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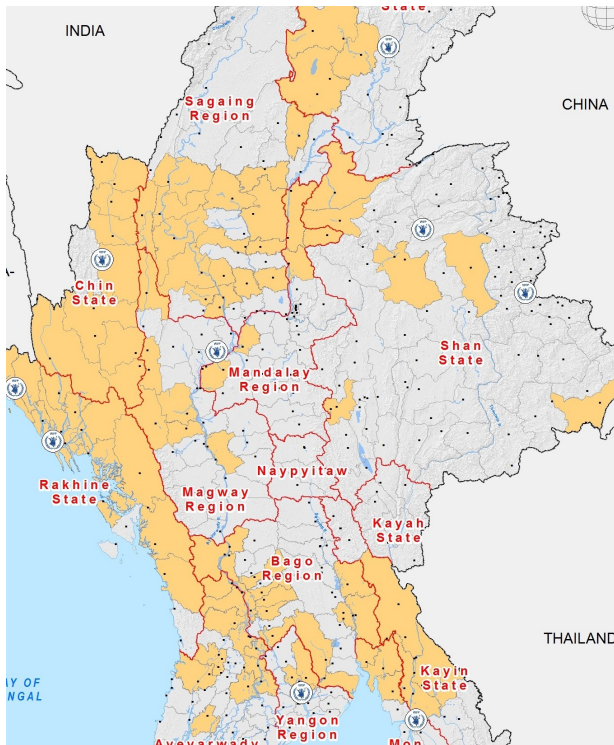
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Myanmar

Emergency Response to Floods

Situation Update

- According to the Government as well as inter-agency and WFP individual needs assessments, more than 1.7 million people have now been affected by severe floods and landslides in 13 states/regions of Myanmar: Ayeyarwady, Bago, Chin, Kachin, Kayin, Mandalay, Magway, Mon, Rakhine, Sagaing, Shan, Tanintharyi and Yangon.
- Provision of food, safe water, temporary shelter adequate sanitation and emergency health services remain the most urgent humanitarian priorities.
- The U.N. organizations, in coordination with the Government, are conducting multi-sectoral initial rapid assessments (MIRA) in Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions to identify the scale of longer term requirements for livelihood support, health and education assistance and other interventions during the early recovery phase in the offing.



Flood affected areas of Myanmar

In numbers



1.7 million people affected

13 states and regions affected

442,000 people in need of food

US\$ 12.3 million additionally needed

403,000 people with **2,506** mt of food already assisted



Funding partners in Myanmar

Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, European Union, Germany, Italy, Japan, Japan Association for WFP, Luxembourg, Myanmar, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, UNCF and Private Sector.

Food Security Sector



WFP Response

- With extended access to all the flood affected areas and scaled up emergency food assistance, WFP is now targeting 442,000 flood affected people across the country. Since the onset of the emergency response on 2 August, WFP has already distributed 2,506 mt of life-saving food to 403,000 people in Bago, Chin, Kachin, Kayin, Magway, Mon, Rakhine and Sagaing, already reaching more than 90 percent of the target beneficiaries. Food distributions are still on-going in some areas of Chin, Rakhine and Sagaing.
- In view of limited food stocks immediately available in the country and insufficient funding, just in the month of August, WFP is obliged to prioritise first time ever food delivery to the currently most vulnerable flood victims by temporarily suspending or reducing food rations for people benefiting from WFP's other regular activities in the country.
- To this effect, community assets creation, school feeding, assistance for pregnant women and nursing mothers, as well as food-by-prescription for people living with HIV and TB clients will be suspended. Displaced populations in northern Shan, Kachin and Rakhine will receive reduced food assistance, i.e. a full ration of rice without pulses, oil and salt. Fortified blended food rations for malnourished children will remain unchanged. This reduction is temporary, only for the month of August.



