HIGHLIGHTS

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- WFP started a new project in Yangon Division which provides cash to 200,000 people severely affected by the cyclone.
- One Logistics Cluster helicopter was able to fly to Labutta today for the first time, carrying 0.5 tonnes of high energy biscuits.
- WFP deployed its first international head of Sub-office for Labutta today. The Head of Sub-Office is intended to stay in Labutta for 2 months.
- If funding is not forthcoming for WFP, the food pipeline will break by mid-July.
- The TCG met today for the second time. Issues of discussion on the agenda today were the terms of reference for the PONJA and the schedule for the PONJA. The Group also addressed access, procedures for visa extensions and helicopters. Clarification was also received from the GoUM on the procedure for new NGOs coming into the country: they should apply to Embassies abroad, which would then transmit the application to the Deputy Foreign Minister. The Humanitarian Coordinator raised the issue of ‘forced relocation’ and expressed concern. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs assured the TCG he would address this issue.
- The orientation workshop for the Post Nargis Joint Assessment (PONJA) started today. The assessment is a unique endeavour between the 54 members from 18 ministries of the Government of Myanmar together with cluster leads, ASEAN ERAT and members of the IASC. The findings of the assessment would first be available at the end of the month.

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.

NATIONAL RESPONSE

Myanmar Red Cross Society

As of 31 May 2008, the Red Cross has reached a total of over 162,000 beneficiaries, of which 32,105 are located in Yangon Division, 131,500 in Ayeyarwady Division, and roughly 1,600 in Mon State.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Overview

To date, a total of 1.3 million beneficiaries have been reached by non-governmental (local and international NGO, Red Cross and UN) with some assistance. Since the last update (25 May) there has been a concerted effort to get more assistance to the Ayeyarwady Delta where the percentage of people reached has increased from 23% to 49%.
Situation and Gaps Analysis

It is important to note however that most of these persons have been reached with inconsistent levels of assistance. For example, assistance provided is not sustained, and in some cases, is well below requirements.

In the first 4 weeks, access and supplies were limited so organizations gave only a small amount to the enormous numbers of people who needed assistance. While access has improved for the almost 15 international staff who have travelled to the Ayeyarwady in the last week, agencies have still to establish permanent presence with sufficient capacity to meet the enormous needs that must be sustained for the next 6 months, until the next harvest in October.

Immediate needs

There remains a serious lack of sufficient and sustained humanitarian assistance for the affected populations. This is compounded by the lack of a clear knowledge of the locations, numbers of families, and level of assistance required, as well as a clear understanding of the support being provided by the Government of Myanmar to its people.

A clear analysis of the needs against the assistance available, planned for, and required is a priority.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, COORDINATION

Planning Process

Tripartite Core Group and Post-Nargis Joint Assessment (PONJA):

- The TCG met today for the second time. Issues of discussion on the agenda were the terms of reference for the PONJA and the schedule for the PONJA. The Group also addressed access, procedures for visa extensions, helicopters, as well as forced returns. Clarification was also received from the GoUM on the procedure for new NGOs coming into the country: they should apply to Embassies abroad, which would then transmit the application to the Deputy Foreign Minister.
- The orientation workshop for the PONJA started today and was opened by the Humanitarian Coordinator a.i., Ambassador of Singapore Robert H.K. Chua, and the Deputy Foreign Minister of Myanmar U Kyaw Thu. Participants to the workshop included Government of Myanmar representatives from 18 ministries, representatives of the ASEAN ERAT team, and organisations represented in the IASC. The objective of this orientation workshop is to train participants on the methodology and tool involved in the assessment.
- The needs assessment, conducted under the TCG, will be composed of two parts, a Village-Tract Assessment and a Damage and Losses Assessment. Both assessments will be conducted so as to not interfere in the ongoing relief efforts.
- Tasks of the three groups of participants were defined as follows: ASEAN would contribute through the deployment of its ERAT team; the GoUM will facilitate the assessment, assign national experts and provide access; the UN would coordinate the assessment and rally support from the entire IASC; and the World Bank and Asian Development Bank would support the ASEAN efforts.
- Major outputs expected from the needs assessment are: a preliminary report for the ASEAN roundtable on 24 June (which will feed into a revised Flash Appeal), the PONJA report, as well as a Recovery and Reconstruction Plan, and a lessons learnt document.
- The VTA part of the PONJA will concentrate strictly on the relief and early recovery aspects, and rely on strictly field-based data collection. The DALA on the other hand will concentrate on the macro and long term impacts. It will use broad-based data to assess the damage to infrastructure, the social sector, the productive sectors, and other cross-sector issues.
- It is planned that data collection and data entry will take place between the 9th and the 21st of June, leading to the presentation of a preliminary report to ASEAN on the 24th of June. The final report is intended to be published on the 12th of July.

