

Distribution of core relief items for earthquake-affected communities in Mandalay Region © UNHCR

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE: UNHCR FLASH UPDATE #7

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KEY FIGURES*



6.3 million

TOTAL PEOPLE IN NEED IN
WORST EARTHQUAKE-
AFFECTED AREAS

2.1 million

CONFLICT-AFFECTED IDPs
IMPACTED BY THE
EARTHQUAKE

**LEVEL 2
EMERGENCY**

DECLARED BY UNHCR FOR 6
MONTHS

Delivery Summary



101,773

People assisted with core
relief items, shelter kits or
multi-purpose assistance.



111,490

People assessed
for assistance

Note: Assessments are ongoing, and not all earthquake-affected population have been identified yet.

Highlights

Nearly two months have passed since the devastating earthquake struck Myanmar, yet many affected individuals remain unreached, continue to live in temporary shelters, or are still relocating from place to place. Facilities and services at temporary accommodation sites still require improvements to ensure the safety and well-being of residents—especially children, single-headed households, and individuals with specific needs. Financial and other constraints are making it difficult for many to rebuild their homes or restore their livelihoods. UNHCR continues to assess their needs and is actively collaborating with key partners to identify sustainable solutions.

To date, over 101,000 individuals have received assistance from UNHCR and its partners, while more than 111,000 people have already been assessed through Protection Monitoring and Assessment Tools, with ongoing assessments continuing to support the targeting of impacted communities with a focus on identifying most vulnerable and persons with specific needs.

UNHCR Myanmar

*Data source: [UNHCR](#), [USGS](#), [OSM](#), [UNOCHA](#), [WorldPop](#) & [UNOSAT](#). "People Impacted" consists of people living in areas with shake intensity V or higher, "People Living in the Worst Affected Areas" consists of people living in areas with shake intensity VII or higher in the data source. [Myanmar: HNRP Earthquake Flash Addendum](#).

UNHCR Response

- In **Mandalay and Sagaing**, UNHCR reached 68,317 people (15,115 families) to date, including 16,491 people (4,237 families) who received multi-purpose assistance. UNHCR continues to conduct field visits and assessments in areas hosting people affected by the earthquake, addressing urgent needs and referring identified issues to relevant stakeholders as appropriate.
- In **Nay Pyi Taw**, UNHCR has assisted 7,599 people (1,656 families). UNHCR has identified several families who lost their homes and are in need of core relief items. The distribution of assistance is scheduled to take place in the coming days.
- In the **South-East**, 25,857 people (5,632 families) have received assistance, including 2,910 people (720 families) who received multi-purpose assistance. UNHCR has conducted rapid protection assessments jointly with WFP during the reporting period.
- Together with other humanitarian partners, UNHCR continues to advocate for an end to conflict and for safe, unimpeded humanitarian access to ensure life-saving assistance reaches communities in need.

Protection Mainstreaming

Mandalay and Sagaing

- In Mandalay and Sagaing, people affected by the earthquake continue to face significant protection challenges. These include repeated relocations to temporary shelters, loss or reduction of income due to the disaster and displacement, and limited access to essential services and supplies. Ensuring a safe and dignified living environment remains an urgent priority—particularly for children, single-parent households, and people with disabilities who require accessible facilities. UNHCR addresses these challenges by incorporating them into its protection and assistance responses or, where appropriate, referring them to other actors for a coordinated, multi-sectoral response.
- Below are further details on the protection concerns identified among communities affected by the earthquake.
 - **Facilities and Sanitation:** Many temporary displacement sites in Mandalay lack adequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure. Families often share washrooms and

Immediate Needs

UNHCR is urgently seeking USD 16 million to provide life-saving assistance to those affected by the devastating earthquake in Myanmar. Learn more about the appeal and how you can support: [Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Appeal | Global Focus](#)



Provide emergency shelter kits (including plastic tarpaulin, ropes, and other essential materials) to enable people to live in safe and dignified shelters, particularly in light of the upcoming monsoon season.



CRIs and multi-purpose assistance

Deliver immediate emergency CRIs, including sleeping mats, blankets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, buckets, and solar lamps, as well as multi-purpose assistance to support earthquake-affected populations.



Protection

Strengthen access to protection services, including communication with communities, legal assistance, psychosocial support, and targeted interventions for Persons with Specific Needs, including children, women, Elderly People, and Persons with Disabilities.

bathing areas in nearby residential neighborhoods. Additionally, some shelters are reported to be severely overcrowded, raising concerns about health and safety.

- **Livelihood:** A significant number of individuals have lost their jobs or had to suspend work due to the earthquake, making it difficult for them to meet daily living expenses and sustain their households.
- **Shelter and Safety:** Financial limitations are preventing many families from repairing damaged homes or clearing debris. Yet many choose to remain in makeshift shelters built adjacent to their damaged houses, raising safety concerns. There is a pressing need for awareness-raising on safe debris removal and the construction of temporary shelters.
- **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support:** The psychological impact of the earthquake remains profound. Many individuals continue to experience distress due to the loss of family members, loved ones, homes, and personal belongings. Mental health and psychosocial support services are urgently needed to help affected communities cope and recover.

