

On 6 October 2015, fighting broke out between the Myanmar Military and Shan State Army North (SSA-N) forces in Monghsu Township, central Shan State, and has continued since then. As of 30 October, around 6,000 people have been displaced, with those displaced staying in monasteries and IDP camps in Monghsu and Kyethi townships. This includes an estimated 1,500 people displaced following clashes on 29 October. Displaced people who were staying in Wan Hai, as well as villagers from this area, have reportedly fled to Wan Hsaw and other areas following recent fighting. This information is not yet confirmed and the situation remains fluid.

Reports from local organizations indicate that at least four civilians were injured in the fighting, including one child. Access to Monghsu Hospital, the nearest medical facility for those displaced, is no longer possible due to ongoing fighting. This is causing urgent health concerns for the displaced population.

In addition, assessments undertaken by Relief International and local civil society organizations have identified immediate needs in hygiene kits, clothing, blankets, food, medicines, shelter and water and sanitation. INGOs and local organizations are providing assistance to those displaced, including food, hygiene kits and other non-food items, but further assistance is urgently needed.

