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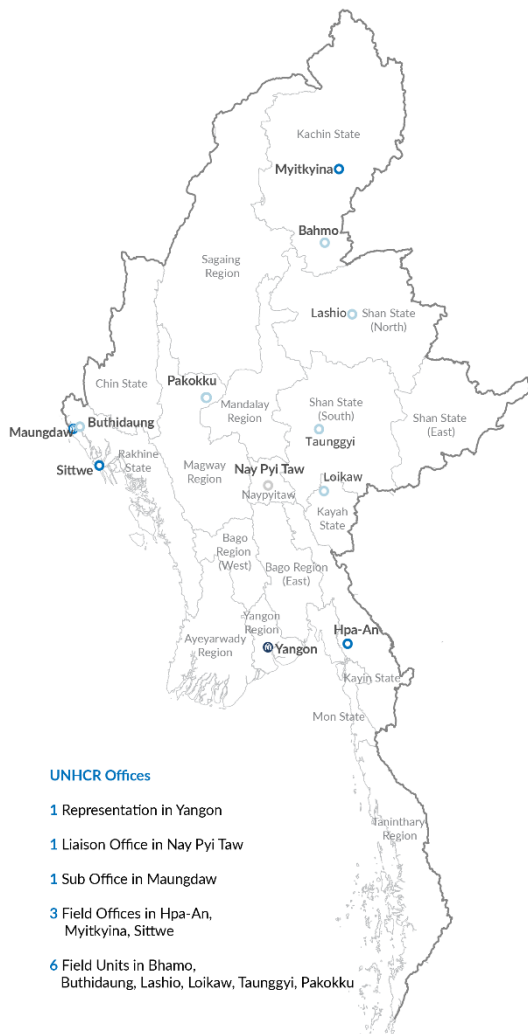
KEY HIGHLIGHTS

136,734 people received core relief items comprising kitchen sets, blankets and sleeping mats, ensuring their basic needs were met.

29,199 people benefited from multi-purpose cash assistance to meet their basic needs.

23,428 people received shelter support for safe and dignified living conditions while in displacement.

UNHCR PRESENCE



FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PEOPLE

2,617,100

Internally displaced people (IDP) living in Rakhine, Chin, Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon States, and Bago (East), Tanintharyi, Sagaing and Magway Regions (as of 25 December 2023). According to UN sources, an estimated 2.3 million people have been displaced due to the resumption and intensification of clashes between the Tatmadaw and ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) and/or People's Defense Forces (PDF) after 1 February 2021.

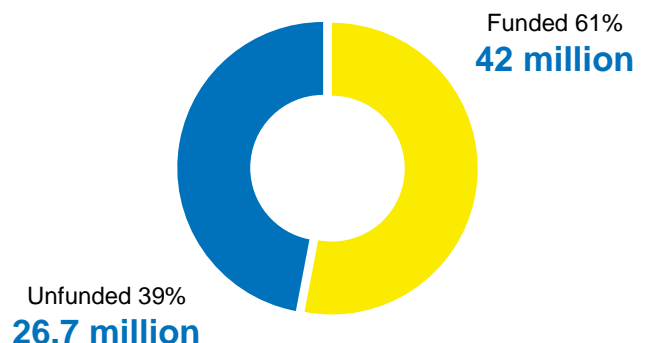
630,000

Estimated Rohingya in Rakhine State, of which some 153,772 are living in displacement camps as well as among the host community since 2012.

FUNDING (AS OF 15 DECEMBER 2023)

USD 68.7 million

requested for Myanmar in 2023



Update On Achievements

South-East

- UNHCR and partners reached 46,514 people (11,777 families) with core relief items (CRIs) including blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, jerry cans, buckets, tarpaulins, solar lamps, sanitary kits and winter clothes in Kayin, Shan (south) States, and Bago (East) and Tanintharyi Regions.
- Additionally, 4,401 people (890 families) were reached with emergency shelter support in Kayin and Shan (South) States and Bago (East) Region.
- In Kayin, Kayah, Shan (South) States and Tanintharyi Region, 847 people with specific needs (PSN) - including older people, people with disabilities, children, people with serious medical conditions, and women headed households - were identified and supported with multipurpose cash assistance.
- UNHCR and partners completed 41 community-based projects benefiting some 30,000 people in Shan (South), Kayah and Kayin States and Tanintharyi Region. Projects ranged from the construction of water supplies, schools and community halls, road renovation works and latrines.
- UNHCR and partners ensured equitable access to services for more than 36,000 IDPs via Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) thereby contributing to their overall protection.



