Myanmar: Snapshot of Humanitarian Issues (31 July 2015)



KACHIN AND SHAN NORTH

9 June marked four years since conflict erupted again in Kachin and northern Shan. After four years, over 100,000 IDPs continue to need humanitarian assistance and wear and tear means that many temporary IDP shelters are in urgent need of repair and maintenance. While fighting has subsided in many parts of the Kokang Self-Administered Zone, humanitarian access for international organizations remains restricted.

RAKHINE STATE

8 June marked three years since inter-communal violence broke out in Rakhine. Three years on, some 130,000 people remain displaced. Severe movement restrictions continue to restrict access of IDPs to basic services including health, education and livelihoods.

FLOODING

In late June and during the month of July, heavy rains caused floods in several parts of the country, including Rakhine, Ayeyawady, Kayin, Shan, Mandalay, Sagaing, Kachin, Chin and Magway, affecting over 200,000 people. The Government led emergency response operations, including the distribution of relief items and provision of medical care to flood affected townships. The Myanmar Red Cross Society and local NGOs, as well as international organizations also provided assistance in some areas.

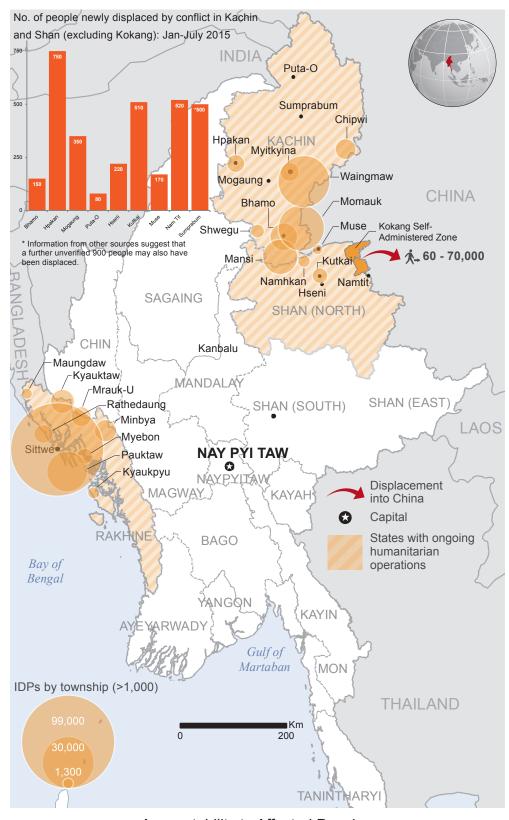
ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE

A series of focus group discussions were held in May and June in 15 IDP camps in Rakhine and 15 camps in Kachin with over 500 displaced people. The study showed that while national and international organizations are reaching people with assistance, there is room for improvement in how aid workers engage and share information with affected people.

FUNDING OF 2015 HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

>500,000 people in need of humanitarian assistance (not including newly flood-affected people)





Accountability to Affected People

6%	22%	Men	57%	15%
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Do humanitarian agencies respond to the most urgent needs in your community?

- There's no humanitarian response in our community
- Humanitarian response is insufficient and does not respond to our priorities
- Humanitarian response responds to our priorities but is insufficient in quantity
- Humanitarian response is sufficient and responds to our priorities