



About UNHCR

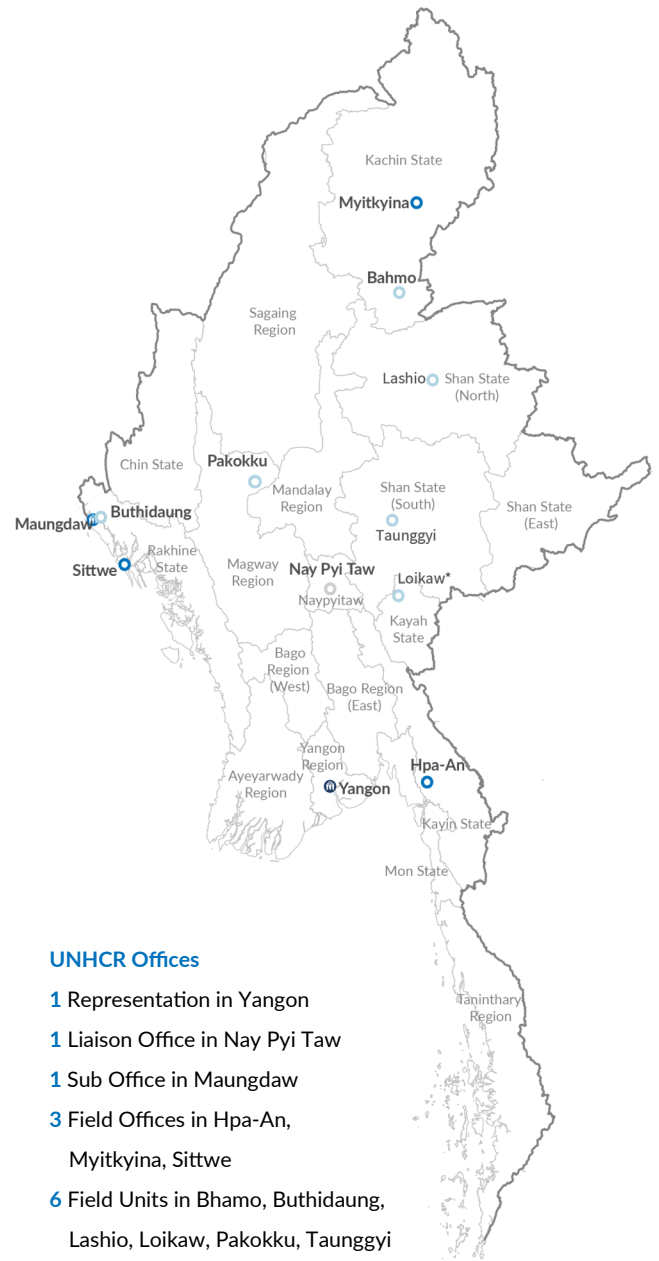
Since 1950, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has led international action to protect people forced to flee because of violence, persecution, war or disaster at home. Our work is entirely humanitarian and non-political, guided by the principles of humanity, impartiality and independence.

UNHCR's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of people who have been forced to flee. Together with partners and communities, we work to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another country. UNHCR also protects and assists internally displaced people (IDPs) as well stateless persons. These groups are collectively the people we work for and with.

In more than seven decades of existence, the organization has helped tens of millions of people globally restart their lives. In Myanmar, UNHCR has been present since 1993 and maintains an operation of over 200 staff at 12 locations nationwide. Today, we care for the needs of over 2.6 million people in need in Chin, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States as well as Bago, Magway, Sagaing and Tanintharyi Regions.

By collaborating closely with partners such as sister UN agencies, international and local NGOs as well as local communities, UNHCR plays a key role in the provision of life-saving interventions, particularly in the areas of assistance coordination, services to mitigate protection risks and delivery of emergency relief in the form of non-food items such as shelter, blankets and household goods.

We also advocate for the fundamental human rights, and work towards sustainable solutions that ensure people have a safe place to call home and build a better future in cohesive and resilient communities.



Who We Support

Total Population of Concern
2,664,100

as of 3 July 2023

Internally Displaced People

328,000

before 1 February 2021

Stateless People

630,000

of which 156,600 are displaced

Newly-Displaced IDPs

1,537,500

since 1 February 2021

Returned IDPs

325,200

as of 31 Dec 2022

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Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

Those forced to flee due to natural hazards, human-made disasters, human rights violations, armed conflict or violence, but remain within a country.

2

Host Communities

Communities which have internally displaced people (IDPs) living in the homes of community members and/or in IDP camps nearby.

3

Stateless Persons

Those who are not considered as a national by any State under the operation of its law.

4

Refugees

Those who are unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin due to a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, social group membership, or political opinion.

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Returnees

Refugees or internally displaced people (IDPs) who return to places of origin.

Our Main Activities

Protection

UNHCR contributes to improving the enjoyment of fundamental rights, in line with its work to provide protection to refugees, prevent and reduce statelessness, and assist displaced people. We partner with communities, local, national and international actors to ensure safety, security and wellbeing of the people we work with and for. UNHCR is also at forefront of amplifying the voices of stateless and displaced populations, supporting efforts to protect those most at risk and build resilience.

Emergency Response

Providing emergency help to those forced to flee is often the first step towards long-term protection and rehabilitation. In Myanmar, UNHCR assesses the needs of affected people to provide lifesaving assistance. By working closely with partners, we coordinate and distribute shelter materials such as emergency tents and tarpaulins as well as core relief items such as mosquito nets, kitchen sets, jerry cans, clothing items, sleeping mats, soap bars, blankets and solar lights.

Durable Solutions

For displaced and stateless people, their goal is to rebuild their lives in safety, dignity and peace. UNHCR works to understand the aspirations of those who may wish to return to places of origin, reintegrate within the communities they reside in, or relocate safely elsewhere. We therefore collaborate with stakeholders to achieve lasting solutions for communities, through continuous and inclusive dialogue and provide appropriate support to ensure that no one is left behind.

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