South-East

- UNHCR conducted field assessments, reaching 487 households. During focus group discussions, participants identified cash assistance, food, and core relief items as their most urgent needs. These priorities will be addressed in close coordination with multiple stakeholders and through the cluster approach.

Coordination and Partnerships

- UNHCR co-leads the **Protection Cluster** with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), and jointly leads the **Shelter/Non-Food Item (NFI) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster** with the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC).

Financial Information

UNHCR's total funding requirements for Myanmar in 2025 stand at **USD 88.3 million**. As of the end of April, only **25%** of funding had been secured. UNHCR is grateful for the generosity of donors who have stepped forward with earmarked contributions for Myanmar, as well as those providing flexible funding globally ensuring life-saving assistance reaches those most in need.

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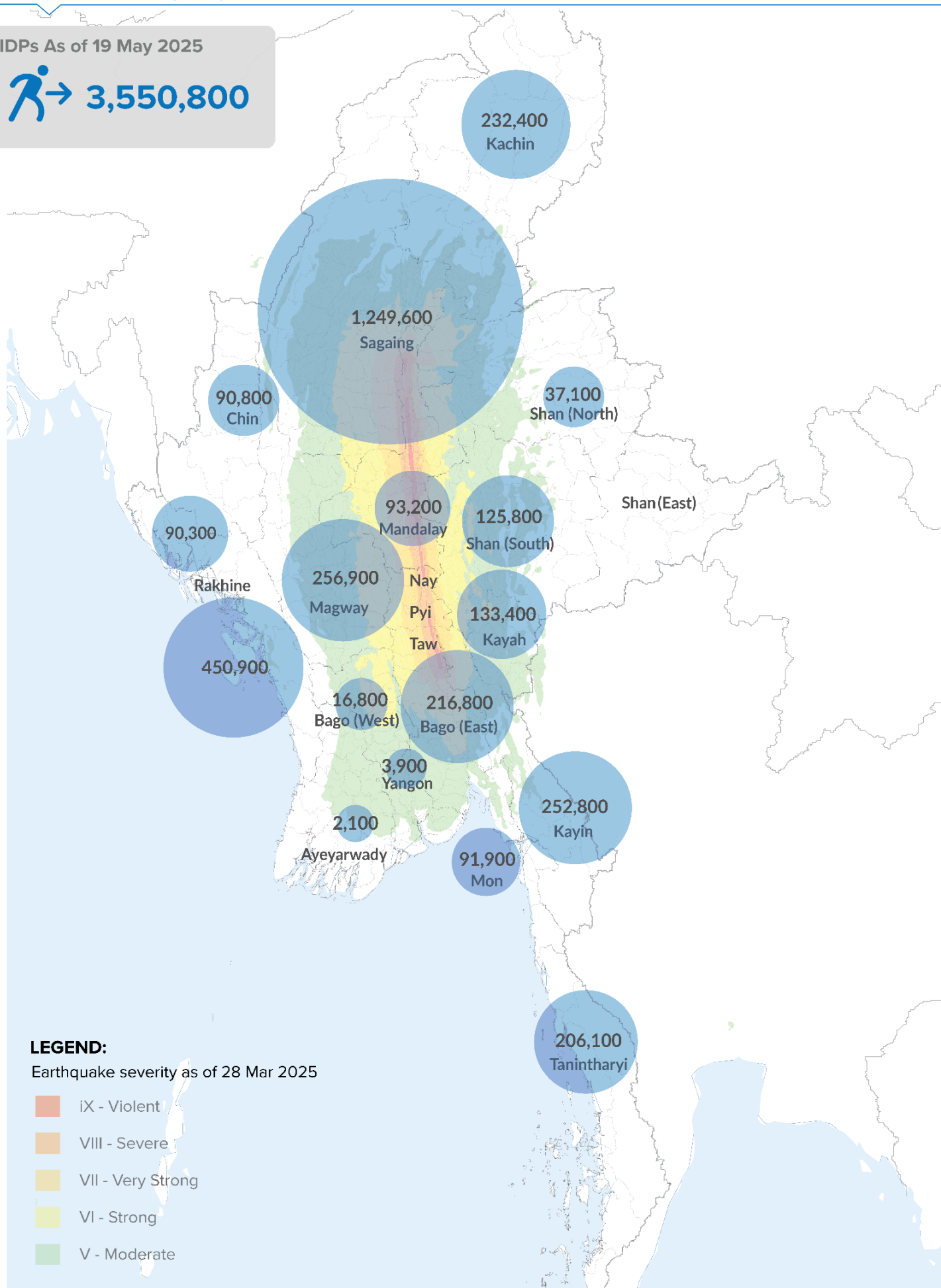
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IDPs As of 19 May 2025

 **3,550,800**



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