



## HIGHLIGHTS

**400**

IDPs, camp managers & partners trained in protection in Kachin in 2015

**50,000**

IDPs and cyclone/flood-affected people in Rakhine State received NFIs in 2015

**200**

IDP camps served by UNHCR and CCCM partners in 2015

**100+**

Stakeholders involved in South-East Consultations

## Population of concern

A total of **1.53 million** people of concern (as of Feb 2016)

### By area of operation

Region	Total PoC
IDPs in Kachin and northern Shan	96,000
IDPs in Rakhine	120,000
IDPs in the South-East <sup>1</sup>	200,000
People without citizenship <sup>2</sup>	940,000
Other people of concern <sup>3</sup>	170,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,526,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> This figure includes IDPs in the South-East states in which UNHCR has a presence (Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Tanintharyi).

<sup>2</sup> This figure includes IDP returnees (but not IDPs in Rakhine State who are also people without citizenship).

<sup>3</sup> This figure includes additional IDPs in Bago, Shan (East) and Shan (South).

## UNHCR Presence

### Staff:

129 national staff

39 international staff

### Offices:

5 offices located in:

Hpa-An, Maungdaw, Myitkyina, Sittwe, **Yangon**

6 field units in:

Bhamo, Buthidaung, Dawei, Hakha (liaison office), Loikaw, Mawlamyine

## Funding

**USD 56.5 Million** requested



Map Sources: UNCS, UNHCR.

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## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR collaborates with governmental bodies, fellow UN agencies and some two dozen local organizations and international NGOs. The agency is an active member of the UN Country Team (UNCT) and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).
- UNHCR is the lead agency for the Protection Sector and for the Shelter, Non-Food Items (NFI), Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster in both the Kachin and northern Shan and the Rakhine inter-agency humanitarian responses. It collaborates with others in communicating on humanitarian activities as a member of the Humanitarian Advocacy and Communications Group (HACG).
- UNHCR also co-chairs with UNDP the South-East Consultations, which bring together over 100 stakeholders engaged in peacebuilding and development in the states where the Office is working to help prepare the ground for voluntary return in safety and dignity.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- UNHCR's main protection activities are protection monitoring and reporting, as well as advocacy with the Government at local and Union levels on issues relating to displacement and statelessness. By regular monitoring of the situation on the ground, UNHCR and partners continue to identify protection risks and violations of the rights of internally displaced people (IDPs) and other persons of concern. Protection incident reporting mechanisms have been established in the field to facilitate required action following such reports. UNHCR regularly conducts trainings with partner organizations and government counterparts on protection topics such as birth registration and civil documentation, durable solutions, protection monitoring, persons with specific needs and the IDP Guiding Principles.
- As the lead agency for the Protection Sector, UNHCR facilitates the coordination of the humanitarian response with primary attention to the situations in Rakhine and Kachin/northern Shan. Initiatives include protection mainstreaming, support to community-based protection groups, psycho-social support for women, and the development of referral pathways and protection assessment tools.

### Shelter and NFIs

- In 2015, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to IDPs in Rakhine as well as people affected by Cyclone Komen and the associated flooding in the state over the summer; some 50,000 benefited from these distributions. UNHCR also provided NFIs and tents to cyclone/flood-affected communities in Kachin and Chin states.
- UNHCR and partner organizations built additional shelters and renovated existing structures throughout 2015, responding to the needs of IDPs in Kachin and northern Shan states. Renewed fighting in the region and the subsequent displacement continue to result in the demand for temporary shelters. In Rakhine, efforts concentrated on renovation and maintenance of shelters.
- In 2016, UNHCR is continuing to work with the Rakhine State Government and partner organizations towards individual shelter solutions for IDPs in Rakhine, with a view to ending displacement where conditions are conducive.

### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- In Kachin and northern Shan states, UNHCR currently supports CCCM activities in 130 camps. In Rakhine State, CCCM partners were active in one-third of the IDP camps in 2015, directly providing camp management support for over 80% of the IDP population. With individual shelter solutions for around 25,000 IDPs now delivered, the vast majority in their place of origin and with temporary shelters decommissioned, the number of camps or camp-like settings has reduced from 67 to around 40.

### Durable Solutions

- In Myanmar's South-East, the steps undertaken in the peace process between the Myanmar Government and ethnic armed groups have led to hope that those who have been displaced by the decades-long conflicts can return home. UNHCR's operation has been re-oriented towards a focus on supporting durable solutions for IDPs, and preparedness for a voluntary repatriation operation for refugees from Myanmar in Thailand.

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