



MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE: UNHCR FLASH UPDATE #16

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A displaced family stands in front of their temporary shelter provided by UNHCR following the recent earthquake in Mandalay ©UNHCR

KEY FIGURES*



6.3 million

TOTAL PEOPLE IN NEED IN
WORST EARTHQUAKE-
AFFECTED AREAS

2.1 million

CONFLICT-AFFECTED IDPs
IMPACTED BY THE
EARTHQUAKE

LEVEL 2

EMERGENCY

DECLARED BY UNHCR FOR 6
MONTHS

Delivery Summary



146,491

People assisted with core
relief items, shelter kits or
multi-purpose assistance.



220,963

People assessed
for assistance

Note: Assessments are ongoing, and not all earthquake-affected population have been identified yet.

Highlights

UNHCR and humanitarian actors continue to assist earthquake affected communities remaining in need for assistance. During the reporting period, heavy rains continued to create additional challenges including landslides putting communities' safety at risk, with children, women, and elderly people being the most affected, particularly in earthquake-affected areas where people already have to face higher levels of vulnerabilities.

To date, over 146,000 people have received assistance from UNHCR and partners. More than 220,000 people have been reached through protection monitoring and sectorial need assessments, which continue to guide targeted support for the most vulnerable, including those with specific needs, amidst new challenges induced by the current monsoon season.

UNHCR Response

- In **Mandalay and Sagaing**, UNHCR reached 102,295 people (22,733 families) to date, including 28,848 people (7,324 families) who received multi-purpose assistance.
- During the past two weeks, UNHCR and partners supported close to 50 vulnerable families through shelter assistance while another 250 are being enrolled for the next round of assistance in Pyaw Bwe Township.
- UNHCR continued to conduct site visits in order to assess the most pressing needs, as a result of the rainy season that aggravated the living conditions of earthquake-affected families.
- In **Nay Pyi Taw**, UNHCR and partners completed an NFI distribution in Tatkon Township, with some 2,700 individuals (600 families) from 18 villages having received NFIs. In addition, 300 people received information on UNHCR helplines. In total, some 12,506 earthquake affected people (2,688 families) have been assisted to date.
- In the **South-East**, 31,690 people (7,093 families) have received assistance to date, including 5,317 people (1,251 families) who received multi-purpose assistance.
- Shelter assistance was provided to 400 individuals (close to 80 families) through UNHCR partners. Some 7 persons with specific needs also received multi-purpose assistance to meet their most urgent needs.
- Rapid Protection Assessments for 133 Earthquake and landslide affected households in have been planned and will start shortly through UNHCR partners.

Protection Mainstreaming

UNHCR continued to conduct protection monitoring and assessments to identify the needs of earthquake-affected communities and to inform response planning across several impacted areas.

Immediate Needs

With support from donors, UNHCR continues providing life-saving assistance to those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar, but needs remain high, especially considering the current monsoon season. Learn more about UNHCR appeal and how you can support: [Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Appeal | Global Focus](#)



Shelter

Provide emergency shelter kits (including plastic tarpaulin, ropes, and other essential materials) to enable people to live in safe and dignified shelters, particularly considering the monsoon season.



CRIs and multi-purpose assistance

Deliver immediate emergency CRIs, including sleeping mats, blankets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, buckets, and solar lamps, as well as multi-purpose assistance to support earthquake-affected populations.



Protection

Strengthen access to protection services, including communication with communities, legal assistance, psychosocial support, and targeted interventions for Persons with Specific Needs, including children, women, Elderly People, and Persons with Disabilities.

Mandalay and Sagaing

- UNHCR, in collaboration with partners continued to carry out Rapid Protection need Assessments in earthquake displacement sites.

Nay Pyi Taw

- UNHCR and partners conducted 4 protection awareness raising sessions, reaching 130 individuals. The sessions covered themes such as Child Protection, Gender and Diversity (AGD), Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and Accountability to Affected Populations (UNHCR Hotline).
- UNHCR and partners also completed 1 Focus Group Discussion (FGD) in order to identify potential community-based protection projects in Tatkon Township. The consultations resulted in the definition of solar lighting project as well as an infrastructure development (building of a bridge) priorities. Further consultations and community committee formation are planned to assess both the feasibility and implementation of these projects.

South-East

- Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials including 60 pamphlets on Child Protection, Civil Documentation, PSEA, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and UNHCR Helpline were distributed.

