Myanmar: Recent displacement in northern Shan State (as of 16 Feb 2016)



On 7 February, fighting between the Restoration Council for Shan State (RCSS) / Shan State Army South (SSA-S) and the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) broke out in Kyaukme Township, northern Shan State. As of 16 February, over 3,300 people were displaced to Kyaukme town and surrounding villages, according to the Relief and Resettlement Department in Shan State and humanitarian organizations. The situation remains fluid.

The government, private donors, local civil society organizations, the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the UN and partners have provided relief materials.

On 9 February, armed conflict also erupted between the RCSS/SSA and TNLA in Namhkam Township. According to CSOs and WFP. over 1.000 people were displaced to Mong Wee village. Local organisations and private donors provided initial assistance, which is reported to be sufficient for the moment. However, buildings where IDPs are staying are crowded and additional assistance may be required. The area is difficult to access due to the security situation.

The UN and partners are liaising closely with relevant authorities and CSOs and are assessing the situation to identify gaps and provide further aid if needed.

