Situation report # 2: 12 August 2018

MYANMAR FLOODS

Location: Myanmar (Bago Region, Mon State, Kayin State and Tanintharyi Region)

Emergency type: Natural disaster (monsoon flooding)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Government is leading the response, with support provided by national and international humanitarian organizations.
- Ministry of Health & Sports (MoHS) leading the health response, coordinated through Health Emergency Operations Centre.
- Figures on population displacement to temporary evacuation sites are rapidly changing, cumulative total is 153,744 people.
- Continuing health service provision by MoHS with field operation visits in Bilin and Kyaikmaraw townships, Mon State.
- Wells previously inundated by floodwaters were treated with chlorine in Kya-In Seikgyi Township, Kayin State by the Township Health Department.
- 20,000 oral rehydration sachets provided to flood-affected population of Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State through the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
- Myanmar Medical Association, Yangon Region, deployed a medical team to Bago Region.

WHO

7 personnel in country (ERM team)

PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES

(1) Primary health care services provided by mobile clinics or temporary clinics; (2) Disease surveillance and outbreak response; (3) Reproductive, maternal and child health care; (4) Water & vector borne diseases control (e.g. malaria, dengue); (5) Continuation of non-communicable disease treatment; (6) Immunization support; (7) Patient referral support; (8) Mental health and psychosocial support; (9) Medical supplies support, including but not limited to, essential medicines, snake anti-venom, long-lasting insecticidal nets, rapid test kits for malaria and cholera.

WHO ACTION

Essential medicines and operational support for MoHS mobile clinic teams arrived at Mon and Kayin States. Operational support for MoHS mobile health response teams, and procurement of 1,000 life jackets for response teams is under way, distribution of life jackets has commenced. Coordination and planning with the Humanitarian Country Team and Health Cluster partners for integrated humanitarian response is continuing.

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