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. **Today, the Government of the Union of Myanmar approved all remaining visa requests (45) for various UN agencies.**

2. **The leads of the Tripartite Core Group have been identified as follows: for the GoUM the Deputy Foreign Minister, from ASEAN the Thai Ambassador to Myanmar, and from the UN the Humanitarian Coordinator a.i.**

3. **Support to the national authorities is being strengthened through the increased participation of government representatives in the cluster.** Formal invitations from the Clusters to relevant line ministries and authorities have been sent and favourably received.

4. **The Food Cluster estimates that monthly food requirement is approximately 8,933 tons. The Food Cluster estimates now that it has reached approximately 483,000 beneficiaries (aim to reach 750,000 people).** WFP plans to cover 11 townships in Ayeyarwady and 8 townships in Yangon for its emergency response. Verification process is underway to check overlaps and covering gaps in estimated beneficiary caseload. Reports from NGOs from remote areas have not been received; therefore the beneficiary numbers are not precise. Coordination of WFP food distribution plan is delegated to Township levels. If gaps are identified, it should be communicated to the WFP sub-offices in Labutta and Bogale.

   WFP as the designated lead for the food cluster is running an Emergency Operation for Myanmar with a budget of US$69.5 million aims to deliver a complete food basket to a total of 750,000 people in need of immediate food assistance. So far, this emergency operation has received 21.3 million in contribution.

5. **In Bogale local coordinated efforts for the Health Cluster are successfully being developed with UNICEF, IOM, WFP, UNHCR, ACF, MSF and a local NGO.** As a result, a Joint Emergency Response Mobile Operation to provide multi-sectoral services to the cyclone victims has been established. The objectives of the joint operation are to provide multisectoral services to cyclone victims at the same time, to minimize the resources / cost and to maximize the provision of package of services / care to cyclone victim.

6. **The Shelter Cluster has formed a Strategic Advisory Group with the following members: IFRC, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, DFID and Save the Children.** The SAG is responsible for the development of strategies for shelter interventions to ensure appropriate and equitable shelter assistance across the cyclone-affected regions. Organisations and Local organisations interested in participating were also invited to join.

7. **An agreement has been reached between Sectoral clusters and the Early Recovery cluster to institutionalize a focal point mechanism to improve coordination in**
formulation and implementation of Early Recovery within individual clusters. Terms of Reference for each focal point is under development. It is envisaged that these focal points would form an Early Recovery Network.

8. There has been no update to the official figures for dead and missing since 16 May. 77,738 are reported dead and 55,917 missing.

I. NATIONAL RESPONSE

9. According to media reports, 122 power tillers, donated by the GoUM and a private company, will be distributed to farmers in storm-stricken areas in Dedaye township.

10. Pun Hlaing International Hospital is providing Disaster Relief and Rebuilding in the delta areas of Ngapudaw and Hain-Gyi, in particular areas where little assistance has been offered and where damage has been extensive with no medical relief. A Medical Relief Team (8 doctors, 4 nurses, 1 pharmacist & 4 Gen Volunteers) left on 21st May to set up a mini hospital and mobile medical units at Thyin-Ka-Gon. This team was reinforced by a second team on 24 May. Discussions have been ongoing with senior local authorities and collaboration is good. The logistics are reported to be difficult since some areas are accessible only by boat.

II. INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

Coordinated In-Country Response (For more detailed Situation Reports for each cluster please check the HIC website http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/)

Health

11. A working group will be established to work on in-depth assessments.

12. In response to the request from MOH, WHO will provide MOH with drugs, insecticides, fogging machines, rapid diagnostic tests, and bednets for Malaria and Dengue prevention to a total of around 1million USD.

13. WHO is supporting IFRC and MRCS in conducting one day refresher training of Red Cross volunteers to be deployed in cyclone affected areas. The first batch, with 38 participants, is being conducted today, and 9 batches will be trained on 30 May to 10 June 2008. The role of WHO is mainly training the volunteers on malaria and dengue prevention and control.

14. IOM continues to have Mobile Medical teams working out of Bogale. One team currently focuses on displaced people sheltering in temples and other temporary urban relief sites. The other three mobile teams provide medical outreach to communities in the south of Bogale and in Mawlamyinegyun, many of which can only be reached by boats.

WASH


16. PSI presented its household water treatment to the Technical Working Group. It has been circulated through e-mail for comments and will be finalized on Friday WASH cluster meeting.

