

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

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Situation

On the 28th March 2025 at 12:50 local time, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake struck central Myanmar, the most powerful to hit the country since 1912.

There was extensive damage, especially in Mandalay, Sagaing City and Naypyidaw. Many homes and roads were damaged, and with hundreds of aftershocks (some above magnitude 6) causing distress and fear to local people, many were sleeping outside in the heat and with the irritation of mosquitos.

It took time for rescuers to reach remote villages and the true extent of the earthquake began to emerge a week later. It is estimated that at least 4,000 people were killed and between 5,000 – 10,000 may have been injured.

The earthquake was also felt in neighbouring Thailand, Vietnam and parts of China.



Humanity First immediately mobilised local volunteers in Myanmar and began collecting and distributing aid for displaced families including food rations, bottled water, over the counter medication, insect repellent and mosquito nets. HF teams worked tirelessly and reached over 2,600 people. Our teams in Myanmar worked in coordination with local authorities to reach affected communities.



HF also began to collaborate once again with our partners World Central Kitchen (WCK) to pack and distribute hundreds of family food

rations packs to last a family of 4 people for a week. Each pack consists of packs of rice, lentils, salt, sugar, bean ball, cooking oil, green tea, fish paste, condensed milk, grilled peanuts, dried fruit, chilli powder and tofu.

In total, so far, over 35 HF volunteers have been involved and worked over 1,000 hours. We have assisted an estimated 5,800 people in Myanmar.

As part of community rehabilitation efforts, HF is drilling a new water borehole in Strung Treng province.

Separately, a small team from Indonesia was sent to Bangkok in Thailand and arranged for the distribution of food packs for displaced families in the city.

We are very grateful to authorities and partners such as WCK as well as our many volunteers on the ground who have enabled us to respond so rapidly to this disaster.



About Humanity First

Humanity First (HF) is an international aid agency, with HQ in the UK and branches in 65 countries. HF provides emergency assistance using a global volunteer network, and works on the basis of need alone, irrespective of race, gender, age, religion or political affiliation. Since being launched in 1995, HF has responded to over 280 emergencies in 111 countries, and assisted around 3 million people.

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