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Information bulletin

Myanmar: Floods and Landslide

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Date of disaster: 8 August 2019 (Ongoing)	Point of contact: Rita Petralba, Disaster Management Coordinator
Operation start date: TBC	Expected timeframe: TBC
Category of disaster: Yellow	
Host National Society: Myanmar Red Cross Society	
Number of people affected: 134,994	Number of people to be assisted: TBC
N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation (if available and relevant): MRCS is working with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Partner National Societies with presence in Myanmar.	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant): Department for Disaster Management (DDM), Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), General Administration Department (GAD), Myanmar Fire Service Department, Ministry of Health and Sports, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).	

This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Myanmar Red Cross, with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), is currently considering whether external assistance is required.

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The situation

Seasonal monsoon has brought strong winds and heavy rains across Myanmar, further intensified by a depression over the Bay of Bengal, causing increased water levels in major rivers and floods in various states and regions. More than 134,000 people have been affected by the floods since the beginning of July 2019. Approximately 86,413 people affected in the first round of flooding and formerly displaced in Kachin, Rakhine, Sagaing, Chin, Mandalay, and Magway have since been able to return to their homes.

As of 11 August 2019, 48,581 people are seeking shelter in evacuation sites due to floods over the last two days in Ayeyarwaddy, Kayin, Bago, Mon, Tanintharyi, and Yangon. A landslide, caused by the heavy rainfall, occurred in Paung Township, Mon State yesterday morning. Reports from the branch assisting in the landslide operations indicate around 49 casualties, over 24 injured and around 50 people still missing.



MRCS staff and volunteers assisting in evacuation of flood-affected communities to safer areas. (Photo: MRCS)

The Myanmar Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) has indicated that flooding will continue in Hpa-an, Kayin State at least until Friday, with water levels on the Salween River exceeding dangerous levels. Other areas that are reaching or exceeding established danger levels are the Bilin River in Mon State, the Sittaung and

Shwe Kyin rivers in Bago Region and the Nga Wan River in Ayeyarwaddy Region. Water levels of the Moei River, on the Thailand-Myanmar border, are expected to drop by Thursday. While the deep depression over the northwest Bay of Bengal has moved northwest towards India, the monsoon is persisting at moderate levels over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Number of displaced population due to floods based on states/regions is tabulated below:

State/Region	Number of displaced	
	Households	People
Mon	5,201	22,729
Ayeyarwaddy	19	77
Bago	3,506	16,987
Kayin	1,374	6,702
Yangon	362	1,652
Tanintharyi	90	434
Total	10,552	48,581

Data as of 11 August 2019. (Source: MRCS Emergency Operation Centres and General Administration Department)

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the beginning of the monsoon and cyclone season, MRCS has been working very closely with the Myanmar Government at national and local levels such as the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), DMH, General Administration Department (GAD), Township Disaster Management Board, as well as Movement partners in-country to mobilize and provide assistance to those affected by the floods. MRCS is also coordinating with UNOCHA for regular sharing of information and updates.

To date, the National Society has supported more than 9,000 people (same person may have received multiple forms of assistance) through the distribution of 1,837 hygiene parcels; 577 dignity kits; 577 mosquito nets; 49 family kits; 43 shelter kits; 300 litres of clean water; 1,834 oral rehydration salts (ORS); 884 sets of blankets, mosquito nets and mats; and CHF10,000 worth of cash assistance.



MRCS staff and volunteers providing relief items to flood-affected communities. (Photo: MRCS)

MRCS has already mobilized over 670 volunteers at branch level in the dissemination of early warning early action messages, assisting in the evacuation process, provision of relief items, managing evacuation sites, search and rescue, and conducting data collection on needs in the affected townships.

MRCS Emergency Operation Centres (EOC) in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon have been on alert, continuously monitoring daily weather forecast and warning levels issued by DMH, and in contact with staff and volunteers from the affected states and regions. MRCS with the support of IFRC is working on analysis and planning for floods response determining activities/items required for possible scale-up of operations, ongoing procurement of relief items and safety materials for staff and volunteers, and the indicative prioritization strategy for NFI allocation based on areas affected by flood, at risk to cyclones, and stock levels.

