

MYANMAR: FLOODS

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The Disaster

The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) reports that the current monsoon rains have caused almost all the major rivers in Myanmar to rise above the danger level, creating widespread flooding. The floods have affected many small villages and driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

Local Red Cross volunteers are assisting the authorities in providing relief. They also collect cooked food from families unaffected by the disaster and distribute it to those who are being accommodated in temporary shelters.

The MRCS national headquarters dispatched their officials to some of the worst affected areas to make an assessment and report back to the Executive Committee. However, communication between the national headquarters and the affected areas is difficult because of the floods. Drawing on supplies donated by the National Societies of Denmark, Finland and the Republic of Korea, the Society has sent relief goods to some of the worst hit areas.

Needs

More details will be available when the MRCS officials return from their assessment trip. National Societies will be kept informed of developments.

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