



KBZ bank in Pyawbwe in Mandalay, 31 March 2025 © IOM Myanmar

**19.5M**

PEOPLE IN  
EARTHQUAKE  
AFFECTED AREAS

**10.4M**

PEOPLE IN  
MOST SEVERELY  
AFFECTED AREAS

**293,560**

PEOPLE IN  
NEED TARGETED  
FOR ASSISTANCE\*

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 28 March 2025, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake occurred in Mandalay, Myanmar, at a depth of 10 km. Myanmar was hit by a strong aftershock of 6.4 magnitude around 12 minutes after the initial quake. It ruptured along the Sagaing Fault and was the largest to hit Myanmar in more than a century.








The State Administrative Council (SAC) declared a state of emergency for Bago Region, Mandalay Region, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Sagaing Region, and parts of Shan State, and called for international assistance.

While the full impact of the earthquake is still being assessed and search and rescue efforts continue, initial assessments show that hundreds of thousands of people have been affected, with more than 2,000 people confirmed dead and thousands more injured. Tens of thousands of buildings have completely or partially collapsed, including religious and government buildings, schools, and homes.

\*The total number of targeted persons in need is based on sectoral targets and adjusted to account for double-counting, as an estimated 20 per cent will benefit from more than one service/assistance.

## IOM APPEAL (USD)

29 March - 30 June 2025

	Shelter & NFIs	7.0 M
	MPCA	4.2 M
	Health	2.0 M
	WASH	1.3 M
	Protection and MHPSS	1.5 M
	CCCM	1.0 M
	PMNT	0.3 M
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17.3 M</b>

The death toll is expected to rise in the coming days as search and rescue operations continue.

Prior to the earthquake, the number of displaced populations already stood at over 3.5 million, and the impact of this disaster is expected to further worsen the already dire displacement situation in Myanmar. Affected populations are exposed to multiple risks, including family separation, loss/damage of civil status and documentation, exploitation and abuse including child protection risks, trafficking in persons and psychosocial stress and trauma. Their immediate needs include shelter, Non-Food Items (NFIs), food and health support, alongside critical protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) as well as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services are also crucial to the response.

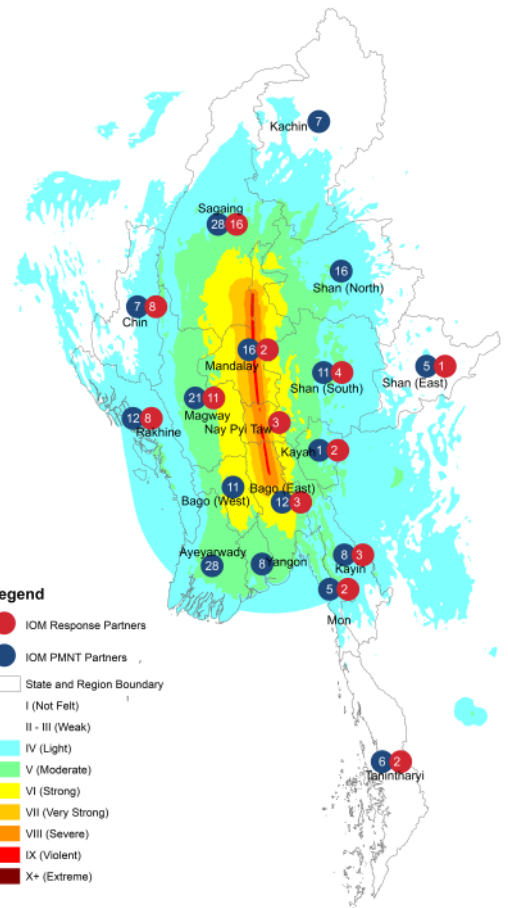
With information still being collected to assess needs and with communication still difficult in many affected areas, the estimated number of those affected is expected to change. The figures in this appeal will thus be revised as and when needed in coordination with all relevant partners.

## IOM CAPACITY

IOM has been present in Myanmar since 2005 and works with partners in all areas of the country. IOM has over 290 staff working across seven offices, with its country office in Yangon, a liaison office in Nay Pye Taw, and sub-offices in Sagaing, Rakhine, Kachin, Kayin, Mon, as well as nine Migrants Resource Centres (MRCs). IOM's operational capacity is further strengthened through its wide network of local partners, with active agreements with over 30 local partners, including national NGOs, civil society organizations, women-led and faith-based organizations, and close collaborations with the private sector, ethnic and welfare organizations. IOM has capacity assessed, conducted due diligence, and strengthened the capacity of 110 local organizations, pre-approved to be IOM partners.

In the states and regions most harshly affected by the earthquake — Sagaing, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, and Shan — IOM has 38 active partnerships with 32 local organizations and an additional 67 partners have passed IOM's capacity and due diligence assessment. Through these well-established partnerships, IOM is particularly well positioned to rapidly respond by capitalizing on the existing partnerships, access and operational presence.

All IOM activities mainstream protection, gender-based violence (GBV) risk mitigation, accountability to affected populations (AAP) and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). IOM Myanmar has Protection and MHPSS Specialists and dedicated PSEA and AAP Officers supporting local partners to build institutional capacity and skills of their frontline staff to ensure that protection principles, GBV risk mitigation, disability inclusion, and PSEA considerations are accounted for in the planning, distribution, and monitoring, that multiple feedback and complaint mechanisms are available and properly managed, and the active participation of affected communities promoted.



