

HEALTH CLUSTER SITREP No.4 09 June 2023

Tropical Cyclone Mocha

Reporting period: 01 - 07 June 2023



5 states and regions affected: Rakhine, Northwest (Chin, Magway & Sagaing), Kachin



429K people targeted for humanitarian health assistance (55% women, 18% children under 18)

HIGHLIGHTS

Near one month after the cyclone has crossed Myanmar land, the health response is expanding. Much wider access is critical to reach the 429K people in dire need for Health Assistance.

The response relies on rapid response team and mobile clinics under emergency approval – supported by health partners. It relies also on mobile clinics under routine approval. They provide both clinical care and health education to the communities.

Health partners are currently participating to the multisectoral field observations in Rakhine and Northwest, for better understanding of the situation.

Rakhine

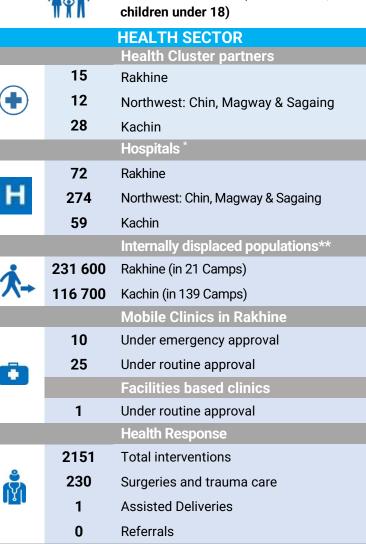
- Most of the health partners IDP camp mobile clinics in Sittwe have been damaged due to cyclone. The partners are currently implementing in improvised sites like churches, private homes etc. A working group is being created in Sittwe with relevant partners to explore alternative set-up to deliver healthcare services in an efficient manner.
- At the publication on 9 June, a directive was circulating about the withdrawal of all approved authorizations to partners in Rakhine. If applied, the measure will impact substantially on the provision of health services from partners.

Northwest (Chin, Magway & Sagaing)

 The situation is unchanged from the past 2 weeks, where field observations have reported 9 rural health centres been impacted, most completely damaged with impact on health provision.

Kachin

 The situation is unchanged in Kachin for the past 2 weeks, where the 2 health clinics have been restored by the communities.



Medical supplies

Clean Delivery Kits

Water purification tablets

Trainings (cumulative)

Cholera Readiness Training

Funding \$US (cumulative)

Interagency Emergency Health Kits

Trauma and Emergency Surgery Kits

220

3 200

4,7M

1

1

4.5 M

*GAD (as of 2020), **UNHCR (as of 8 May 2023)

3W/4W cyclone Mocha reporting Training

Committed (aiming 279K beneficiaries)

Coordination

Since the 14 May, 12 424 people have received some form of interventions from the health partners. Wider access is crucial to effectively extend health services the 429K people in dire need of Health Assistance, allocating resources, and carrying out early warning and outbreak investigations. Health partners continue to face persistent challenges in accessing the most severely affected areas even three weeks after the cyclone. to reach.

Despite the challenges, the health partners remain dedicated in assisting those most hardest hit by Cyclone Mocha. Mobile and fixed clinics in accessible areas of Rakhine are actively expanding their response to meet the urgent needs of the affected people.

Cases of Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD), including among children, continue to be reported although the situation seems to be stabilizing. The partners are continuing reporting in EWARS and the public health authorities following closely on any increase in number of cases. The situation remains concerning however along with other high-epidemic diseases such as dengue and measles. Partners are requested to report any unusual situation.

Mobile clinics operating in Rakhine urgently need to replenish their stock of medicines, including analgesics, antibiotics, and emergency/trauma care supplies.

Cash assistance is vital to support the replacement of medicines for chronic diseases, transportation, and medical referrals. Financial support will ensure continuity of care and access to essential healthcare services.

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