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MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE: UNHCR FLASH UPDATE #8

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Distribution of core relief items for earthquake-affected communities in Shan State (South) © UNHCR

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



106,449

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

Two months have passed since the devastating earthquake struck Myanmar on 28 March. According to state media, the death toll has risen to 3,739, with over 5,100 people injured and 68 still unaccounted for. Communities affected by the disaster continue to face a long and difficult recovery, compounded by ongoing protection concerns as many remain in temporary shelters. The onset of the rainy season in several regions has further worsened living conditions causing flooding, adding to the challenges faced by those who lost their homes. UNHCR is actively reaching out to earthquake-affected communities to assess their needs, deliver assistance and counseling, and refer them to relevant partners for additional support.

To date, over 106,400 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 71,946 people (15,875 families) to date, including 17,135 people (4,400 families) who received multi-purpose assistance. UNHCR has been conducting field visits to temporary shelter sites to evaluate living conditions of earthquake-affected communities and is collaborating closely with cluster members and key partners to enhance the overall situation.
- In **Nay Pyi Taw**, UNHCR has assisted 7,599 people (1,656 families). UNHCR has identified 425 families whose homes were damaged by aftershocks and who have yet to receive any assistance. Core relief items will be distributed to these families. Assessments are ongoing in areas that have not yet been reached, while post-distribution monitoring has begun to evaluate how previously distributed core relief items have been received and utilized.
- In the **South-East**, 26,904 people (6,043 families) have received assistance, including 4,549 people (1,070 families) who received multi-purpose assistance.
- 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, heavy rains have begun in certain areas, resulting in flooding at some temporary shelter sites. The shelter conditions in these affected locations are inadequate and unsafe, raising concerns for the displaced families residing there. Additionally, housing rental prices have reportedly surged, making it increasingly difficult for many people who lost their homes to find affordable accommodation. In response, UNHCR is addressing urgent shelter needs by distributing shelter materials and family tents, while also co-leading the shelter cluster to coordinate and identify sustainable solutions.
- Below are further details on the protection concerns identified among communities affected by the earthquake. UNHCR addresses these challenges by incorporating them into its protection 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](#)



Shelter

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.

assistance responses or, where appropriate, referring them to other actors for a coordinated, multi-sectoral response.

- **Safety and Security:** In Mandalay, temporary shelters set up under large trees and within damaged buildings continue to pose serious safety risks for families displaced by the earthquake. Tragically, according to local sources, a recent incident resulted in the deaths of a four-year-old girl and her father when a tree collapsed at a displacement site.
- **Livelihood:** Two months after the earthquake, private donations at displacement sites have significantly declined, leading to shortages of food in some temporary sites across Mandalay. Referrals are being made to food security partners for assessment and support as needed. Many displaced families are still struggling to rebuild their lives, facing financial barriers that prevent them from renting new homes or repairing damaged ones.
- **Flood Warning and Health Risks:** Recent weather patterns in central Myanmar indicate sustained heavy rainfall and fluctuating temperatures, with forecasts predicting continued downpours in the coming months. This increased precipitation is raising the risk of flooding, disrupting transportation, and exacerbating health concerns—particularly the spread of waterborne diseases. These ongoing weather conditions are expected to significantly heighten protection risks for earthquake-affected communities in Mandalay and Sagaing.

South-East

- UNHCR conducted 12 rapid protection assessments to better understand the challenges faced by communities affected by the earthquake and to inform its response planning. Additionally, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) pamphlets were distributed to 100 individuals to raise awareness of potential risks and help prevent accidents.

Coordination and Partnerships

- For the earthquake emergency, 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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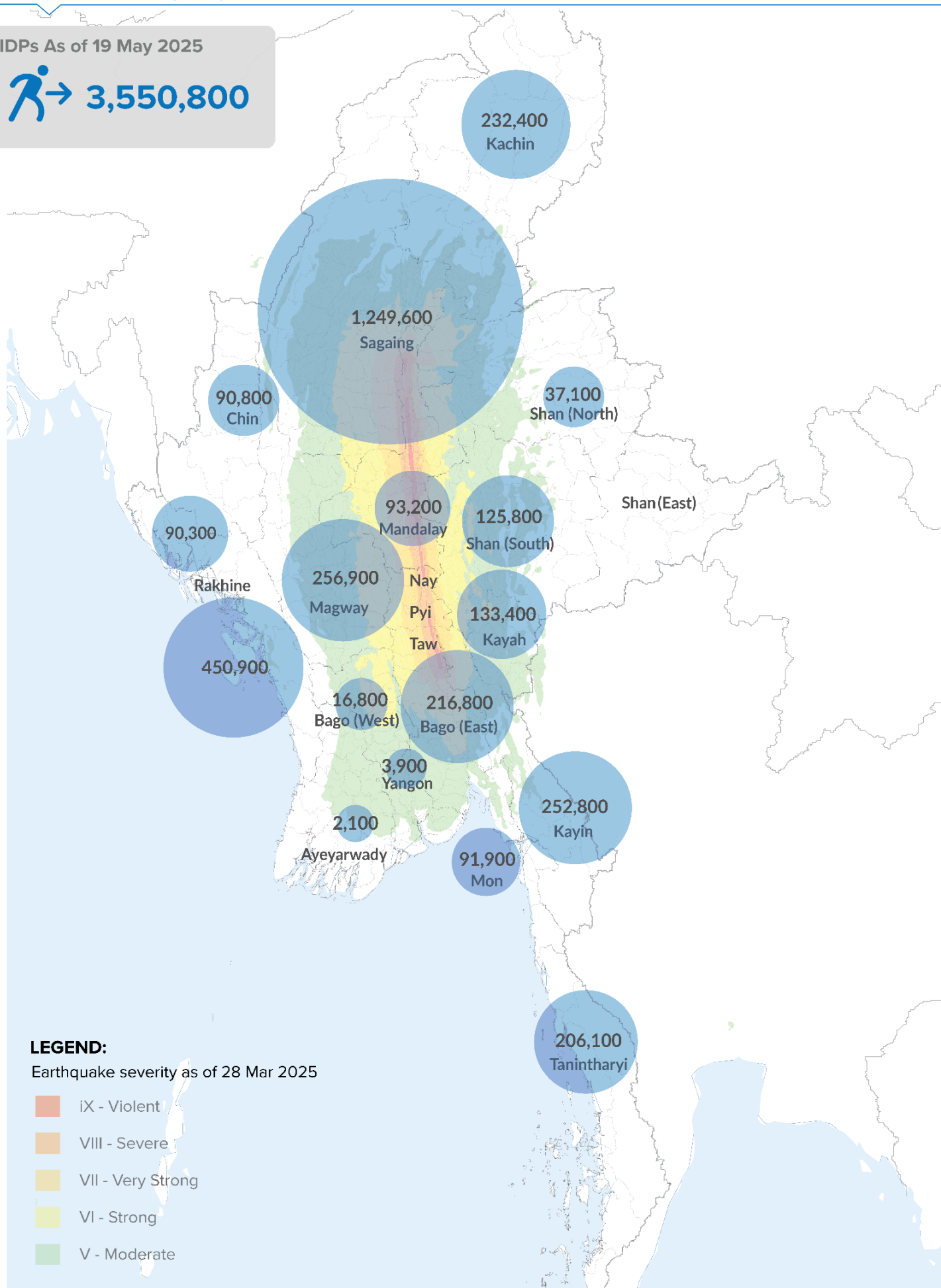
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IDPs As of 19 May 2025

 **→ 3,550,800**



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