17. There will be a TWG meeting today 28th May 2008. Experiences and recommendations will be shared at the meeting. Most of the WASH supplies needed for RWH and pond rehabilitation are available locally in the country or will be procured locally. Main supplies that are scarce in country and will have to be imported are water treatment tablets, bladders and water containers (50L).

18. A monitoring format against indicators discussed in the WASH cluster meeting has been agreed. It is available on the web site: http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/water/default.aspx. The information structure at sub national level has been left unchanged until organizations are better installed in the field.

19. CBI has proposed one playground for training, but this is pending confirmation next week.

Education

20. UNICEF reports that they have so far distributed over 5,000 roof sheets, around 100 school in a box kits, as well as 62 recreation kits, in Hlaingtharya, Kawhmu and Shwepyithar townships.
Emergency Shelter

21. The Emergency Shelter cluster is now working on developing a proposal for an in-depth shelter assessment.

22. The established standard minimum kits list was distributed to members. Due to previous confusion on names of the shelter kits, these have now been renamed as follows: The Family kit is now known as the Relief kit. The Shelter kit as the Tarp Kit and the Hamlet kit as the Community tool kit.

23. The outline of the Strategic Framework of the shelter cluster specifies the following:
   - To assist affected households in a way that will give maximum coverage of affected families and communities within a limited time span.
   - To assist those affected households with Community tool kits in a way that will complement and benefit the family, the community as a first phase. The other two kits to address other needs and complement the Community toolkit.
   - To transition from the relief phase to the recovery phase with long term goals for the households in mind.

Early Recovery

24. The Early Recovery cluster proposed inclusion of vulnerability, accessibility and community livelihood options and opportunities in plans for a rapid assessment and multi-sectoral assessment formats.

25. A meeting of the Agriculture and ER clusters was held yesterday. The following was decided at the meeting: Agricultural inputs will be made available by FAO and made available to other agencies and organizations having delivery capacities in the field. FAO will clarify the arrangement of the on-going results of agricultural damage and needs assessments in the forthcoming Thursday meeting.

Food

26. Based on key events over the past several days WFP Myanmar is presently working under the following planning assumptions:
   - Full and unhindered access to affected areas by both national and international staff;
   - Permission to source required commodities under the EMOP;
   - Needed authorizations from line ministries will be forthcoming;
   - Logistics capacity to move goods and people to the places where they are needed;
   - Confidence that funds for our operations will be available;
   - Availability of NGO partners who will operate within our standards both building on existing relationships and possibly new partnerships with new NGOs.
   - A fully secure working environment.

27. WFP Country Director went to Labutta Sub-Office by road on an overnight trip and will be back in Yangon tomorrow.

28. WFP sent a letter on May 25 to the Government informing the planned deployment of international head of sub-office in Bogale.

29. Importation of rice is still under negotiation with the Government. If the import permission is obtained, WFP plans to import about 15,000 tons of rice.

30. WFP submitted a request for import permission for 318 tons of salt from Thailand to Ministry of Commerce.

31. Import permit for 2,186 tons of vegetable oil was received from Ministry of Commerce. Import of oil has not been a problem as Myanmar has not produced sufficient oil to meet the domestic demand.

32. The Myanmar Agriculture Produce Trade (MAPT) continued delivery of the 10,000 ton consignment of rice to WFP warehouses in the delta, as follows: Labutta: 812 tons Bogale: 675 tons Pyapon: 386 tons Pathein: 607 tons

Emergency Telecommunications

33. WFP and UNICEF continue to provide technical support to the humanitarian community in Yangon, Labutta, Bogale and Bangkok.

34. Restriction on official imports of telecommunications equipment remains.
Update on Security Situation

35. The UN is still in Phase 1, and no change to this is foreseen.

Update on Financial Pledges

36. As of 28 May 2008, a total of USD 138,129,347 has been committed to relief operations in Myanmar, with a further USD 106,152,705 pledged. Out of these total contributions, $ 77.6 million has been committed to projects and activities outlined in the UN Flash Appeal. An additional $49.7 million has been pledged. The UN Flash Appeal for Myanmar currently requests $201 million and is covered at 38.5%. More than 20 UN Agencies and NGOs have requested funding through the Appeal. The largest contributor thus far to the Flash Appeal is the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) with $22.4 million.

37. For updated information on financial contributions, please refer to the OCHA Financial Tracking System website: 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.

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