IOM and partners' operational presence in earthquake affected areas. Source: [US Geological Survey](#)



## COORDINATION

IOM is an active member of the Humanitarian Country Team and related humanitarian coordination mechanisms at the national and sub-national levels. IOM engages with the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) to coordinate inter-sectoral humanitarian responses and recovery activities, and participates in numerous humanitarian clusters and working groups, including Food Security, Shelter/NFI/CCCM, WASH, Health and Protection Clusters, as well as relevant working groups, such as the MHPSS technical working group. IOM, having a large cash-based response, coordinates closely with the Cash and Market Working Group to ensure that approaches are harmonized whenever feasible.

IOM in close coordination with the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster and Cash and Market Working Group (CMWG) and other relevant working groups, will provide life-saving emergency shelter and NFIs to support vulnerable households through both in-kind emergency assistance and sectoral shelter cash assistance, as well as support to collective and evacuations centers to shelter people whose homes were destroyed.

- Distribution of emergency shelter kits, including rapid response tarp and shelter tool kits to displaced and earthquake affected households.
- Support to repair shelters and rehabilitation of shelter units for earthquake affected households, based on individual shelter needs assessments.
- NFI distributions tailored to the needs of affected households and market assessments, such as blankets, solar lamps, mosquito nets, clothing, etc.

**Funding required**

**\$7,000,000**

**Target no. of individuals**

**43,000**



### MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

In affected areas where markets are functioning and accessible, multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) remains one of the most effective, cost-efficient, and dignified assistance modalities. In close coordination with the Cash and Market Working Group (CMWG) – under which MPCA is reported, IOM will assist vulnerable earthquake affected households to meet household needs (drinking water, food, hygiene and relief items).

- Market and cash feasibility assessments in affected areas.
- Provision of one-off or short-term MPCA, applying the updated value of 360,000 MMK per household, recommended by the CMWG, through implementing partners.

**Funding required**

**\$4,200,000**

**Target no. of individuals**

**129,000**



### HEALTH

IOM in coordination with the National and Sub-National Health Clusters, the Risk Communication and Community Engagement Working Group and other relevant stakeholders, will provide direct healthcare services in earthquake affected areas through the deployment of mobile clinics, community outreach and support to static facilities.

- Provision of essential integrated health services, including primary healthcare, sexual reproductive, maternal and neo-natal health services, trauma care and provision of essential medicines and supplies.
- Support to emergency referrals to secondary care, with a focus on trauma and rehabilitation, maternal and child services, and care for survivors of gender-based violence.
- Strengthening of the capacity to prevent, detect and respond to disease outbreaks through early outbreak and response at community level.

**Funding required**

**\$2,000,000**

**Target no. of individuals**

**100,250**



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Clean water is a key priority in several affected areas in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake as the infrastructure damage caused by the earthquake contaminated water in many locations, including piped water distribution and ground water wells. People unable to return to their homes are also in need to hygiene items and sanitation facilities. IOM will support the WASH response in coordinating closely with the WASH Cluster.

- Provision of safe water through distribution of hygiene kits, including water purification tablets and water filters, as well as soap and menstrual hygiene management items.

**Funding required**

**\$1,300,000**

**Target no. of individuals**

**21,500**



## PROTECTION AND MHPSS

IOM, in coordination with the Protection Cluster and the MHPSS Technical Working Group, will support access to protection and MHPSS services. A layered system of complementary support will be implemented, as outlined in the IASC MHPSS intervention pyramid and IOM's Manual on Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support. IOM will utilize existing partnerships to deploy protection teams and psychosocial mobile teams that will provide appropriate support and referral to adequate services, based on the outcomes of rapid Protection and MHPSS needs assessments.

- Protection awareness raising, protection case management, emergency cash for protection, referrals to relevant services, including specialized protection services, such as GBV response, child protection and family tracing for children that have been separated.
- Provision of Psychological First Aid (PFA), counselling and support groups, and MHPSS case management, referrals to specialized MHPSS services, and capacity building for partners and community leaders on PFA and MHPSS in emergencies
- Provision of integrated protection and family and community-focused MHPSS services to facilitate access to and strengthen appropriate community, religious and cultural support networks for supporting mourning activities, reestablishing routines, and positive coping mechanisms.

Funding required

\$1,500,000

Target no. of individuals

56,000



## CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

In close coordination with the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster, IOM will assist earthquake-affected populations with CCCM support for those in collective centres and informal sites.

- Deployment of mobile CCCM teams to support camp coordination and camp management in collective centres and informal sites to ensure that displaced populations have access to minimum basic services and to identify urgent gaps.
- Conduct assessments on needs and assistance gaps in those temporary sites.
- Provision of CCCM training and guidance to community/site leaders on CCCM, minimum standards, data collection and sharing, basic maintenance and protection mainstreaming.
- Basic maintenance and repair works to improve living conditions in collective centres and informal sites to increase dignity and privacy, as well as reduce health and protection risks, including GBV risks, for affected populations.

Funding required

\$1,000,000

Target no. of individuals

17,200



## POPULATION MOBILITY AND NEEDS TRACKING (PMNT)

IOM's PMNT (also globally known as DTM—Displacement Tracking Matrix) is mobilizing partners to gather critical information on the impact of the earthquake and conduct Rapid Needs Assessments (RNAs) in coordination with OCHA, to assess casualties, damages, and urgent needs among the affected communities. PMNT also stands ready to provide information management support to the overall response; conduct ongoing needs surveys to monitor urgent, evolving, and eventual recovery needs, and to support household registrations in coordination with camp managers and service providers.

Funding required

\$300,000

Rapid needs assessments

900

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