



Myanmar: Typhoon Yagi Floods 2024

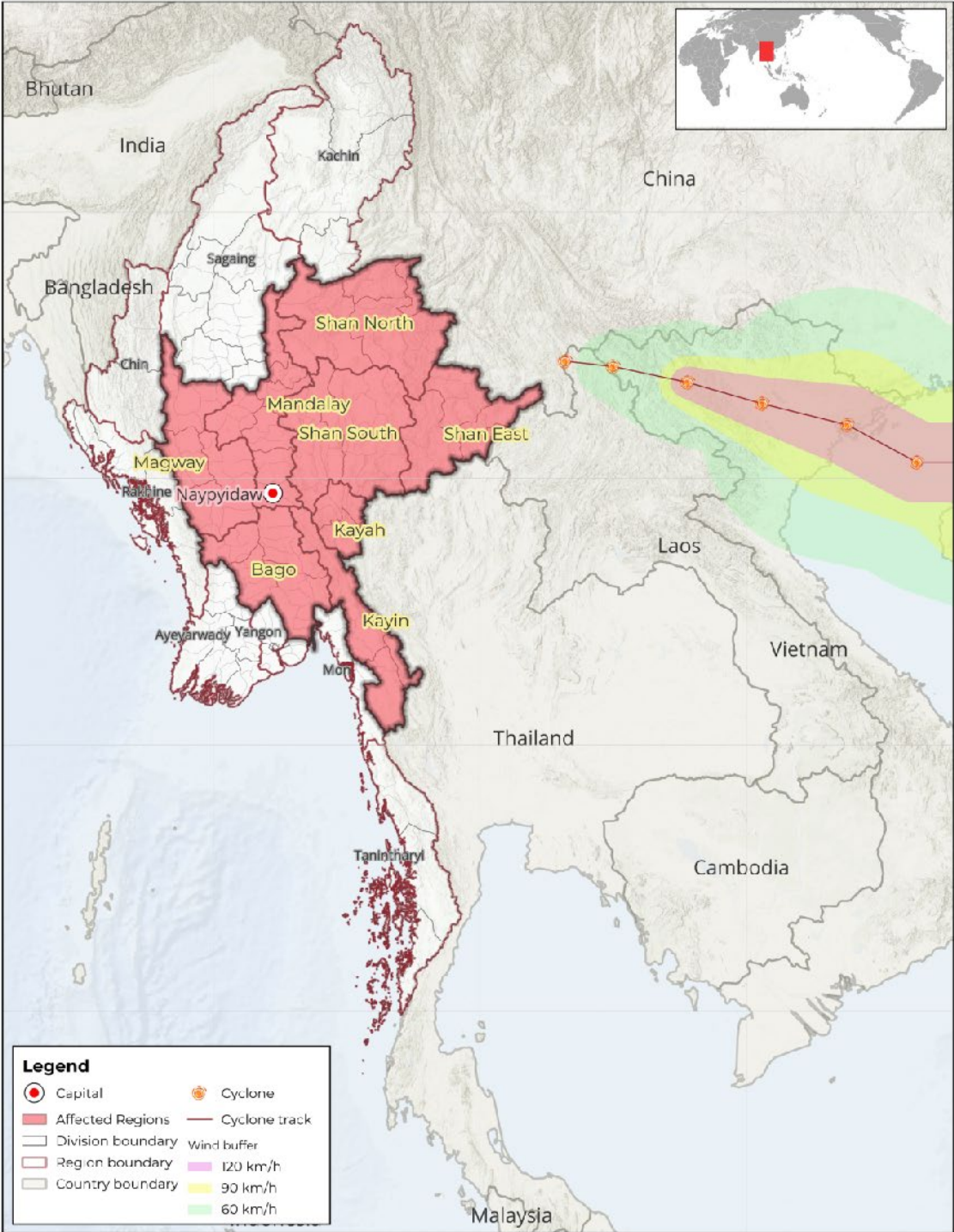


Flash Update

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Affected people

+631,000



Deaths and missing

+113



Damaged house/building

+65,000

Highlights:

- Starting from 8 September 2024, strong winds and heavy rainfall triggered by Typhoon Yagi affected 9 states/ regions in Myanmar.
- Floods and landslides caused significant damage to agricultural lands, road networks, telecommunications and electricity across all 9 state and regions.
- Thousands of houses damaged or destroyed, including MRCS branch office at Tachileik (Eastern Shan).
- An Emergency Appeal is being launched by IFRC to assist at least 25,000 affected people.

