MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE: UNHCR FLASH UPDATE #3

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A plane carrying critical relief supplies from global stockpiles in Dubai has landed on 15 April © 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

48,960
People assisted with core relief items or shelter items

56,007
People Assessed for Assistance

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

Highlights

According to state media, as of 19 April, over 3,700 people have been reported dead, 5,100 injured, and around 115 remain missing. Despite the Thingyan holiday – Myanmar's traditional New Year festival – UNHCR continued to deliver critical aid to communities affected by the earthquake. By 23 April, UNHCR provided essential assistance, including core relief items (CRIs) and emergency shelter materials, to almost 49,000 people.

On 15 April, a UNHCR-chartered flight – facilitated by Dubai Humanitarian – arrived in Yangon, carrying over 40,000 kilograms of life-saving supplies for nearly 16,000 people. These critical items are currently stored in UNHCR's Yangon warehouse, awaiting customs clearance. A second airlift, sponsored by ECHO, is expected this week, delivering CRIs from UNHCR's global stockpile.

Inter-agency assessments, including those focused on protection needs, are underway across several earthquake-affected regions. CRIs, protection, and shelter continue to be key priorities, along with health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), with a particular need for transitional shelter before the start of the monsoon season.

**Data source: UNHCR, USGS, OSM, UNOCHA, WorldPop & UNOSAT. "People Impacted" consists of people living in areas with shake intensity V or higher, "People Living in the Worst Affected Areas" consists of people living in areas with shake intensity VII or higher in the data source. Myanmar: HNRP Earthquake Flash Addendum .*

UNHCR Response

- **In Mandalay and Sagaing**, UNHCR has assisted 31,394 people (6,378 families) to date. Distribution efforts continued, reaching 2,800 families. An additional CRI distribution for 750 families is scheduled to begin this Friday in Mandalay. Last week, severe rain and winds damaged over 700 houses in Sagaing. UNHCR will assess the needs and provide assistance. UNHCR is also participating in the multi-cluster/sector initial rapid assessment (MIRA) in Sagaing, where debris clearing has emerged as a major concern due to the financial constraints of affected communities. Post-distribution monitoring by UNHCR has also commenced in Sagaing.
- **In Nay Pyi Taw, 5,574 people (1,210 families)** have received assistance. The second round of inter-agency distributions, scheduled for this week, targets 510 families across six locations, in collaboration with UNICEF and UNFPA. UNHCR is also actively participating in the inter-agency MIRA.
- **In the South-East**, assistance was provided to **11,934 people (2,404 families)** in Kayin State, Shan (South) State, and Bago Region (East). In Bago East, CRI distribution efforts targeting 270 families in Taungoo and 287 families in Yedashe are ongoing, while distributions for 449 families in Oktwin will take place later this week. CRI distributions are planned for Pinlaung Township, Shan South, where some 800 families are reported to be in need of assistance. MIRA assessments are also underway in Shan South and Bago East, alongside rapid protection assessments.

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 persons with disabilities.

- As UNHCR reaches out to earthquake-affected communities, information leaflets in Burnese have been distributed. These leaflets provide information on available helplines, email contacts, and the HELP website, along with key messages about UNHCR, personal data protection, the fact that all assistance is free of charge, how to submit complaints or provide feedback, and information on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse. Leaflets are available online for the following regions (in English and Myanmar version): North-West (ENG/MMR), South-East (ENG/MMR), and Nay Pyi Taw (ENG/MMR).
- Together with other humanitarian partners, UNHCR continues to **advocate for unimpeded humanitarian access** to ensure assistance reaches communities in need.

Coordination and Partnerships

- UNHCR is co-leading both the **Protection Cluster** and **Shelter/Non-Food Items (NFI)/Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster**.
- The Shelter/NFI/CCCM cluster has developed **three maps** showing where partners are providing assistance, helping to identify gaps in support. Although the earthquake affected 58 townships across Mandalay, Sagaing, Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Kayin, and parts of Shan State, **32 out of 58** townships have not yet received CRIs, and **44 out of 58** townships have not yet received shelter assistance. The maps also show varying levels of partner presence, with some locations benefitting from a higher concentration of partners, while others lack sufficient support.
- The Shelter Technical Working Group has completed the design for transitional shelters and construction of a sample shelter has begun in Mandalay.

