



MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE: UNHCR FLASH UPDATE #5

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Distribution of core relief items for earthquake-affected communities in Bago Region © 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



80,896

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



92,283

People assessed
for assistance

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

Highlights

The destruction caused by the 28 March earthquake in Myanmar continues to cause widespread devastation. As of 7 May, state media report nearly 3,800 deaths, 5,100 injuries, and close to 100 people still missing.

UNHCR has reached over 80,000 people (16,200 families) with core relief items (CRIs), shelter materials, or multi-purpose assistance.

Initial findings from the ongoing multi-cluster/sector initial rapid assessment (MIRA) highlight critical needs for shelter, clean water and sanitation, mental health and psychosocial support, livelihoods, civil documentation and food, especially with the monsoon season approaching.

UNHCR Response

- **In Mandalay and Sagaing**, UNHCR reached 55,091 people (11,412 families) to date, including 3,500 people (1,700 families) who received multi-purpose assistance. This total includes the distribution of CRIs to nearly 760 families completed this week.
- **In Nay Pyi Taw, UNHCR has assisted 7,599 people (1,656 families)**. The ongoing MIRA identified recurring needs for CRIs, including mosquito nets, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, and blankets. It also highlighted the need for improved access to information (both general news and guidance) on accessing services such as healthcare, psychosocial support and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse. Damage to school facilities were reported.
- **In the South-East, 21,414 people (4,333 families)** in Kayin State, Shan State (South), and Bago Region (East) have received assistance. This week, distribution of CRIs was completed for over 4,000 people (800 families) in Shan State (South), while another distribution for 1,250 people (250 families) in Bago Region is ongoing.
- UNHCR also updated its [Help website](#) with updated information on how to report sexual exploitation and abuse, available both in [Burmese](#) and [English](#).
- Together with other humanitarian partners, UNHCR continues to **advocate for an end to conflict and for safe, unimpeded humanitarian access** to ensure life-saving assistance reaches communities in need.

Immediate Needs

UNHCR is urgently seeking USD 16 million to provide life-saving assistance to those affected by the devastating earthquake in Myanmar. Learn more about the 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 in light of the upcoming 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 children, women, and people with disabilities.

Coordination and Partnerships

- 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 March, less than **20%** 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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CRI distribution in Bago East Region reaching earthquake-affected communities © UNHCR

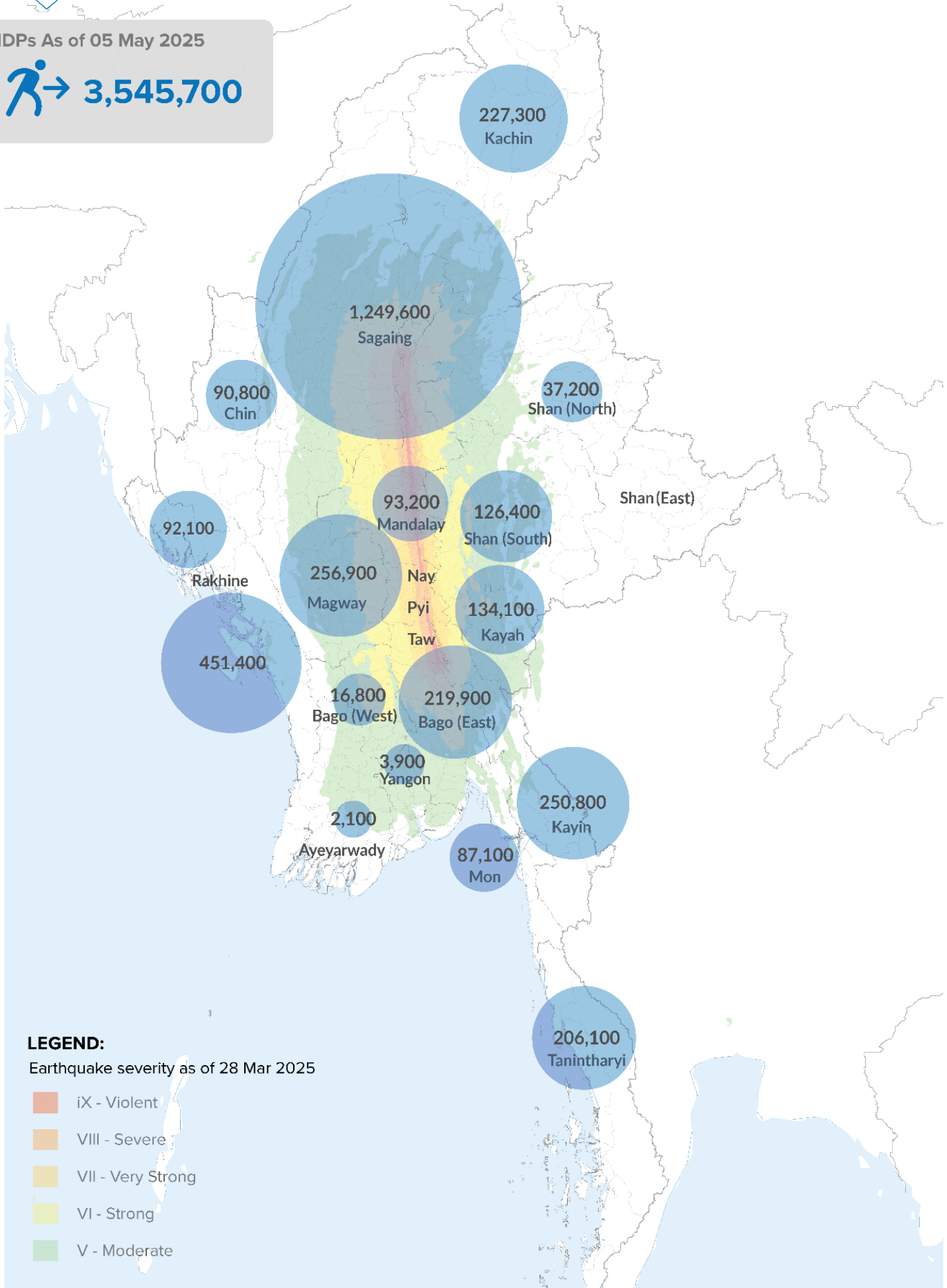
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




IDPs As of 05 May 2025

 **3,545,700**



LEGEND:

Earthquake severity as of 28 Mar 2025

-  IX - Violent
-  VIII - Severe
-  VII - Very Strong
-  VI - Strong
-  V - Moderate

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