Food Assistance

- WFP floods response consists of food assistance with a one-month food basket (13.5 kg of rice, 1.8 kg of pulses, 0.9 l of cooking oil and 150 g of salt) and/or a one-week ration of High Energy Biscuits (three packs per day per person) for 442,000 flood affected people.
- In Bago Region, food distributions for 29,801 flood affected people were successfully completed in Bago and Moenyio townships.
- In Chin State, WFP has reached 21,237 people in the townships of Falam, Hakha, Matupi, Paletwa, Tedim, Thantlang and Tonzang. Distributions are on-going.
- In Kachin State, food was distributed to all the 9,100 target people in Moegaung, the only flood affected township.
- In Kayin State, 7,235 target people have been reached in Hlaingbwe and Hpa An townships.
- In Magway Region, food distributions were completed for 105,386 people in Pwintphyu, Sayatoketayar, Yenangyaung and Yesagyo townships.
- In Mon State, WFP successfully completed distributions of to all 4,444 flood affected people in the townships of Biilin and Kyaikto.
- In Rakhine State, 152,293 people received food assistance in Ann, Buthidaung, Gwa, Kyauktaw, Maungdaw, Minbya, Mrauk Oo, Myebon, Pauktaw, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Thandwe and Toungup townships. Distributions are ongoing.
- In Sagaing Region, WFP distributed food for 74,191 people in Ayadaw, Kanbalu, Kaw Lin, Kalay, Kalewa, Wetlet and Yey Oo townships. Distributions are on-going.



Logistics

- WFP has now gained access to all the target flood affected areas across the country. Distributions for 3,541 people in the only remaining townships of Kanpetlet and Mindat in Chin State will immediately be carried out upon delivery of food currently in transit.
- As part of its emergency contingency plan, WFP has prepositioned 14 mt of High Energy Biscuits in Pathein, Ayeyarwady Region.
- To facilitate the emergency response logistics for the humanitarian community, WFP has commenced the coordination of logistical assets activities and provision of common logistics services to partners. Weekly logistics inter-agency coordination meetings are organised with some 15 participating humanitarian partners.



Food Security Sector

- FAO and WFP are leading a joint-assessment on damages, losses and livelihoods country-wide with the following objectives: i) Assess the major damage and losses caused by the flood on the agricultural sector and its sub-sectors including crop production, livestock, forestry, fisheries & aquaculture as well as irrigation; ii) Assess the food security and nutrition situation including the

coping mechanism adopted by the population and their degree of vulnerability; iii) Estimate the extent of disruption of local markets; and iv) Develop scenarios for the next three, six and twelve months in order to come up with specific short, medium and long-term response interventions.

Partnerships

- On August 12, the U.N. Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief & Resettlement, Australian and Indian Ambassadors, accompanied by WFP Country Director, Deputy Head of OCHA and representatives from other humanitarian organizations visited the flood affected township of Kalay, Sagaing Region.
- On August 18 -19, a mission consisting of Australian and Canadian Ambassadors, Norwegian Deputy Head of Mission and WFP Country Director visited flood affected areas in Mrauk U township, Rakhine State.
- On August 18 -19, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) mission, facilitated by WFP, visited flood affected areas and observed WFP's response in Yesagyo township, Magway Region.
- Needs assessments and/or food distributions are carried out through valued partnerships with other U.N. agencies as well as local and international NGOs, namely ACF, ACRD, AYO, CARD, GREEN, KMSS, NCV, Plan International, Save the Children, OISCA, PACT and TdH - Italy.

Resourcing Update

- **Floods Appeal:** WFP received generous US\$3 million assistance from the United States. Japan extended the Emergency Grant Aid of US\$1.3 million to WFP. Contributions of DKK7 million (US\$1 million) and NOK1.9 million (US\$232,000) were bestowed by Denmark and Norway respectively. Another contribution of NZ\$200,000 (US\$132,000) was received from New Zealand.
- WFP appeals to funding partners for additional US\$12.3 million to respond to the immediate food needs deriving from the floods emergency. This is in addition to the US\$17 million required to continue the regular activities in the country, resulting in an overall project funding shortfall of US\$29.3 million until the end of 2015.
- The floods emergency response has been made possible so far thanks to the previous and recent contributions from Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, EU, Japan, Japan Association for WFP, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, United States and United Kingdom, as well as the logistical support from the Government of Myanmar, Air Bagan, Air KBZ, Golden Myanmar Airlines and Myanmar National Airlines.

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