OVERVIEW

Since 2007, IOM’s work on Emergency, Post Crisis and Preparedness are in the areas of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM).

DRR and disaster management is aimed at reducing risk, while improving preparedness in disaster management and resilience associated with natural disasters. Supporting the department of Relief and Resettlement and the General Administration Department, IOM helps to develop township level multi hazard risk maps and disaster management plans. Those maps and plans help decision-makers to plan development and infrastructure initiatives. Building on this, IOM improves end to end early warning systems, coastal protection and community resilience. IOM supports union, national, state and township governments, by increasing their capacity and readiness to manage disasters and reduce the impact of disasters on communities.

IOM has been working towards elevating the CCCM capacity available in Myanmar since 2015 through various capacity building initiatives including training and coaching CCCM practitioners, service providers and government officials using CCCM Global Cluster materials in collaboration with the CCCM National Cluster. IOM’s CCCM support ceased in 2017, however 45 globally certified CCCM trainers remain in the field with an adapted national CCCM curriculum being integrated into the Government of Myanmar’s Disaster Management Training Centre’s core courses on preparedness.

IOM’s community stabilisation activities aim to promote resilient community development and agricultural and livelihoods development for food security in Rakhine State. These activities aim to improve the readiness of the government, increase the resilience of communities, prevent potential migration outflows from disaster affected areas, and to promote safe and orderly migration to safe relocation areas.
IOM leads a consortium implementing the project ‘Improved Disaster Management and Resilience against Natural Disaster in Rakhine State’ targeting Sittwe, Minbya, Myebon, Pauktaw and Maungdaw Townships in partnership with ACTED, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), and the Swanyee Development Foundation, funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) / Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA).

IOM is also co-chairing the DRR Working Group in Rakhine together with the Department of Disaster Management to maximise coordination between government agencies and national and international organisations implementing Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) projects in Rakhine State.

IOM is also leading a consortium implementing the ‘Program for Improved Disaster Management and Resilience against Natural Disaster’ in Kalay Township in Sagaing Region and Tedim, Hakha and Paletwa Townships in Chin State in partnership with ADPC and local CBO funded by USAID/OFDA.

IOM implements stabilisation interventions in Central Rakhine State, addressing the needs of 47,500 people in 65 communities in Kyauktaw, Minbya, Mrauk-U and Pauktaw Townships. These efforts are supported by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KS Relief) and the European Union through the instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP).

IOM is also leading a consortium implementing the ‘Program for Improved Disaster Management and Resilience against Natural Disaster’ in Kalay Township in Sagaing Region and Tedim, Hakha and Paletwa Townships in Chin State in partnership with ADPC and local CBO funded by USAID/OFDA.

In coordination with the Rakhine State Government, the Ministry of Education, and the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), IOM has assisted with the reconstruction of six schools in Ponnagyun, Rathedaung and Buthidaung Townships which were affected by Cyclone Komen in 2015.

Supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the project aims to promote a safer and improved educational environment for school children from both Rakhine and Muslim communities. The schools are designed to serve as multi-purpose buildings which can be used as emergency evacuation centres.