Coordination and Partnerships

- For the earthquake response, UNHCR co-leads the **Protection Cluster** with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and jointly leads the **Shelter/Non-Food Item (NFI) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster** with the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC).

Financial Information

UNHCR's total funding requirements for Myanmar in 2025 stand at **USD 88.3 million**. As of the end of July, only **33%** of funding had been secured. UNHCR is grateful for the generosity of donors who have stepped forward with earmarked contributions for Myanmar, as well as those providing flexible funding globally ensuring life-saving assistance reaches those most in need.

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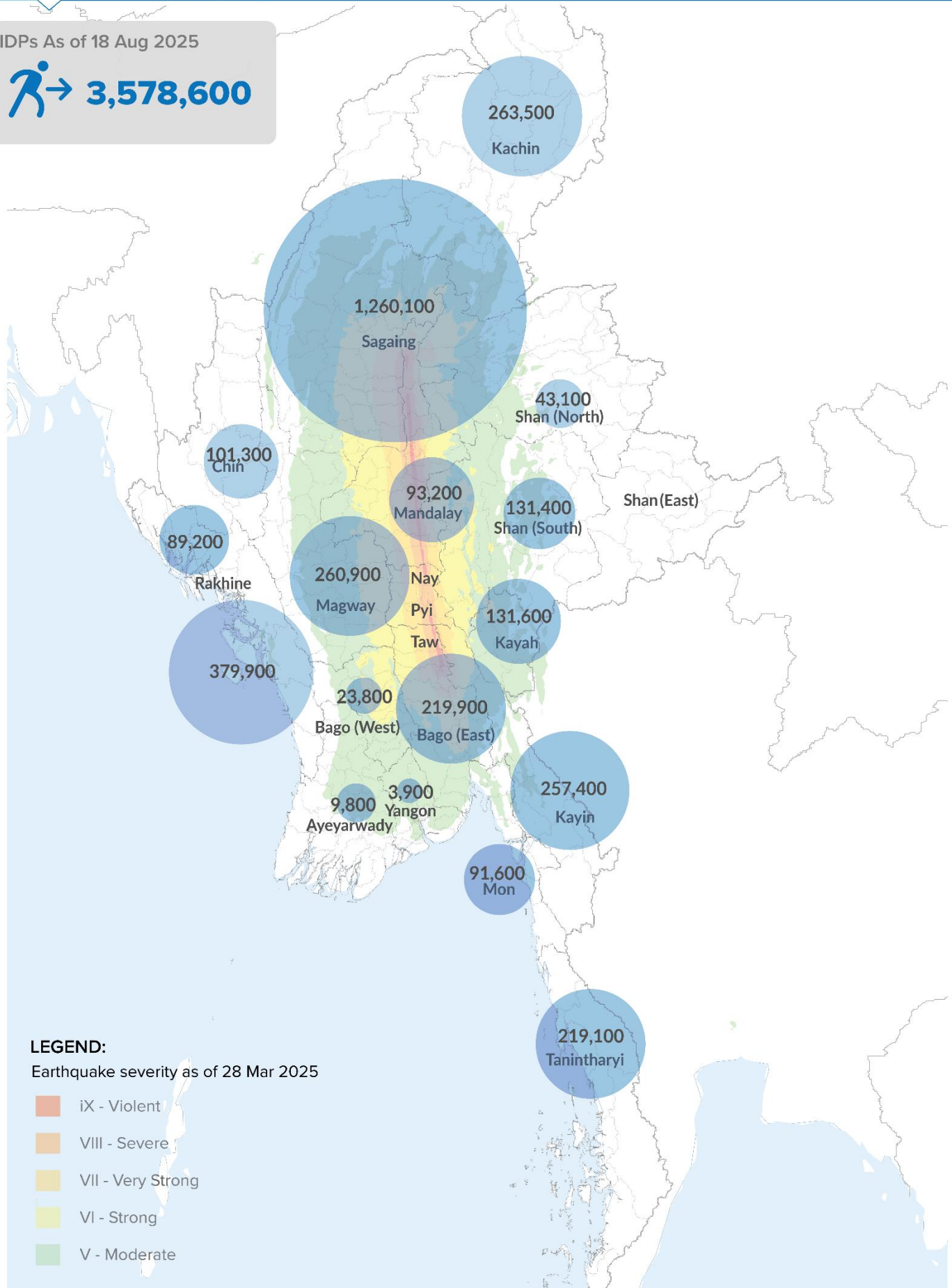
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IDPs As of 18 Aug 2025

 **3,578,600**



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