



**HEALTH CLUSTER SITREP No. 1
19 May 2023**



Tropical Cyclone MOCHA

Reporting period: 14 - 18 May 2023



Five States and Regions affected: Rakhine, Northwest (Chin, Magway, Sagaing) & Kachin

HIGHLIGHTS

Extremely Severe Cyclone Mocha crossed the coast near Sittwe in Rakhine on midday of 14 May, with winds reaching 190-250 km/h, making it one of the strongest cyclones on record in the country. It brought heavy rains, floodings, winds and tidal surge reaching 5-7 ft across the coast and low-lying areas in Rakhine and headed northeast to nearby Chin, Magway, Sagaing & Kachin.

The initial observations have shown widespread destruction of homes and public infrastructures, hospitals, health clinics, schools particularly caused by heavy rains and strong winds. There are rising concerns in flooded areas for spread of waterborne diseases,

Health services were interrupted for 3 days in Rakhine. Mobile clinics under emergency and routine approvals have resumed activities treating people with injuries (mostly minor) on day 4 in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone.

Rakhine

- Most health facilities are affected, resulting in a shortage of medicines, medical supplies and health staff. Many laboratories and operating theatres in Sittwe township are non-functional.
- Medical clinics are totally destroyed in 3 IDP camps in Sittwe township which were observed.
- Sittwe General Hospital, four hospitals in Kyauktaw, Minbya, Pauktaw and Rathedaung townships, Stations hospitals in Mrauk-U townships & Ku Taung villages are totally damaged by the cyclone.
- Thet Kel Pyin station hospital in Sittwe is partially destroyed with eight in-patients still being managed and functional delivery rooms.
- Until now, four mobile clinics under emergency approval and eleven mobile clinics under routine approval are providing essential medical services to the cyclone affected people in Sittwe, Ponnagyun, Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Mrauk-U and Minbya.

HEALTH SECTOR

Health Cluster partners



74	Total all States and Regions
15	Rakhine
12	Northwest: Chin, Magway & Sagaing
28	Kachin

Hospitals *



72	Rakhine
274	Northwest: Chin, Magway & Sagaing
59	Kachin

Internally displaced populations**



231 600	Rakhine (21 Camps)
116 700	Kachin (139 Camps)

Mobile Clinics in Rakhine



4	Under emergency approval
11	Under routine approval

Health Actions in Rakhine



735	Consultations
---	Surgeries
---	Assisted Deliveries
---	Referrals

Medical supplies



220	Interagency Emergency Health Kit
---	Trauma and Emergency Surgery Kit
2 200	Clean Delivery Kit
1 063	Water purification tablet (16000/ box)

Northwest (Chin, Magway & Sagaing)

- There are five rural health centres in Chin and two rural health centres in Magway totally damaged by the cyclone. However, provision of healthcare service is ongoing in the affected areas.

Kachin

- There is one camp clinic in Waingmaw and one community clinic in Mansi townships partially damaged by the cyclone. The community is planning to repair these clinics and health services are ongoing despite the damage to the clinics.

Trainings



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Cholera Readiness Training

Funding \$US



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Engaged

*GAD (as of 2020), **UNHCR (as of 8 May 2023)

Coordination

The Health Cluster and health partners have been exceptionally committed in the preparedness and aftermath response to cyclone Mocha. The three affected areas - Rakhine, Northwest, and Kachin - have activated their Health Cluster.

The current stage consists at providing emergency and trauma care to people who are injured and who are affected by life-saving or threatening conditions.

Near 100 health partners were trained on Cholera Readiness in a cascade approach, to be decentralized to the township level few days before the landfall of the cyclone.

The Health Cluster partners have already pre-positioned emergency supplies as well as several health personnel in Rakhine prior to the landfall of the cyclone.

The Health Cluster is implementing an adapted 5W template for the weekly reporting of the health activities in the affected Rakhine, Northwest & Kachin.

Advocacy is continuing to ensure smooth flow in importation, transport and distribution of the medical supplies and travel authorization of mobile clinics to the affected people.

The health cluster has streamlined two fundings of 500,000 USD and 2,000,000 USD respectively from Cyclone Mocha Myanmar Humanitarian Fund (MHF) Reserve Allocation and the Access to Health Fund for local procurement, cash assistance and life-saving health care for the response to the cyclone Mocha in affected Rakhine and Northwest.

The 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan remains severely underfunded (less than 10% requirements). Health Partners were struggling to sustain critical health services prior to the cyclone because of funding shortage.

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