Humanitarian needs



Emergency shelter:
Tarpaulin, shelter
tool kit, blankets,
solar lamps



Emergency health
services & first aid
service
(including MHPSS)



Drinking and clean
water, hygiene items



Livelihood



Dignity kits (women
and men), clothing
sets

Situation Overview

- Starting on 8 September, strong winds and heavy rainfall from the remnants of Typhoon Yagi triggered severe flooding and landslides across Myanmar, affecting over 631,000 people and resulting in 113 reported deaths.
- At least 9 regions have been affected and widespread flooding inundated the Capital Naypyidaw, Southern and Eastern Shan, Mandalay, Bago, Kayah, and Kayin, resulted in more than 320,000 people displaced and moved to temporary camps as houses and belongings were destroyed or damaged.
- In Mandalay, more than 53,000 people were affected in Yamethin. The Sa Mone Dam breach flooded 12 villages, submerged 40,000 acres of farmland, and left 10,000 people in urgent need of aid.
- Flooding in Bago worsened in Taungoo Township, surpassing August flood levels and affecting 1,200 households. In total more than 87,000 people affected in six townships in Bago Region.
- In Eastern Shan, flash floods destroyed a key bridge, disrupting transportation and communication. Southern Shan faced widespread flooding, affecting 13 townships, with more than half the area inundated, including tourism infrastructure.
- In the Southeast, Mon, Kayin, and Kayah states experienced severe flooding, displacing people and damaging infrastructure, particularly in IDP camps and low-lying areas.
- In Nay Pyi Taw, four townships were heavily flooded, affecting around 60,000 people.



Pictures of flood level in Mandalay on 11 Sept 2024

Needs Assessment

- **Shelter:** Estimated 65,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed due to the floods and landslides. Immediate needs for emergency shelter materials and housing reconstruction support.
- **Health & WASH:** Floodwaters have damaged water sources and sanitation facilities, reducing access to clean water and proper sanitation. Evacuated individuals are housed in overcrowded centers, significantly increasing the risk of disease outbreaks. Immediate needs for provision of clean water, purification tablets and hygiene kits. Health intervention of first aid, primary health services including disease prevention awareness are also needed.
- **Livelihood:** Sources of income, such as agricultural lands, have been submerged, and livestock destroyed by the floods. There is a critical need for livelihood recovery once floodwaters recede.
- **Protection:** Overcrowded evacuation centers, with limited segregation by gender, compromise the privacy and protection of women, girls, the young and elderly, increasing vulnerabilities. There is an urgent need for gender-sensitive protection services, including psychosocial support.

Action by MRCS



Distribution of tarpaulins, blankets, food and raincoats



Distribution of drinking water, ORS and hygiene items



Providing first aid and referral services



Support the evacuation of affected communities



Coordination with authorities and other humanitarian actors for rapid needs assessment



MRCS volunteers evacuating flood affected communities in Taungoo Township, Bago Region. 13 Sept 2024



MRCS volunteers are on the ground, providing first aid to flood affected communities in Naypyitaw. 12 Sept 2024



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Challenges

- **Telecommunications and internet disruptions:** Unstable telecommunications and internet services are causing frequent interruptions to identification of needs, humanitarian operations, delaying the delivery of assistance and warning messages to communities at risk.
- **Infrastructure damage:** More than 1,500 road sections and bridges were damaged, 359 electric poles were damaged, Road blockages, damaged bridges, and ongoing conflicts are presenting critical challenges to the timely situational assessment and effective delivery of aid.
- **MRCS operational challenges:** The destruction of the Red Cross infrastructure and assets, such as the branch office in Tachileik, Eastern Shan, has further hindered local relief efforts and coordination.
- **Impact on MRCS staff and volunteers:** A significant number of Red Cross volunteers and staff are personally affected by the floods, with many also seeking to ensure the safety of their own families.
- **Continued rainfall** is expected to continue affecting impacted areas, with overflowing rivers also creating additional risks for populations downstream.

MRCS Capacity



Staff

514



Emergency Stock

To support 8,000 households



Red Cross Branches

274*

*177 with full governing board at 2023 elections



Volunteers

6,432*

*validated in digital registration system – data transition is ongoing

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