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 distributions reaching vulnerable communities in urgent need © UNHCR

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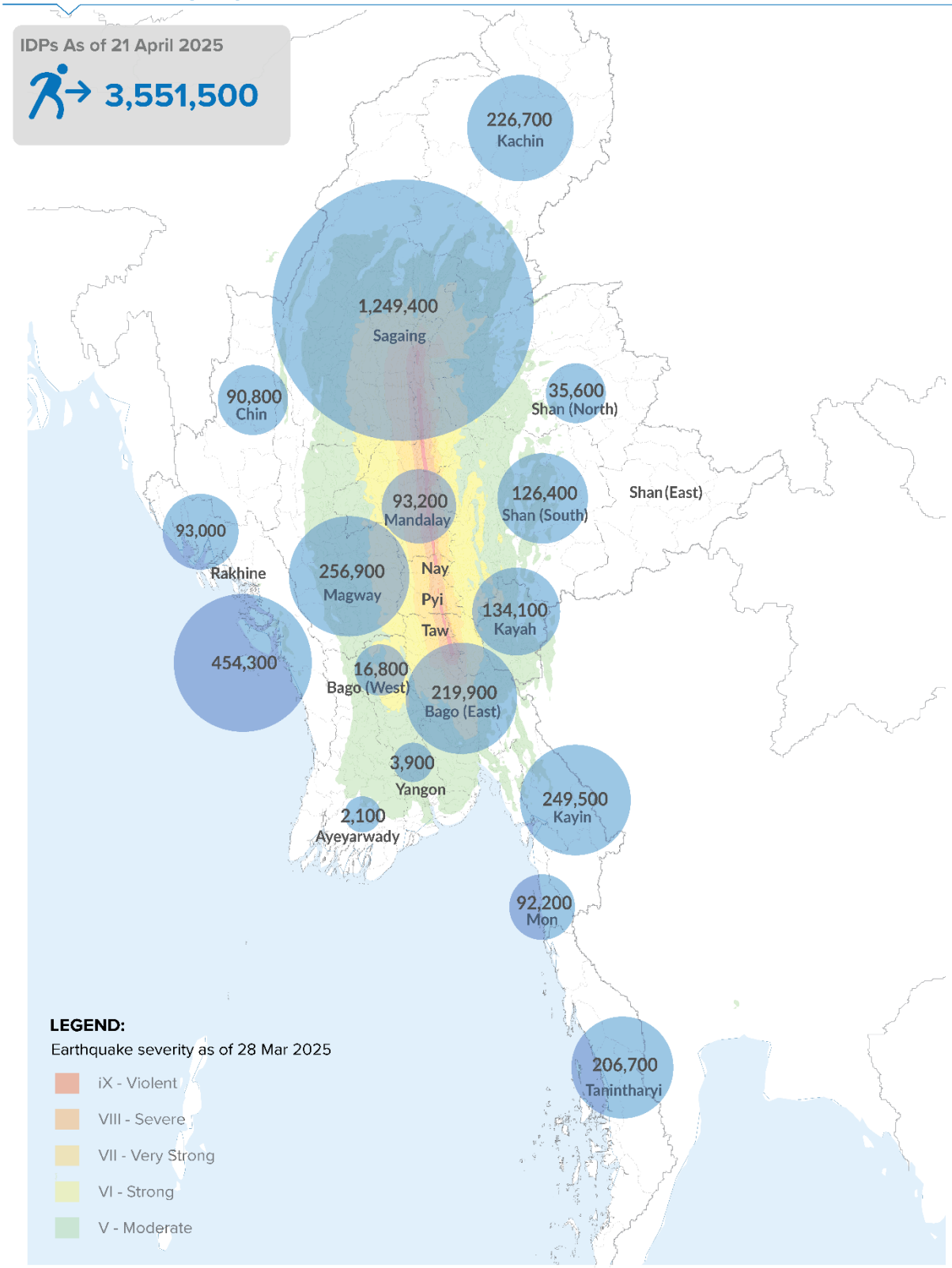
EARTHQUAKE SEVERITY AND CURRENT DISPLACEMENT



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