This situation report is based on information received by the clusters, whose partners include UN Agencies, national and international NGOs, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and IOM.

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Minister of Commerce has granted WFP permission to buy an initial 10,000 MT of rice through its usual suppliers, as part of the agreement for delivery of food assistance for 6 months in the delta. This complements the 1,909.5 MT of rice delivered to the affected areas as of 20 May. To feed the 750,000 people for 3 months, as planned in the Flash Appeal, will require 55,000 MT of rice of which only 50% may be procured in country. Given the Food Cluster has been awaiting the approval of the Government to import rice, pulses and vegetable oil (Situation Report 13), this is a breakthrough and the beginning of increased provision of food to the affected areas. However, this remains a fraction of the amount needed.

2. USG John Holmes met with the Secretary General of ASEAN, Dr Surin Pitsuwan while in Yangon to discuss arrangements for cooperation and coordination between the UN and international humanitarian community, ASEAN and the Government of Myanmar in accordance with the declaration of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers of 19 May 2008.

3. In Labutta, the authorities announced that there are now 12 tented relief settlements, which plan to operate for 6 months, and that all other temporary shelters in Labutta town would be closed down by 9 June.

4. The capacity to transport goods to the delta increased today with the contracting of three barges and fleet of thirty trucks. The transport of assistance is dependent on the prioritisation of the humanitarian community to the affected townships and the supply pipeline.

5. There has been no change in the official figures for dead and missing. 77,738 are reported dead and 55,917 missing.

### I. NATIONAL RESPONSE

6. State media reported that wellwishers across Myanmar had donated 7,854,848,955 kyat (approximately USD 7.27 million) in cash and in materials to the relief efforts by 19 May.

### II. INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

**Coordinated In-Country Response** (For more detailed Situation Reports for each cluster please check the HIC website [http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/](http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/))
Food Assistance
7. 15 MT of ready to eat meals (rice-lentil mix) were imported to cater for those who have no access to cooking facilities, and the first five MT were shipped by water transport to Labutta on 20 May.
8. Since the cyclone hit, WFP has dispatched 1,200 tons of food to affected areas and distributed 1,143 tons of food. WFP now estimates it has reached approximately 304,000 beneficiaries with food support.
9. Update from the Labutta local food cluster.
   ▪ The local cluster has prepared a food distribution plan through 12 frontier outposts for 51 entire village tracts, and direct distribution to camps. WFP, UNDP and UNICEF will collaborate in the distribution. WFP sub-office has identified the first ten community distributors to start on 22 May.
   ▪ 13,799 beneficiaries in 15 villages around Labutta were reached with food distributions. WFP, UNDP, PACT, MSF-Holland and Merlin distributed 12.4 MT of rice, 0.6 MT of high-energy business and 0.072 MT of vegetable oil.
10. The food cluster has completed a rapid survey on food security in Yangon and is now analyzing the data.

Logistics
11. The BKK staging area will have one area for items procured in Thailand and one for cargo in transit to Myanmar. Further details on how to use the staging area will be shared shortly. For users that have questions regarding this service, please contact the Logistics Cluster cell in Bangkok.
12. The inter-agency warehouse in Yangon is up and running and is managed by DHL on behalf of the cluster.
13. So far the logistics cluster has organized two inland waterways transport rotations. The first barge to Bogale was loaded with ACF supplies (25 MT of BP5 high-energy biscuit and 5 MT of NFIs including WASH, kitchen sets, cooking sets, hygiene sets and plastic sheeting) and WFP cargo (5 MT of vegetable oil). The second (800 MT capacity) is loading in Yangon and will depart for Labutta carrying 700 MT of food for WFP and 24.5 MT of NFIs for Merlin.
14. Update on logistics hubs in Myanmar:
   ▪ Labutta: Four warehouses in place - one for logistics cluster and three for WFP
   ▪ Bogale: Identified space, building up two wikhalls
   ▪ Pyapon: Identified one space close to the river and looking for a second
   ▪ Pathein: Identified space, under negotiation
   ▪ Mawlamyinegyun: under assessment

Health
15. For the last week IOM has had two mobile health teams in Bogale Township treating survivors, with each team reaching on average 100 persons per day. Teams have been able to access areas by boat that had not been reached by other relief workers, including Malawt and Magoo village tracts, and Thakan village, where a mobile clinic treated survivors from neighbouring villages. Pale and Myankagon village tracts were also reached. IOM transported three severely ill patients to private clinics in Bogale town, two of whom were evacuated to Yangon for emergency blood transfusions. Patients in a temporary settlement in Bogale were also treated. The Department of Health and UNICEF have been providing IOM teams with emergency medical supplies as needed. IOM also received a shipment of 13 tons of essential drugs on 18 May and is dispatching three additional medical relief teams to Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun.
16. In Labutta the local health cluster met to discuss prevention of diarrhoea and dysentery, and preparedness in the event of outbreaks.
17. Update on supplies
   ▪ Additional essential medicine and diarrhoea management drugs (ORS, Zinc, Ringer lactate and Doxycycline) procured by UNICEF to treat 100,000 diarrhea cases including 15,000 severe cases arrived in Yangon and currently preparing for distribution.
   ▪ UNICEF distributed additional supply of 3,000 family kits and essential drugs to treat 2,500 children with common diseases to the affected people in nine townships in Yangon (Hlaingthayar, Dala, Kyauktan, Kungyangon, Kawkhu, Kayan, Thongwa, Thanlyin and Shwepyitha).

