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Myanmar Earthquake Response



1. Overview

- Myanmar declared a state of emergency in six regions, including Sagaing, Mandalay, and the capital Nay Pyi Taw, following a strong 7.7 earthquake on Friday, 28th March.
- As of April 3, 2025, response efforts still face significant logistical challenges, including damaged infrastructure and roads, telecommunication disruption, and debris, hampering the relief response.
- Access to Sagaing remains challenging, and movement to surrounding areas is limited.
- The Logistics Cluster activation to support the response is under discussion.
- Surge Capacity from the Logistics Cluster and team deployed to Bangkok and scheduled to depart for Myanmar on 4 April to support logistics coordination in the field.
- ASEAN nationals are prioritized for deployment due to visa constraints.

2. Coordination & Information Management

- Rapid Gaps and Needs Analysis:
- <u>Survey launched</u> to understand the pipeline and capacity requirements of partners to determine the Cluster response plan – due Friday, April 4th. If you are operating in Myanmar, you still have time to answer the survey, please contact: global.logcluster@wfp.org.

Coordination:

- Country Coordination Meetings are held online twice a week (every Tuesday and Friday).
 Meeting invites are shared via the Myanmar distribution list and the dedicated WhatsApp
 Group. If you want to be included, please reach out to global.logcluster@wfp.org
- Previous meeting minutes are available on the Logistics Cluster Myanmar webpage:
 - Myanmar Meeting Minutes, Global Call 30 March 2025 | Logistics Cluster Website.
 - Myanmar Meeting Minutes, Global Call 01 April 2025 | Logistics Cluster Website.
- Coordination is ongoing with partners, including the engagement with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre), the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (ICRC), Save the Children, and World Food Programme among others.
- Coordination is ongoing with private sector companies to discuss the possible use of their expertise and assets.
- Coordination is ongoing with partners/donors to stand by in case augmentation of handling capacity is required at the airports.
- Logistics Coordination Tools:
- Live physical access constraints map LogIE activated.
- Please consult the Logistics Cluster Myanmar webpage for up-to-date information: <u>Myanmar Earthquake</u>
 <u>- March 2025 | Logistics Cluster Website.</u>
- Download the Logistics Cluster App <u>here</u> (on Android & Apple store) for live alerts and to submit physical access updates.

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• Consult the Myanmar Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA). The customs section has just been updated.

To be added to the mailing list, please contact: <u>global.logcluster@wfp.org</u>. Please keep providing your logistics updates through the mobile Logistics Cluster App or by email @: <u>global.logcluster@wfp.org</u>

Customs and Importation Procedures:

- a. Government approval and tax exemption are required for humanitarian goods
- b. Pre-Shipment Application should be made to the Ministry of Finance and Revenue department. Monetary valuation is required by Customs Valuation should be completed in US dollars plus in MMK (applying CBM exchange rate).
- c. The Customs Department made an announcement on 29th March, which can be found here.
- d. Required import documents: Bill of lading, Commercial invoice; Packing list; Fumigation certificate; Deed of donation; Certificate of origin; Import Permit/License from the Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Union of Myanmar, Relevant certificates Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other clearances required by the country Import Permits (Specific Goods) Import permits.
- e. Importation and customs (IMPACCT) were activated to support partners. For more information, please contact: <u>impacct.2021@gmail.com</u>

3. Logistics Updates

- > Landside: Visualize physical access constraints on LogIE
 - The new expressway from Yangon to Mandalay is accessible up until milepost 156. At milepost 156, take the old highway up until milepost 173. Then, move back to the new expressway.
 - Mandalay-Sagaing: only small trucks (i.e., 6 wheels, <10 MT) are allowed to pass the Sagaing bridge, taking 2-3 hrs.
 - Commercial: Trucking time: RGN-NPT +/- 12 hours, RGN-MDL +/- 48 hours.
 - Petrol is reported to be available across the country.
- > Sea/River:
 - The river level will be low until June; limited handling capacity and road transport are recommended.
- > Air infrastructure
 - Yangon Airport: Handling capacity is available but limited to process ongoing higher demand.
 - Nay Pyi Taw Airport (NYT) operations fully restored with limited flights; relief flights to be directed to NYT.
 - Mandalay Airport has limited handling capabilities small aircraft (ATRs). Infrastructural damage reported.
- > Airlifts:
 - ECHO flight arrived today in Yangon with UNICEF cargo.
- Storage
 - Temperature control storage is not available at Yangon airport.
 - Partners and commercial sector report limited bonded warehouse capacity at RGN airport.
 - Limited capacity is available in the Mandalay area.

The next Myanmar Earthquake Response Coordination Meeting will be held tomorrow, 4 April 2025 at

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14:00-15:00 pm (UTC+06:30) Yangon (Rangoon) time / 14:30-15:30 pm (UTC+07:00) Bangkok time / 9:30-10:30 am (CET).

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