



Agenda

1. Findings on the 2023 Summer Season Rice Sown Area status of Myanmar (ADPC)
2. Initial Findings from MIMU 5W August 2023 Round (MIMU)
3. Humanitarian Updates (UNOCHA)
4. AOB and other discussions

Attendance

Chair: Ole Hansen (MIMU)

Participants: OCHA, MIMU, ADPC, Nutrition Cluster, REACH, Education Cluster, SERVIR, UNDP, WFP, UNICEF (17 participants from 10 organisations)

1. Findings on the 2023 Summer Season Rice Sown Area status of Myanmar (ADPC)

The results of the study on [2023 summer rice cultivation in Myanmar](#) were released. The study covered various states and regions, including Ayeyarwady, Yangon, Bago, Mon, Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing, and Shan, providing a comprehensive analysis of vegetation anomalies for mapping rice cultivation areas. Improved mapping algorithms were used to detect increasing and decreasing in specific areas.

A structured, sample-based approach was used for area estimation, and the methodology was validated as consistent despite minor map variations from year to year. Changes in rice field mapping were discussed, possibly due to shifts in crop types by farmers. The impact of water availability on crop distribution, influenced by drought and environmental issues, was also noted.

The data revealed trends in changing crop types, and future analyses will include historical data from 2017 to 2021 for rice and 2017 to 2020 for maize. A pilot project for mapping beans and pulses is planned pending sufficient ground data. Collaboration with the International Food Policy Institute (IFPRI) on production and yield estimation based on household surveys was mentioned. Overall, there is a 5% decrease in rice cultivation areas and a 7% decrease in production across the regions.

For the current 2023 rainy season rice, rainfall patterns, especially anomalies affecting rice cultivation, are being closely monitored. Initial assessments for Rakhine state indicate lower-than-usual rainfall, which may impact future projections. Next steps include further research into crop and food security and ongoing rainfall monitoring.

2. Initial Findings from MIMU 5W August 2023 Round (MIMU)

The presentation covered early findings from the latest round of MIMU 5W with voluntarily reported information from agencies as of August 2023. A brief introduction to the 5W was presented along with the statistics of reporting in this round. It was mentioned that 5W information does not include data on beneficiary reach as it would be difficult to verify under current circumstances. Data collection for 5W is conducted twice a year. The individual components of each W are then broken down such as project start and end times, status and reasons for suspensions, and beneficiaries' types. 22 sectors and 152 sub-sectors are also briefly discussed. For protection measures, agency names are excluded in publicly available data and analytical products, and the reporting agencies classify data as "open" or "restricted"; all depending on whether they will allow the agency names to be shared with requesting partners or not. Since 2021, raw data download is no longer available for public and it is only for the 5W contributing agencies to assist with inter-agency coordination, monitoring and planning.

Some of the trends in the current rounds were also presented. Various dashboards and trend analyses have been prepared for public release. These are available on [MIMU 5W page](#).

3. Humanitarian Updates (*UNOCHA*)

2024 Humanitarian Program Cycle (HPC) activities are ongoing. MSNA (Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment) was conducted in August and findings have been shared among cluster coordinators. This facilitates PiN (People In Need) calculations for the HPC process. Clusters have completed PiN target and requirement calculations in line with the HPC guidelines. A 2-page document/dashboard called Humanitarian Mid-Year Dashboard has been released in August to visualize the status of humanitarian activities from Jan to June 2023. This shows key figures such as 1.8 million people reached through various humanitarian activities coordinated through the education, food security, nutrition, health, protection, shelter, and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) clusters. The dashboard is available on the [OCHA](#), [ReliefWeb](#) and [MIMU](#) websites. A monitoring tool is under development to capture data on reach and activities. The tool is in the testing phase and will be implemented soon.

Data collection for HRP is done on a quarterly basis, and cluster inputs are expected by the end of October. Calculations are ongoing for the HRP and a roadmap will most likely be released by the end of December.

4. AOB and other discussions

The next regular meeting will tentatively be in the first week of December 2023. Participants are encouraged to suggest and/or contribute presentations to the next meeting.