



World Health Organization

Myanmar

Situation report #3: 23 August 2018

Location: Myanmar (3 States and 5 Regions: Bago, Kayin, Mon, Tannintharyi, Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyarwaddy and Northern Shan)

Onset date: 20 July 2018

Emergency type: Natural disaster (monsoon flooding)



>189 000
AFFECTED¹



AT LEAST
241
INJURED²



AT
LEAST 32
DEATHS¹

WHO

7 Personnel in country (ERM team)

MEDICINES AND OTHER ITEMS



Essential medicines and basic medical supplies delivered to Mon and Kayin States from WHO through Ministry of Health & Sports (MoHS) on 2 August 2018. MoHS further provided emergency medicines, anti-snake venom (1,300 vials), aqua tabs (850,000 tabs), and bleaching powder (5 drums) to the affected areas.¹

FUNDING IN US\$



485,000 MoHS budget for the affected states and regions³
3.9million Integrated Allocation Strategy (Myanmar Humanitarian Fund & UN Central Emergency Response Fund) for all clusters and sectors

HEALTH SECTOR

30 Health Cluster Partners in Country

AFFECTED HEALTH FACILITIES¹



- 1 State hospital
- 2 Township hospitals
- 4 Station hospitals and station health units
- 16 Rural health centers
- 49 Sub-rural health centers

MoHS MOBILE CLINICS COVERAGE (CUMULATIVE TO DATE¹)



- 180 Temporary clinics
- >37 Mobile health teams

PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

(1) Primary health care service provisions through 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 net, rapid test kits for malaria & cholera and others.

References: (1) Cumulative figures. From MoHS presentation at the National Health Cluster meeting, Naypyidaw, 20 August 2018. (2) Available data from Bago Region, 25 July to 15 August 2018. (3) Converted 1 USD = 1,415 MMK. From MoHS presentation at the National Health Cluster meeting, Naypyidaw, 20 August 2018. (4) Department of Disaster Management as of 21 August 2018. Link here: http://www.rrdmyanmar.gov.mm/?page_id=493. Last accessed 22 August 2018. (5) The Global New Light of Myanmar. 48 dams, reservoirs overflow through spillways. Link here: https://issuu.com/myanmarnewspaper/docs/21_aug_18_gnlm. Last accessed 21 August 2018.



National Health Cluster meeting, Union Ministry of Health & Sports, Naypyidaw, Myanmar, 20 August 2018. Photo: WHO Myanmar

HIGHLIGHTS

- Emergency health sector preparedness and response meeting in MoHS led by Union Minister on 27 July 2018.
- Health sector coordination meeting led by Permanent secretary on 1 August 2018
- Central Health Emergency Operations Center activated 24/7 until present.
- National Health Cluster meeting was held in MoHS, Naypyidaw, on 20 August 2018. Detailed flood-related actions and updates were shared by MoHS and health partners.
- Figures on population displacement are rapidly changing, cumulative total is 376 evacuation sites (51 sites remaining with 20 938 population)⁴
- It is critical to note that water levels in a total of 48 dams and reservoirs have exceeded full levels and are currently overflowing through their spillways⁵, while rainy season continues.
- Integrated allocation strategy (Myanmar Humanitarian Fund & UN Central Emergency Response Fund) for the flood response has been launched for all clusters and sectors.
- MoHS mobile clinics are implementing active surveillance for diseases under national surveillance (DUNS) through event-based reporting
- Routine vaccination has been provided among the displaced population in Kayin State, and is planned in Bago Region¹

WHO ACTION

Essential medicines and operational support for MoHS mobile clinic teams have arrived at Mon and Kayin States. Operational support for Ministry of Health & Sports mobile health response teams is now provided. Further, 850 of a total 1 000 life jackets for response teams have already been delivered. Close coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team and Health Cluster partners continues for on-going integrated humanitarian response.

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