

Recovery and Resilience: Response to the 2025 Myanmar Earthquake



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The Event – March 28, 2025

- On 28th March 2025, a powerful earthquake struck central Myanmar
- Homes damaged, roads blocked, water supply systems disrupted etc.
- Numerous rural villages and urban settlements damaged by repeated aftershocks
- Reported Damage Estimated economic losses: around US \$11 billion.
- A deepening poly-crisis



Community Infrastructure Priorities



- 1st - Religious and cultural facilities
- 2nd - Schools and educational facilities
- 3rd - Water and sanitation systems
- Roads, bridges and transport links
- Women's community infrastructures, administrative buildings, energy, and telecoms, waste management

Outcome and Objective

Objective

To restore essential services and strengthen community resilience through gender-responsive, climate-resilient infrastructure rehabilitation and community-driven livelihoods.

Outcome

Access to essential services and livelihoods is strengthened, and community resilience is enhanced in conflict- and disaster-affected areas.

Restoring Community Infrastructure through Local Empowerment

Community-Led Recovery

- CDD Approach:*** Communities are the primary decision-makers for infrastructure priorities.
- Local Ownership:*** Village Recovery Committees (VRC) established at the community.

Integrated Livelihoods

- Cash for Work (CfW):*** Injecting immediate opportunity into the local economy.
- Skill Utilization:*** Engaging the community in the restoration activities.

Infrastructure Focus

- Restoring essential services:*** Roads, Drainage, Community Halls, and Water Systems etc.

Conflict-Sensitive Recovery

Context-First Implementation: Planning anchored in the local landscape.

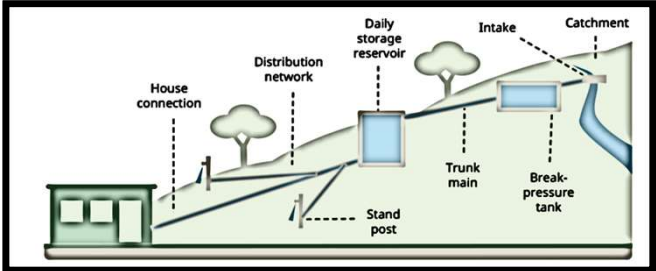
The "Do No Harm" Principle:

- ✓ **Avoid Unintended Negative Impacts**
- ✓ **Understand Context Before Action**
- ✓ **Identify Connectors vs. Dividers**
- ✓ **Inclusive & Participatory Approaches**
- ✓ **Risk Management & Mitigation**

Tools

- ✓ **UNDP Social and Environmental Standards (SES)**
- ✓ **UNDP Guidance on Conflict Sensitivity**
- ✓ **UNDP Risk Management Strategy**

Community Infrastructures



Operational Strategy



Community Engagement

- Formation of Village Recovery Committees (VRCs)/Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Participatory Needs Assessment
- Inclusive Selection for CfW
- Social Cohesion

Partnership

- Technical Cooperation
- Local NGO/CSO Collaboration
- Cluster Coordination
- Private Sector Engagement

Community Infrastructure Plan in 2025-2030



VRCs/CBOs set up

CfW activities

Restoration of small-scale infrastructures

Restoration of medium-scale infrastructure

Compliance with Social and Environmental Safeguarding Standards

Feedback & Grievance Redressal Mechanism (FGRM) in place

Community Infrastructure Achievements



VRCs/CBOs set up

CfW activities

Community infrastructures restoration ongoing through partnership in 2025

Participatory Assessments conducted

Compliance with Social and Environmental Safeguarding Standards

Feedback & Grievance Redressal Mechanism (FGRM) in place

Community Infrastructure – 2026 Plan



VRCs/CBOs set up

CfW activities

Community infrastructures restoration

Compliance with Social and Environmental Safeguarding Standards

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Towards Recovery and Resilience



Restoration of Damaged Bridge



Village Recovery Committee Actively Discussing on Priorities

Reflection



Restored Water Supply



Restoration of Access Road

“ Soon, we will have water within easy reach,” says a resident. “Easy access to clean water will make life much better for our family.” said by a resident.

Activities

SLAW activities in targeted Townships through direct implementation

Technical Vocational Educational and Training Programme for short-term

Support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Agricultural inputs support for the farming recovery of vulnerable households

UNDP PLAN TO DECEMBER 2026



Organizing SLAW groups for their initial capital investment



TVET trainings and facilitate job linkage for their employment



Support business recovery for MSMEs and small vendors



Small-holder farmers to be supported with agricultural inputs support such as quality seeds and organic fertilizer



Achievements

Organized Start-up Livelihood Assistance for Women groups

Trained trainees for basic & advanced level computer literacy, tailoring and mobile phone repair and ongoing trainees for solar/HA/electrician

Business Recovery support to MSMEs

Compliance with Social and Environmental Safeguarding Standards for all livelihoods activities

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Participatory Livelihood Assessment



SLAW Formation



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TVET graduated trainees



SES awareness & GRM set up

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Earthware Creation, Sagaing



SME workshop, Mandalay



Dried Noodle production, Sagaing

Reflection



“I had no formal sewing training before, but I had watched some online videos,” Ma Ohn Mar explains. “The training helped me understand the basics properly and build my skills step by step. The teacher is very patient and always helps when I have questions.”



THANK YOU