



World Food Programme

Myanmar

Emergency Response to Floods



Myanmar: Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 200299

Situation Update

- According to the Government and inter-agency rapid assessments, at least 210,000 people have been affected by severe flooding, flash floods and landslides in Ayeyarwady, Bago, Chin, Kachin, Kayin, Mandalay, Magway, Mon, Rakhine, Sagaing, Shan and Yangon.
- A State of Emergency has been declared by the President in four worst affected States/Regions: Chin, Magway, Rakhine and Sagaing.
- The Government is leading the response in different parts in the country, providing initial assistance, including food, drinking water, medicines, clothes, blankets and tarpaulins. Numerous rescue camps/centres have been set up in schools, monasteries and mosques, in the flood affected areas around the country.
- WFP, the only U.N. agency that received so far an official request for assistance from the Government, has already launched emergency operations in response to floods.
- Physical access to the worst hit areas in Chin, Rakhine and Sagaing by either ground routes or waterways has been cut off due to blocked roads and limited availability of boats. Shortage/damage of food stocks and obstructed transportation routes catapulted food and fuel prices in some locations.
- The water level of Ayeyarwaddy, Chin Dwin, Sittoung and Than Lwin rivers has exceeded danger level in several towns of Ayeywarwaddy, Bago, Kayin, Magway and Sagaing. It is likely to remain above danger level within next three days, causing further floods.

In numbers



- 210,000** people affected
- 12** states and regions affected
- 150,000** people in need of immediate food assistance
- 2,204** mt of food needed
- US\$ 2.5** million per month additionally needed
- 223** mt of food already distributed to **48,000** affected people

Funding partners: **Australia, Canada, European Union, Japan, Switzerland, United States, United Kingdom**



WFP Response

- WFP participated in rapid inter-agency assessments in priority areas of Magway, Rakhine, Sagaing as well Kachin. WFP is also undertaking preliminary assessments in other areas of Bago, Chin, Magway, Mon and Sagaing.
- Following the official request for assistance from the Government and based on the initial assessments, WFP has initiated a rapid emergency response, targeting 150,000 flood affected people in Bago, Chin, Kachin, Magway, Mon, Rakhine and Sagaing.

Food Assistance



- WFP emergency response consists of food assistance with one month food rations (13.5 kg of rice, 1.8 kg of pulses, 0.9 lit of cooking oil and 150 gm of salt) and/or three-seven day ration of High Energy Biscuits (three packs per day per person) for 150,000 affected people. Presently, at least 2,204 mt of food is estimated to meet all the needs for the next month.
- WFP has been dispatching food to affected areas since 2 August, and distributions are on-going. So far, WFP has managed to assist 48,000 flood affected people with 223 mt of food in Bago, Mon, Rakhine and Sagaing. Distributions in the remaining areas are pending the delivery of food.
- In Bago, food rations are being distributed to 13,000 people.
- In Chin, 4,900 people will receive food assistance in the townships of Hakha, Teedim, Tun Zan and Paletwa as soon as access becomes possible.
- In Kachin, distributions to 4,800 people in Moegaung township are scheduled for 5 August.
- In Magway, assistance will be provided to 28,700 people in Pwintphyu and Sayatoketayar townships.
- In Mon, food was distributed to 4,500 flood affected people in the township of Biilin.
- In Rakhine, WFP is reaching 34,300 people in Ann, Buthidaung, Kyauktaw, Mrauk Oo, Min Byar, Myae Bon, Maungdaw, Pauk Taw and Ponnagyun, townships.
- In Sagaing, WFP has started distributing food to 57,300 people in the townships of Ayartaw, Kaw Lin, Kalay, Kalaywa, Kantbalu, Wetlet and Yey Oo.

Logistics



- WFP's access to many locations in Chin, Rakhine and Sagaing has been hindered by high levels of flood waters.
- The Government and three private air companies (Air KBZ, Golden Myanmar Airlines & Myanmar National Airlines) have transported WFP food by military planes, helicopters and ships at no cost. The military is only helping to transport food, while distributions are carried out by WFP and its cooperating partners only.



Food Security Sector

- On 4 August, WFP will convene a meeting with the Food Security Sector partners to discuss a joint-assessment on food security. The Food Security Sector was jointly established in Myanmar by FAO and WFP in November 2014.

Partnerships



- To provide a rapid and appropriate response to the emergency, WFP is closely coordinating with ACF, OCHA, Save the Children, UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO and other UN agencies and NGOs in the Humanitarian Country Team as well as the Government of Myanmar.

Resourcing Update



- WFP requires US\$20 million to meet all food assistance needs under the current project until the end of the year, excluding the supplementary needs deriving now from the emergency response to the floods.
- WFP appeals to funding partners for additional resources to respond to the floods emergency. Some US\$2.5 million per month is required to meet food needs of the flood affected people. Therefore, the response lasting four months would denote an extra US\$10 million, resulting in an overall project funding shortfall of US\$30 million until the end of 2015.
- Emergency funding will be requested from the United Nations Central Emergency Fund (CERF).
- WFP will receive advance financing from its internal Immediate Response Account (IRA).
- The high-energy biscuit stocks for the initial response have been funded with the UK contribution for emergency preparedness.

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Houses destroyed by flood in Chin and Rakhine

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