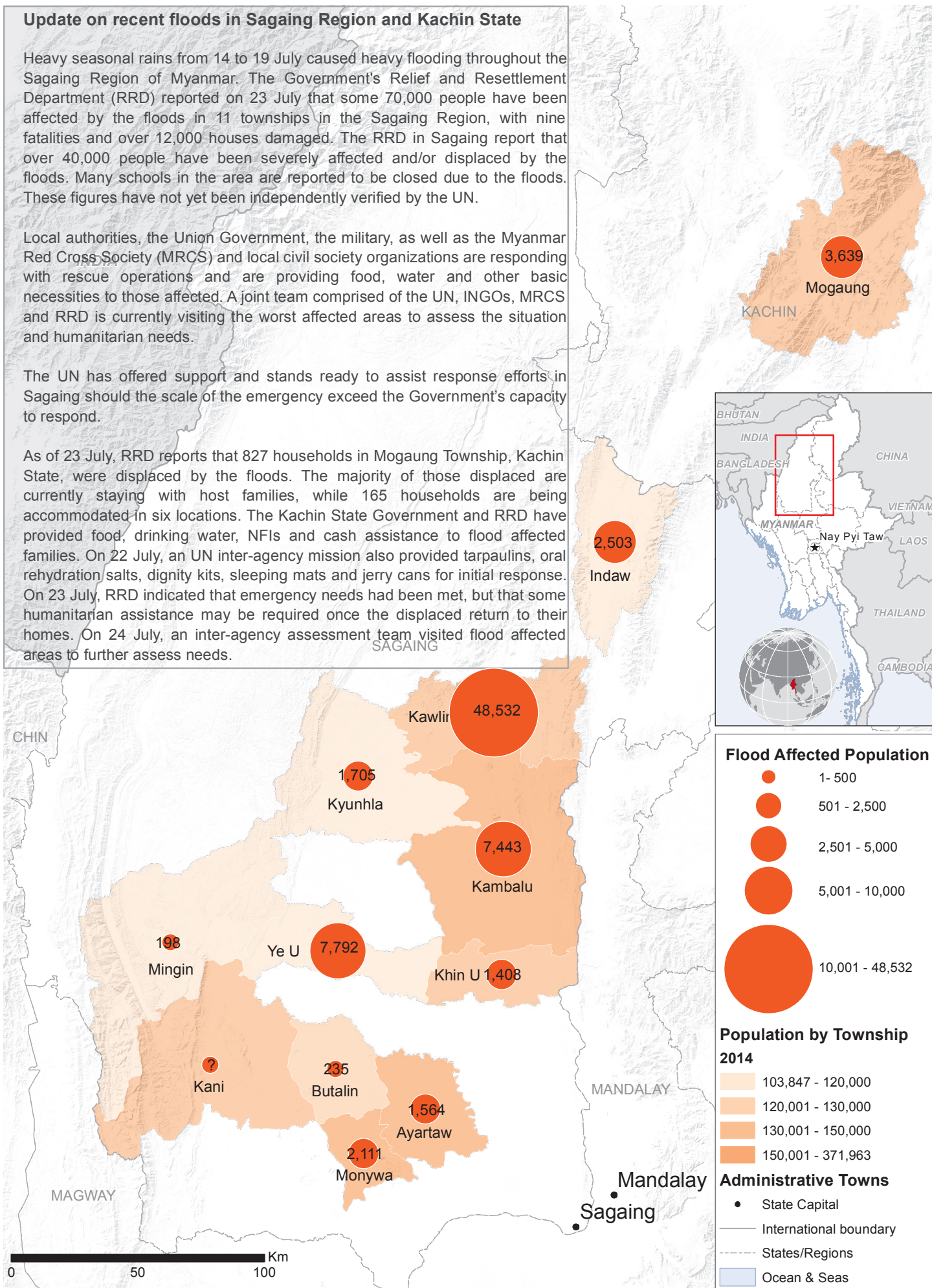
### Update on recent floods in Sagaing Region and Kachin State

Heavy seasonal rains from 14 to 19 July caused heavy flooding throughout the Sagaing Region of Myanmar. The Government's Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD) reported on 23 July that some 70,000 people have been affected by the floods in 11 townships in the Sagaing Region, with nine fatalities and over 12,000 houses damaged. The RRD in Sagaing report that over 40,000 people have been severely affected and/or displaced by the floods. Many schools in the area are reported to be closed due to the floods. These figures have not yet been independently verified by the UN.

Local authorities, the Union Government, the military, as well as the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) and local civil society organizations are responding with rescue operations and are providing food, water and other basic necessities to those affected. A joint team comprised of the UN, INGOs, MRCS and RRD is currently visiting the worst affected areas to assess the situation and humanitarian needs.

The UN has offered support and stands ready to assist response efforts in Sagaing should the scale of the emergency exceed the Government's capacity to respond.

As of 23 July, RRD reports that 827 households in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, were displaced by the floods. The majority of those displaced are currently staying with host families, while 165 households are being accommodated in six locations. The Kachin State Government and RRD have provided food, drinking water, NFIs and cash assistance to flood affected families. On 22 July, an UN inter-agency mission also provided tarpaulins, oral rehydration salts, dignity kits, sleeping mats and jerry cans for initial response. On 23 July, RRD indicated that emergency needs had been met, but that some humanitarian assistance may be required once the displaced return to their homes. On 24 July, an inter-agency assessment team visited flood affected areas to further assess needs.



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