

KEY DISPLACEMENT FIGURES

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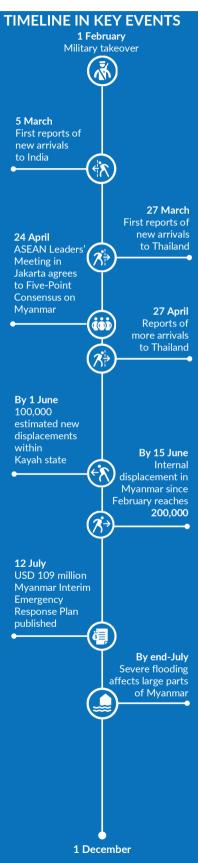
Estimated refugee movements to neighbouring countries since 1 February 2021



Refugees and asylum-seekers from Myanmar in neighbouring countries as of 31 December 2020 **%**→268,000

Estimated total internal displacement within Myanmar since 1 February 2021 **%**→638,000

Estimated internally displaced persons (IDPs) within Myanmar as of 1 December 2021



HIGHLIGHTS

In the second half of November, intense armed conflict continued in the North-West and the South-East driving further displacement, with a continued deterioration of the security situation and considerable impact on civilians in Chin State and Sagaing and Magway regions. Approximately 267,500 people have now been displaced internally in Myanmar since the military takeover on 1 February 2021, representing almost 20 percent increase since the beginning of November. While new displacement is reported in most regions with small scale returns, the increase in displacement figures is largely due to the availability of additional data, particularly from Sagaing Region.

In South-East Myanmar, the situation remains tense due to clashes between the Tatmadaw, ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) and the People's Defence Force (PDF), with reports of killings of civilians, arbitrary arrests, explosions and landmine incidents. Displaced populations continue to face significant challenges in accessing basic needs and services, in particular food, healthcare, shelter materials and winter clothing. In the North-West, Chin State's Thantlang remains the epicentre of violence with reports of burning of some 300 houses and religious sites. Shortages of food, as well as fuel and medical supplies remain a concern for the displaced and the host communities.

Situation in Rakhine State remains tense with fighting having sparked in the northern part of Maungdaw Township. Communities continue to face socio-economic difficulties owing to the rise in commodity prices and the impact of COVID-19 prevention measures. While return movements have increased from areas of displacement by AA-MAF conflict, the vast majority remain in displacement.

Despite declining COVID-19 positivity rates, the overall pandemic situation remains of concern across the country, particularly given the limited response capacity and poor health infrastructure.

RESPONSE

Myanmar

UNHCR continues to strengthen protection capacity in the **South-East**, with mental health and psychosocial support training to partners and community leaders delivered in Kayah State, and community-based risk reduction and protection training conducted for the community in Kayin State in Myawaddy Township. In the same township, two small scale water system projects were completed. COVID-19 awareness raising sessions have also been conducted in Myawaddy and Kyainseikgyi townships, with PPE items distributed. In **Kachin State**, focal points for recently displaced IDP sites in Waingmaw Township were trained in CCCM/Protection.

In **Shan (North) State**, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 1,200 IDPs and assessed the needs of new IDP arrivals in Kyaukme town while more than 130 households were reached with critical NFIs and over 150 families with PPEs in Mindat town, Chin State in the **North-West**.

In **Rakhine State**, 260 longhouse constructions have been completed in the Rohingya and Kaman camps. As the protection cluster lead, UNHCR along with UNOCHA, undertook a mission to Minbya displacement sites and a village of origin in central Rakhine to monitor the current returns dynamics and conditions. Focus group discussions on civil documentation and birth registration in Rohingya IDP camps, Rakhine displacement sites, and Rohingya villages to develop a baseline for civil registration programming in 2022 continued.



Thailand

Given the continuing volatile situation in Myanmar, the Inter-Sector Working Group in Thailand has extended the duration of the preparedness and response plan until the end of the year. While some funding and operational gaps remain, humanitarian agencies are now positioned to support the efforts of a Government-led response should they be afforded access to the individuals, and continue to engage the authorities to promote safeguards against any actions that could lead to refoulement.

