



# World Health Organization

## Myanmar

### Situation report #4: 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Emergency type: Natural disaster (monsoon flooding)



>189 000  
AFFECTED<sup>1</sup>



AT LEAST 32  
DEATHS<sup>1</sup>

#### 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.<sup>1</sup>

#### FUNDING IN US\$

485 000 MoHS budget for the affected states and regions<sup>2</sup>



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 FACILITIES<sup>1</sup>



- 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 DATE<sup>1</sup>)



- 180 Temporary clinics
- >37 Mobile health teams

### HIGHLIGHTS

- On 29 August 2018, a spillway of the Swar Chaung Dam broke and caused sudden flooding in 18 village tracts in Yedashe Township, Bago Region. More than 16,600 people were evacuated to 52 evacuation sites in Yedashe and Taungoo townships.<sup>3</sup>
- MoHS and WHO fielded a joint visit 29-31 Aug 2018 to Hpa-An, Kawkareik and Myawaddy townships in Kayin State, to monitor emergency flood response and provide technical support. During the field visit, the MoHS-WHO team visited temporary camp, discussed with and supported basic health staff and state and township health personnel.
- Union Ministry of Health & Sports is providing emergency medical services, health education, infectious diseases monitoring and prevention in the temporary relief camps of Swar flood.<sup>4</sup>
- Water levels in some dams and reservoirs exceeded maximum capacity due to torrential rains early September. A total of 61 dams and reservoirs, including those in Taungoo and Bago districts of Bago Region, were overflowing.<sup>5</sup>
- On 6 September 2018, a low pressure area over Northwestern Bay of Bengal prevailed, leading to a cyclone warning.<sup>6</sup>

References: (1) Cumulative figures. From MoHS presentation at the National Health Cluster meeting, Naypyidaw, 20 August 2018. (2) Converted 1 USD = 1,415 MMK. From MoHS presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> National Health Cluster meeting, Naypyidaw, 20 August 2018. (3) Department of Disaster Management, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief & Resettlement, 30 Aug 2018 (4) MoHS Website. Health Care Activities at Swar. Last accessed 5 September 2018; (5) The Global New Light of Myanmar. [https://issuu.com/myanmarnewspaper/docs/7\\_sept\\_18\\_gnlm](https://issuu.com/myanmarnewspaper/docs/7_sept_18_gnlm) Last accessed 10 September 2018; (6) Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, information highlights, <https://www.moezala.gov.mm/flood-warning%20> Last accessed 6 September 2018.

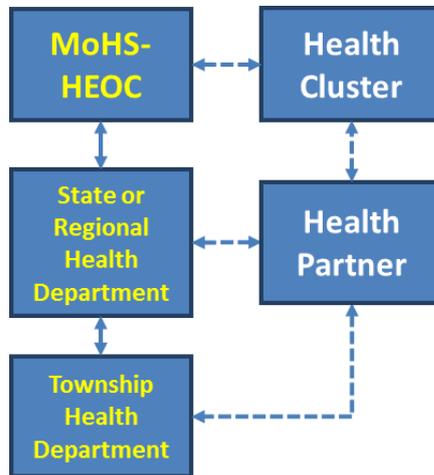
## Situation update

Breaking of a spillway of Swar Chaung Dam in Yedashe Township, Bago Region has caused additional humanitarian caseload in the ongoing flood emergency.

## 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.

## Coordination overview for health response



Coordination and information sharing from the government health workers follow the standard structure from the affected areas within the respective township health departments, elevating to the state and regional levels and then reported to the central MoHS via the Health Emergency Operations Center (HEOC).

Coordination and information sharing from non-government partners on operational concerns are conducted at both township and state or regional levels, with consolidated information sharing at the Health Cluster in Yangon. The Health Cluster directly communicates with the HEOC.

## WHO action

WHO provided operational support for MoHS mobile clinics to serve new displaced population from Swar Chaung dam spillway breaking. 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 in Mon, Kayin, Bago and Thanintharyi regions was provided. 1,000 life jackets for MoHS response teams have been delivered. Close coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team and Health Cluster partners continues for on-going integrated humanitarian response. Coordination support to Ministry of Health & Sports.

## Event overview

Heavy monsoon rains since early July 2018 has resulted in the ongoing flood emergency. An emergency health sector preparedness and response meeting was held in MoHS led by Union Minister on 27 July 2018. This was followed-up by a health sector coordination meeting led by Permanent secretary on 1 August 2018. MoHS activated the Health Emergency Operations Centre which have been monitoring and coordinating among central, state, and township level health departments in order to ensure an effective health response to all affected population.

The Humanitarian Country Team in Myanmar convened meetings on 1 & 16 August 2018 where an integrated allocation strategy was decided, using Myanmar Humanitarian Fund or MHF reserve allocation, and rapid response window of the UN Central Emergency Response Fund or CERF. This has been mobilized since, through the Inter-cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), where call for proposals and processing for funding ensued.

WHO Myanmar received an official request from MoHS, on 30 July 2018, for flood response support, which was responded to without delay. Health partners received varying requests for support from different levels of government, including state or region and township levels.

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