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I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- The Government reports that the total estimated number of IDPs in Rakhine reached over 110,000 people, including some 36,400 people displaced in October.
- As of 4 November, inter-agency rapid needs assessment was conducted in most IDP locations in Minbya, Mrauk-U, Myebon, Pauktaw, Kyauktaw and Rathedaung townships. At the same time, emergency relief supplies were distributed, including food and plastic sheets to some 27,200 people.
- Preliminary findings of the assessments indicate that urgent needs are food, health, shelter, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

II. Situation Overview

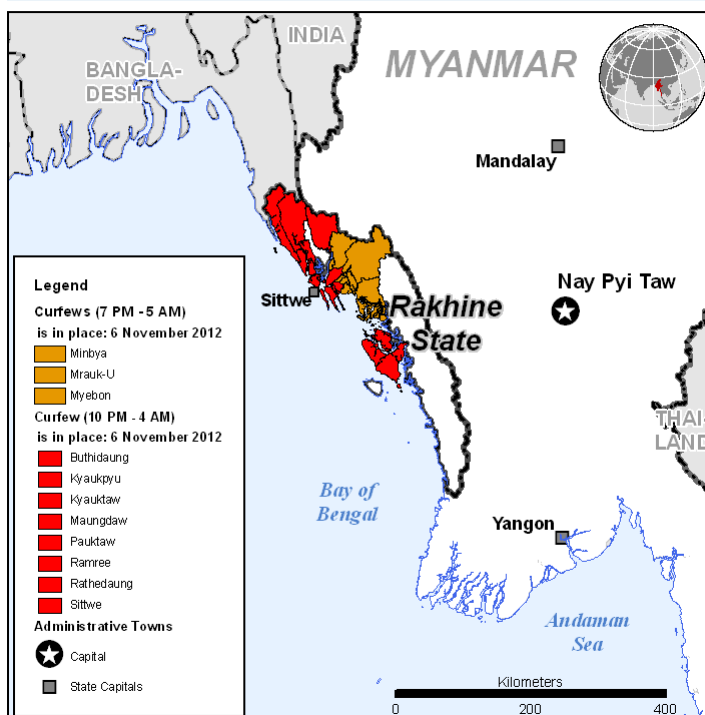
Inter-communal tension continues to be high across Rakhine. Authorities stepped up security measures and deployed additional security forces. Curfew is still in place across all affected areas (See map).

As of 4 November, the Government indicates that over 110,000 people are displaced in Rakhine, including some 36,400 since October, in nine townships: Kyaukpyu, Kyauktaw, Minbya, Mrauk-U, Myebon, Pauktaw, Ramree, Rathedaung and Sittwe. The number of IDPs continues to fluctuate due to constant population movements, including by boat.

Safety and security of humanitarian workers remains a concern as reports of threats to some staff for their engagement in provision of humanitarian assistance by some elements continue. The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator during his recent visit to Rakhine reiterated the need for a conducive environment for all humanitarian workers to provide relief aid to all those in need in accordance with humanitarian principles.

From 1 to 3 November, a high-level delegation led by the Union Minister of Border Affairs, with the participation of the US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell, British Ambassador Mr. Andrew Heyn, and Australian Ambassador Ms. Bronte Nadine Moules, visited ten affected townships across Rakhine to observe the humanitarian situation.

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74,800
IDPs
from June unrest

36,400
IDPs
from Oct unrest

III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

Agencies are distributing existing stocks and dispatching additional relief items to support the Government-led response.

As of 4 November, the inter-agency needs assessment team reached most IDP locations in Minbya, Mrauk-U, Myebon, Pauktaw, Kyauktaw, Kyaukphyu and Rathedaung townships to assess the extent of needs and provided emergency relief supplies including food and plastic sheets to some 27,200 persons. The remaining IDP locations will be reached in the coming days. Preliminary findings of the assessment indicate that urgent needs remain in food, health, shelter, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sectors in the assessed locations.

Health assistance is a major concern as IDPs do not have access to health facilities in location of displacement. Poor sanitation, shelter, water availability compound health issues. Shelter and WASH conditions of the newly displaced are dire. Although some tents have been distributed, many IDPs are in the open either close-by their burned villages, and some others are hosted by family and friends. Clarity on plans for opening camps or resettle some of the IDPs is needed to ensure appropriate shelter/WASH response.

As of 5 November, WFP has dispatched 455 MT of food which are in process of being distributed to 27,200 beneficiaries in all affected townships, except Ramree. Logistical capacity is being geared up with the deployment of a senior logistics officer and additional assets to the area. UNHCR distributed 740 plastic sheets in Minbya, Mrauk-U, Myebon and Kyauktaw. An additional 1,000 plastic sheets are being loaded for distribution in Pauktaw Township.

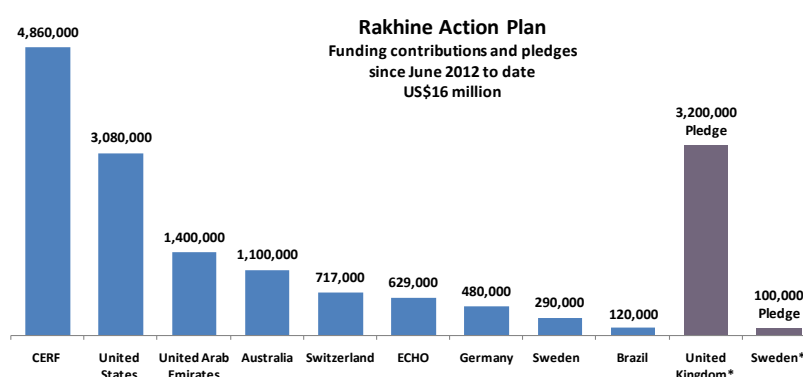
All available stocks are being distributed and dispatched to the area. Shortage of funds and materials, however, hamper the response.

IV. Coordination

- Government-led coordination meeting, including sector meetings and local humanitarian country team forum are taking place in Sittwe and Yangon.

V. Funding

- The Rakhine Response Plan launched in July called for \$32.5 million.
- As of 5 November, a total of \$16million has been disbursed or pledged against the plan. The plan is being revised, taking into account the new displacement in several locations.



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