India

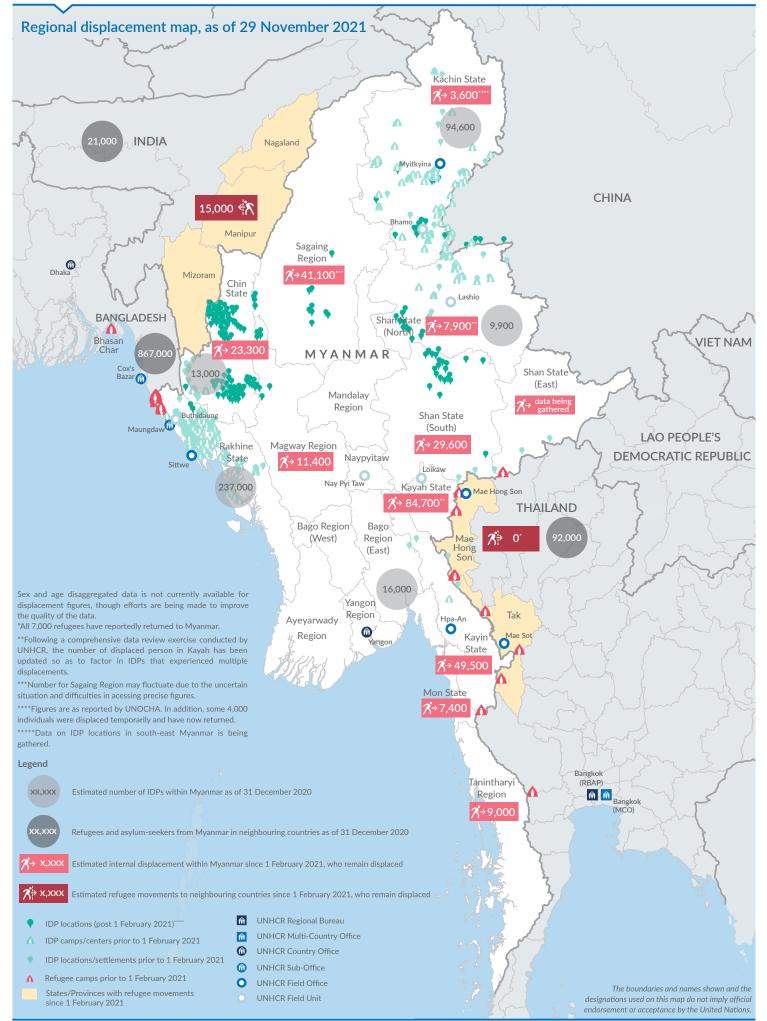
As we enter the ninth month of the crisis since people from Myanmar began crossing into India, local capacities to deliver humanitarian response in the border states of Manipur and Mizoram are becoming exhausted. Local actors on the ground continue to support new arrivals with food rations and seasonal response, while also working to mobilize funds in light of increasingly limited resources. According to community-based organizations which are providing support to new arrivals at the border, the most urgent needs include shelter, food, and winterization support.



Mission to a Minbya displacement site to monitor and better understand returns dynamics in central Rakhine State. @UNHCR



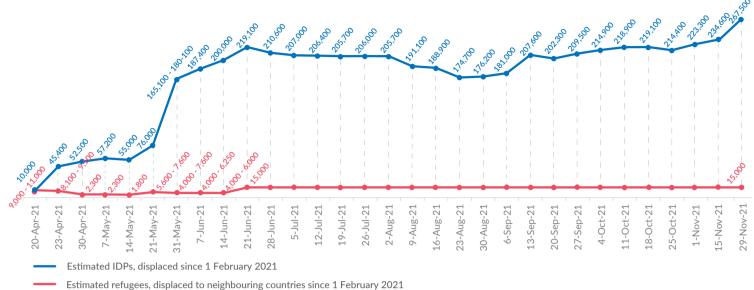
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Displacement trends, as of 29 November 2021



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