Nutrition
18. The cluster lead followed up on emergency nutrition response issues raised during yesterday’s cluster meeting with the National Nutrition Centre of the Ministry of Health. The Ministry agreed in principle to support the proposed activities, including training of NGO partners in therapeutic feeding response and establishing a nutrition surveillance system.
Emergency Telecommunications
19. WFP and UNICEF continue to provide technical support to the humanitarian community in Yangon and Bangkok and in sub-offices in Bogale and Laputta. Installation and repair of communications equipment is ongoing.
20. The emergency telecoms equipment that has been held up by customs in Yangon has still not been cleared.

WASH
21. Agencies have agreed to be WASH cluster focal points for each township.
   - For Ayeyarwady Division: Bogale (GAA), Dedaye (CESVI), Kyaiklat (MRCS/IFRC), Labutta (Merlin), Mawlamyneegyun (MRCS), Pyapon (CDA).
   - For Yangon Division: Dala (AMI), Dagon (WV), Khawmu (UNICEF), Kungyangon (CDA), Seikgyikanaungto (AMI), Kyauktan (CDA), Hlaingharyar (WV), Twantay (AMI).
22. A working group is developing technical guidelines for rainwater harvesting and pond rehabilitation, with the lead of CESVI.
23. WASH cluster partners recommended the following contents for a standard family hygiene kit: soap 1,250 g (250g/person/month), soap bar for laundry 1,000 g (200g/person/month), bucket with lid 50 litres, jerrycan 10 litres, mug 1 unit, toothbrush 5 units, toothpaste 150g, nail clipper 1 unit, mappies for infants 3 units, potties 1 unit, towels big (1.5' x 3') 2 units, towel small (1.5' x 1') 3 units and sanitary napkins (self supporting) 30 units.

Protection of children and women
24. Cluster partners agreed to rename the cluster to reflect the protection of women included in the response plan.
25. The cluster has established a systematic data collection method and finalized a tool for common use by cluster partners.
26. A Cluster Response Plan has been shared on which cluster partners will provide feedback by this Friday.

Early Recovery and Agriculture
27. UNDP sent out five teams of national project personnel to travel to some of the most affected areas for data collection and strategic planning. Each team consists of planning experts, health specialists, data management system specialists, micro-finance experts, and infrastructure planners.

Education
28. The Education Cluster has made a rapid assessment of the education needs based on the group’s collective information on the situation to date. The major needs identified concern provision of learning materials to affected children and schools and need for reconstruction of school buildings. Most organizations report that affected communities are still dealing with the survival issues and that the need for basic necessities is still dire. A deeper analysis of this assessment will be made later with the group.
29. To streamline data collection, UNICEF will centralize information from cluster partners on the formal education sector while Save the Children will collate information on non-formal education activities, such as early childhood development and support to monastic schools and temporary settlements.
30. Partners will meet on Friday to finalize the Education cluster strategy.

Update from Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement
31. To date 25 RCRC flights have arrived in Yangon carrying 302 tons of essential relief items including 42,000 mosquito nets, 36,000 tarpaulins, shelter kits for around 35,000 people, over 20,000 jerrycans and over 7,000 kitchen kits. This week additional flights are planned from the Kuala Lumpur and other regional hubs, carrying 8,000 shelter kits, 50,000 jerrycans, 7,000 kitchen sets, 20,000 hygiene parcels, 45,000 blankets and 18,000 tarpaulins.
32. Ten strategic hubs in the delta and Yangon have been established to deliver better and timely services to the most in need. One important issue highlighted is the need for on-the-job training for MRCS staff, volunteers and local engineers. This is being done in Yangon and some strategic areas to build the capacity of MRCS to manage and run the operation effectively, since very few international expert aid workers have been able to gain access. For example, the WASH
Emergency Response Units are already in place, but need trained people to operate them as soon as possible.

Update on Security Situation

33. The UN is still in Phase 1, and no change to this is foreseen.
34. The 22-mile long road from Pyapon to Bogalay is narrow and in poor condition. In places, village families have moved to small temporary huts along the edge of the road, which is on higher ground, and wet provisions are spread on the road to dry. Trucks carrying relief cargos were recommended not to travel at night, but make a night stop in Pyapon instead.

Update on Financial Pledges

35. As of 21 May 2008, USD 100,662,299 has been committed to relief operations, with a further USD 110,199,241 pledged. The UN Flash Appeal for Myanmar currently requests $201 million. $46.5 million has been contributed to the Flash Appeal so far, $20.4 million of which has been provided by the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).
36. For updated information on financial contributions, please refer to the OCHA Financial Tracking System website: [http://reliefweb.int/fts/](http://reliefweb.int/fts/). Donors are encouraged to verify contributions and inform OCHA Financial Tracking System (FTS) of corrections/additions/values to this table. The direct email address is: [fts@reliefweb.int](mailto:fts@reliefweb.int).

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