MRCS is in close coordination with IFRC country office and the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur on monitoring the situation and is currently considering whether external funding is required to provide further support to the affected population.



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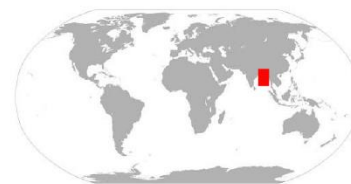


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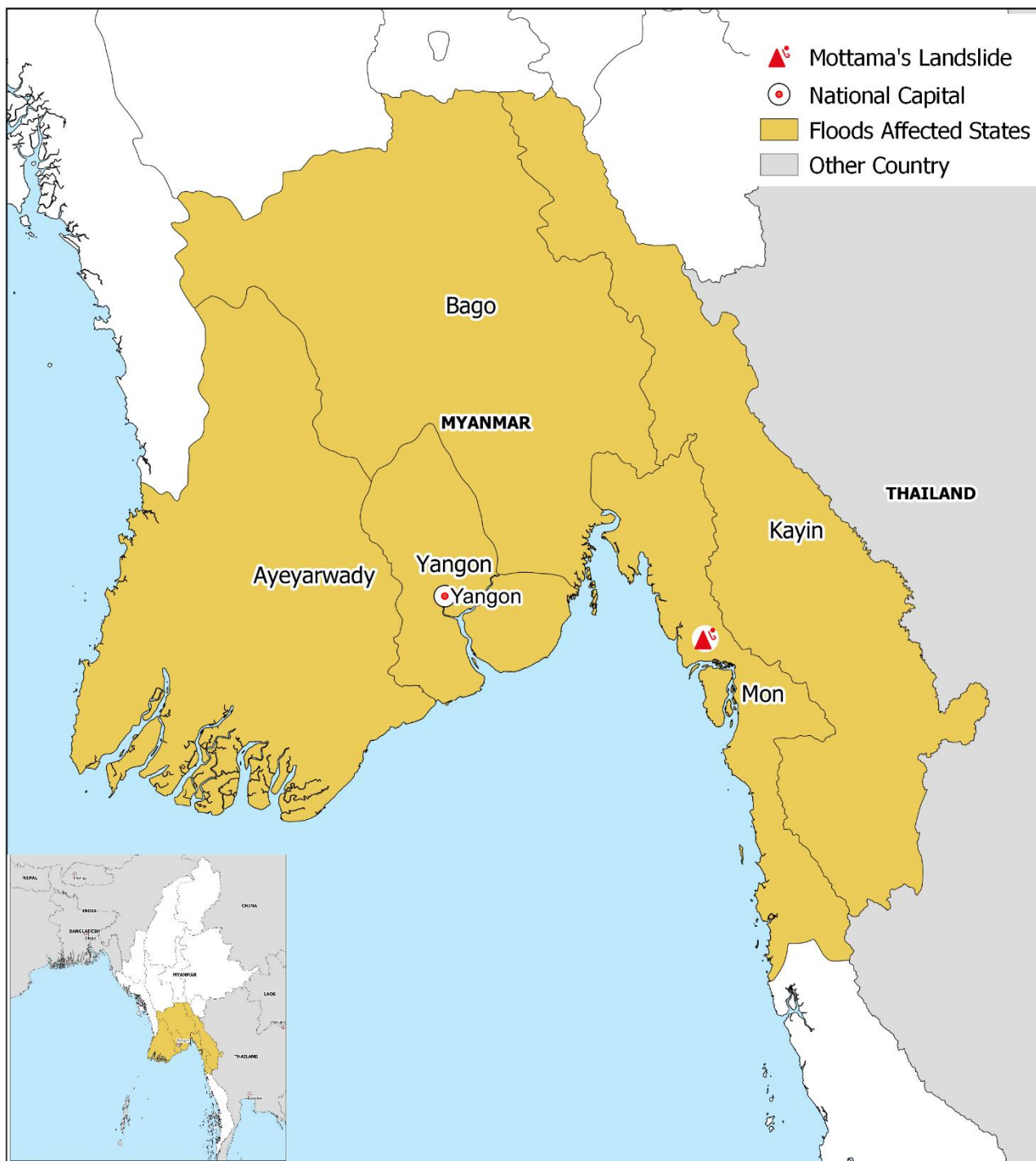


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