Flash Appeal and other Contributions

As of 2 June 2008, a total of USD 147,772,066 has been committed to relief operations in Myanmar, with a further USD 108,520,955 pledged. Out of these total contributions, $ 82.2 million has been committed to projects and activities outlined in the UN Flash Appeal. An additional $48.9 million has been pledged. The UN Flash Appeal for Myanmar currently requests $201 million and is covered at 40.8%. 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.

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.

### RESPONSE PER SECTOR

For more detailed Situation Reports for each cluster please check the HIC website: [http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/](http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/)

### FOOD

**Overall Achievements**
- WFP started a new project in Yangon Division which provides cash to 200,000 people severely affected by the cyclone. WFP is working with 4 international NGO partners who started distribution today.
- One WFP helicopter for the first time went to Labutta today, carrying 0.5 tonnes of high energy biscuits.
- WFP deployed its first international head of Sub-office for Labutta today. The Head of Sub-Office is intended to stay in Labutta for 2 months.

**Challenges**
- If funding is not forthcoming for WFP, the food pipeline will break by mid-July.

**Funding**
- WFP announced that the 70 million USD food-operation faces a 64% shortfall.

### HEALTH

**Gaps and Future Planning**
- The World Health Organization and its Health Cluster partners in Myanmar have approved a six-month US$28 million action plan to provide immediate health care for cyclone survivors, and support longer-term efforts to rebuild the country’s ravaged health care system.
- The Health Cluster Joint Plan of Action addresses the humanitarian needs of affected communities in the Ayeyarwady Delta region and Yangon, with a particular focus on people living in temporary shelters and relocation sites.
- The objectives of the Joint Plan of Action are to:
  - Assess and monitor health needs and strengthen disease surveillance
  - Respond to outbreaks and other health threats, strengthen disease control and fill gaps critical to delivering health care
  - Strengthen and repair systems and build capacity
  - Engage national and international partners to coordinate a joint health sector response.

### EMERGENCY SHELTER

**Needs Assessment and Analysis:**
- Due to constraints in access, the number of shelter-specific needs assessments is still limited. At the moment Save the Children, UNICEF, UNHCR have dispatched teams to the field.
- The shelter cluster is involved in the development of the rapid village tract needs assessment for all clusters with the objective to get insight in the overall needs in the affected area.
- UNDP has been contacted to add essential local shelter materials to their market research. They will inform the ES Cluster on a weekly basis.

**Overall Achievements/Response activities:**
- At the last cluster meeting, the focal point of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was introduced to the emergency shelter cluster. Mr Myo Set Aung, Deputy Director of the department of social welfare expressed his willingness to share information and urged coordination.
The Mingalar foundation has agreed to participate in the SAG which now consists of the following members: UNICEF, IFRC, Safe the Children, UNHCR, IOM, DFID, and Mingalar Foundation.

The Resource center at Burnet Institute has agreed to establish proper communication lines with the National NGO group.

A strategy for the coming three months has been agreed by the SAG and is posted on the website. Originally the strategy was based on an analysis of the capacities of the key players. This has to be adjusted towards a needs-driven approach, which will be possible when more data on the needs is available.

Minimum standards for three kits have been established and agreed and are posted on the website. The development of these kits has been done in coordination with the WASH cluster and the Health Cluster to avoid overlap. These kits are an integral part of the strategy.

Until now the Agencies have been distributing according to availability of relief goods and access. Prioritisation according to needs remains difficult due to lack of an overall view of the needs.

**Challenges**

- Lack of a proper needs assessment hampers a needs based approach
- Access remains the main constraint, although it seems to have improved.
- The challenge for the cluster is the structuring of the data and to fill the information gaps, in order to facilitate good coordination.
- Although the key players have agreed to follow the strategy it takes some time for them to steer their logistical departments accordingly.

**Gaps and Future Planning**

- The geographical gaps have been addressed. However, the numeric gap between needs and available relief goods has still not been fully analyzed. This matter is urgent in view of upcoming revisions of the flash appeal.

- A technical working group has been set up and will meet on Monday, June 2, to set up a strategy for the recovery phase. The Federation shelter delegate has taken the coordinating role for this group. The Early recovery cluster is involved in this working group as well as UN Habitat who is committed to take the cluster lead after the emergency phase, pending available resources.

**LOGISTICS**

**Overall Achievements**

- The helicopter brought into Myanmar for inter agency use flew to Labutta today carrying a logistics assessment team and 0.5 mt of HEBs.
- A WFP chartered boat has loaded in Phuket and is departing for Yangon with cargo donated by the French for WFP, Merlin, and the Red Cross.
- 1'695 metric tonnes have been dispatched between 20 May and 1 June by the logistics cluster.
- Five flights carrying supplies for various UNICEF, WFP, WVI, Smaritan’s Purse and IOM arrived today in Yangon.

**EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Overall Achievements**

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

**OTHER**

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

**MAPS**

For Maps on Cyclone Nargis and Myanmar:
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