Construction of a community hall as part of a community-based project in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State. © UNHCR/Nan Khin

Rakhine State

- UNHCR and partners reached 33,098 people (6,923 families) with CRIs in Rakhine State (Central) and 24,447 people (3,794 families) in Rakhine State (North). Moreover, 8,976 people (2,089 families) received emergency shelter assistance.
- Additionally, 1,144 people (208 families) moved into transitional shelters (longhouses) that had been reconstructed by UNHCR and partners in Rakhine State (Central), enhancing living standards of these families.
- 19,836 PSNs were identified and supported with multipurpose cash assistance in Rakhine State (North) and 5,661 PSNs in Rakhine State (Central) - including older people, people with disabilities, children, people with serious medical conditions, and women headed households.
- In Rakhine State (Central), UNHCR and partners carried out outreach activities and information campaigns targeting some 13,800 people living in Rohingya and Kaman IDP camps. Topics ranged from access to complaint

response mechanisms, pre-distribution information sharing, and information on access to services - including sharing schedules for upcoming vaccination campaigns.

- Through CCCM, UNHCR and partners continued to ensure the wellbeing of, and equitable access to services for over 178,593 IDPs living in Rohingya camps and displacement sites following the Arakan Army (AA)-Tatmadaw conflict in Rakhine State (Central).



Participatory and collaborative art making to enhance social interactions between Rakhine and Rohingya youth in Rakhine State (Central) © ACTED

North-West

- UNHCR and partners distributed CRIs, including kitchen sets, mosquito nets, blankets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, solar lamps, tarpaulins, and sanitary kits to 1,365 people (273 families) in Mandalay Region.
- Additionally, emergency shelter assistance was provided to 276 people (74 families) in Magway Region. This assistance includes locally procured items such as jungle wood-myaw posts, timber scants, bamboos, and nylon ropes.

Kachin and North-East

- UNHCR and partners distributed essential household items to 31,310 people (7,627 families) in Kachin and Shan (North) States. Additionally, emergency shelter assistance was provided to 6,218 people (1,160 families).
- UNHCR and partners provided transitional shelter assistance to 2,413 people (485 families), enhancing living standards of these families.
- 89 community-based projects which respond to the needs expressed by local communities were successfully completed, benefiting some 35,000 people. These projects include road renovation works, bridge construction, electricity and water pump installation, and a community cooperative shop.
- UNHCR and partners provided multipurpose cash assistance to 2,855 PSNs. This is aimed at addressing their most pressing needs such as medical expenses while mitigating risks of resorting to negative coping mechanisms such as taking on debt, or dipping into resources for key items notably water, food, education, and general healthcare.



Distribution of core relief items to displaced families in Shan State (North). © Partner

- UNHCR and partners carried out outreach activities and information campaigns targeting 475 people in IDP camps, solutions sites, and host communities.
- UNHCR and partners ensured equitable access to services for more than 100,000 IDPs via CCCM, thereby contributing to their overall protection.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR works with a range of actors, including UN agencies, 11 local and 10 INGOs, humanitarian and development partners, the diplomatic community, and donors. UNHCR is considered a source of timely, reliable information and analysis, advocating for wider humanitarian, nexus, and solutions priorities.
- UNHCR prioritizes expanding partnerships with local actors countrywide for geographical coverage and scaled response. In areas of long-standing conflict (South-East, Kachin, Shan), local actors can best navigate local context and access information. In emerging areas of conflict—Magway and Sagaing Regions and Chin State—local actors are first responders given limited access. UNHCR is strengthening local partner capacities to mitigate harm/risks.
- UNHCR is an active member of the UN Country Team (UNCT), the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and the Cooperation Partners Group (CPG). UNHCR continues coordinating messaging and actions to support joint advocacy on key issues (access, camp closure) and is actively involved in the Transitional Cooperation Framework to bolster the nexus approach.
- UNHCR diversifies advocacy channels, capitalizing on engagement with humanitarian actors, key UN agencies (such as UNDP and UNICEF on development and birth registration amongst others), the Special Envoy for Myanmar, the Special Rapporteur, and the donor community. UNHCR coordinates with and is supported by Regional Bureau for Asia Pacific in advocacy with regional entities such as ASEAN and the Special Envoy's Office.

Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

- UNHCR Myanmar continuously takes steps to ensure AAP, adopting age, gender, and diversity (AGD) approaches throughout its programmes and activities. Despite the evolving operational constraints, UNHCR endeavours to ensure women, girls, men and boys of all ages, abilities and diverse backgrounds/locations participate in their protection and solutions outcomes.
- UNHCR supported AAP strengthening, through expansion of communication channels and capacity building of UNHCR and partner staff members. Communities are raising their voices on concerns and providing feedback to UNHCR and partners through existing complaints and feedback mechanisms and through the help of regular post distribution monitoring.
- UNHCR continued to promote meaningful participation in decision making, by ensuring involvement of all groups within the community in identification, planning and implementation of quick impact projects.

Accessing civil documentation and citizenship

- Collaborating with a community of national and international partners working in various spheres, UNHCR aims to enhance understanding of challenges and opportunities in obtaining civil documentation for all people in Myanmar. Findings shared by partners following their engagement with different communities highlighted the

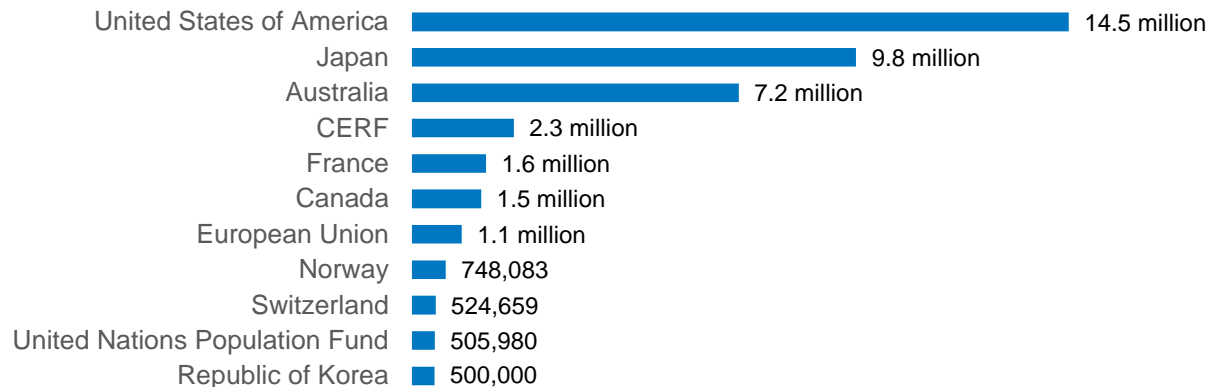
wide-ranging impact of not having civil documentation, and the importance of preventing and reducing statelessness especially amongst marginalized populations.

- In Rakhine State, UNHCR continued to address legal and systemic issues related to statelessness, civil documentation and birth registration through monitoring, referral of cases and awareness raising on procedures, and strategy development for affected communities - Rohingya, Kaman and Rakhine included. UNHCR works in camps, villages, and displacement sites with two legal partners to ensure cost-free legal aid and case management to people in need. In Rakhine State (Central), 56 people received individual counselling, 44 benefitted from legal aid support, while 16 people obtained citizenship documents.
- 417 people received legal aid assistance in the South-East and 178 people in Kachin State.
- In Sagaing Region, one individual received legal aid support for civil documentation.

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