

# Myanmar

## Earthquake Response

One Month On



**Children and their families continue to need urgent life-saving assistance, one month since the earthquake hit central Myanmar:** Nearly 1.6 million out of 3.5 million internally displaced people are in the hardest-hit regions—Mandalay, Sagaing, and parts of Shan State. Unseasonal rain has already caused disruptions in aid delivery, but with the arrival of the monsoon season, in the coming months, the compounding effects of these challenges will be catastrophic for thousands of children who have lost their homes and are living in temporary shelters, increasing the risks of waterborne diseases.

**"The humanitarian need is higher than the resources to fulfil those urgent needs. The gap between needs and available resources is growing and children who urgently need support are paying the price," - Dr Kyi Minn, National Director, World Vision Myanmar.**

**World Vision is providing life-saving relief assistance to the children and their families affected by the earthquake:** Through our humanitarian efforts, both immediate relief and long-term recovery, as of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025, we have reached **162,133 people** affected by the earthquake, including **22,339 boys** and **30,019 girls**.

### CONTEXT OVERVIEW

Strongest earthquake recorded since Türkiye and Syria in 2023

Nearly **3,700** dead, more than **4,800** injured (AHA Centre)

**3.5 million** internally displaced people, **nearly 1.6 million** are in the hardest-hit regions—Mandalay, Sagaing, and parts of Shan State

Emergency shelter, cash assistance, safe and clean water, sanitation support, food and healthcare are immediate needs

For **early recovery** sustained support for livelihoods, education and essential infrastructure repair is vital

The **needs** of the affected people rapidly exceeding **available resources**

### OUR REACH

**162,133 people**

reached including **52,358** children and **61,082** women.

**120,733 people**

including children, received essential food items such as instant noodles & dry food

**9,313 people**

received Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)

**2,725 people**

supported through Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services

**4,291 people**

including children reached through child protection and participation initiatives, which includes safeguarding awareness sessions

**1,034 children**

reached through learning facilities

**27,179 people**

were reached through our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene assistance

**175 families**

provided with recovery loans amounting to **48,597 USD** by **VisionFund**





## FOOD ASSISTANCE

- ◆ **120,733 people** including children, received essential food items such as instant noodles & dry food
- ◆ **36.64 metric tons (MT)** of High Energy Biscuits distributed in partnership with WFP
- ◆ **78,075 packs of dried foods** (approximately 15.62 MT) provided to affected families
- ◆ **512.467 MT** of rice provided to affected families in partnership with WFP
- ◆ **1.23 MT** blended food provided to affected families in partnership with WFP



*"Our kitchen walls were also damaged, so we can't cook rice or proper meals yet. We've been eating ready-to-eat food donated by kind people in our village. When we get hungry, my brother and I snack on the biscuits from World Vision and the World Food Programme. We both really love them."*  
- 6-year-old Alinka from Madaya



## WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

- ◆ **27,179 people** provided with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) assistance
- ◆ **74,600 gallons** of drinking water provided
- ◆ **7,920 sachets** of P&G water purification distributed



*I was really worried that my son might get diarrhea during this emergency situation after the earthquake. But now I feel relieved because I no longer have to worry about clean drinking water — we received PNG water purification sachets from World Vision. - Nwe, mother from Tada-U*



## MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

- ◆ **9,313 most vulnerable people** affected by the earthquake received MPCA in partnership with WFP



*I want a safe place for my daughter and me to stay. I will use the cash assistance for her family's urgent needs and help others. - 45-year-old Thandar, mother of 10 months child*





# IMPACT BY FOCUS AREA



## CHILD PROTECTION & EDUCATION



- ◆ **4,291 people**, including children and caretakers, reached through child protection initiatives and awareness sessions
- ◆ **46 awareness sessions** on child protection & safeguarding conducted
- ◆ **1,034 children** reached through learning facilities that conduct child-focused activities like reading, story-telling and games



## MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT



- ◆ **2,725 people** including children reached through Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- ◆ **33 MHPSS awareness sessions** conducted



*We're seeing growing psychosocial distress among both children and their caregivers. Many families are overwhelmed, and without timely support, children face serious risks—violence, child labor and even trafficking. World Vision is providing mental health and psychological support, strengthening positive parenting, and establishing Child Friendly Spaces where children can feel safe again. Every child deserves protection, care and a chance to heal. - Mar Thaw, Technical Advisor (Child Protection & Participation)*



## NON-FOOD ITEMS

- ◆ **831 people** received Non-Food Items (NFIs)



*Our house was damaged by the earthquake and the ground has cracked. Many homes in our village collapsed into the river and some are still at risk as the aftershocks continue. Now, our entire village is sleeping in the field next to the monastery. We will have to decide whether to build a house or not after the rains and assessing the ground conditions. For now, the mosquito nets and mats provided by World Vision are a great help for our families sleeping outdoors.*

## ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

- World Vision is committed to ensuring that affected families receive timely, transparent, and dignified support. We prioritise:
- Two-way communication with communities to understand their needs and concerns.
- Feedback mechanisms to ensure services are accountable. Clear information-sharing, so people know what support is available and how to access it.
- Protection of vulnerable groups, especially children, women and people with disabilities, throughout the response.

## SPONSORSHIP MATTERS IN EMERGENCIES

- Sponsorship staff are already there in the affected communities and can begin immediate humanitarian efforts.
- The Area Programme Model (AP) means there are established relationships with partners and community leaders to facilitate a coordinated and effective disaster response.
- There are pre-approved processes to repurpose up to 20% of sponsorship funding in the affected AP to the emergency.
- For every one child sponsored, four more benefit too - it can make a life-saving difference in an emergency.

- States affected by the earthquake
- Hardest-hit townships
- World Vision's targeted areas

Patheingyi  
Amarapura  
Aungmyathazan  
Mahaungmye  
Chanayetharzi  
Pyigyidagun  
Sagaing  
Tada U  
Kyaukse  
Sintgaing  
Nay Pyi Taw  
(Tatkon and Pyinmana)

## TARGET FOCUS AREAS



## OUR TARGET

**\* 500,000** people  
including nearly **\* 172,000** children

*\* numbers are subject to change as the response plan evolves*



## OUR SIX-MONTH RESPONSE PLAN

We will scale up our humanitarian response to address urgent needs and support long-term recovery in affected communities.

The response plan consists of several key components to meet urgent needs and support recovery.

**WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)** interventions will focus on restoring access to clean water and improving sanitation to prevent disease outbreaks.

**Food and cash assistance** will address food insecurity and support families with immediate needs through food distributions and financial aid.

**Protection efforts**, including gender-based violence prevention and awareness raising, the provision of shelter kits and the establishment of child-friendly spaces, will help safeguard women and children living in unsafe conditions while supporting their physical and emotional recovery.

**Shelter assistance** will provide safe, temporary housing for families who have been displaced, ensuring they have a secure place to stay as they rebuild their lives.

**Livelihood recovery**, facilitated through VisionFund, will help families restore income-generating activities and reduce long-term reliance on humanitarian aid.

This plan will be implemented through strong collaboration and engagement with local civil society, community-based organisations (CBOs), faith-based groups, local NGOs and international partners. These partnerships will be essential to ensure effective outreach, timely delivery of services and greater impact within affected communities.

*"The earthquake damaged our libraries and reading clubs, so we're stuck at home. I really miss spending time with my friends at the library. With World Vision's new child-friendly libraries being set up, I'm hopeful we'll have more fun spaces to read, join reading clubs, and enjoy story times together again."*

*- 10-year-old Wai, from Mandalay*



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