

Information bulletin Myanmar: Earthquake

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The Myanmar Red Cross Society, with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), has determined that external assistance is not required at this stage, pending receipt of a full assessment report and analysis of the situation. It is, therefore, not seeking funding or other assistance from donors at this time.

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Summary:

An earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale struck central Myanmar on 11 November at 7.42 a.m. local time. Twenty-six people died and 231 were injured as a result. About 462 structures were damaged. The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) has provided emergency relief supplies to 200 families in two locations, while emergency services such as first aid and referrals to health facilities are being provided to affected people in seven of the worst-hit townships. Volunteers are conducting situation assessments and working closely with local authorities.

The situation

A powerful earthquake measuring 6.8 magnitude struck the Sagaing region in Myanmar on Sunday, 11 November at 7.42 a.m. local time. The epicentre of the earthquake is believed to lie approximately 72 km north of Shwe Bo township. The tremor was also felt in Mandalay region and Kachin state. Aftershocks were felt within the first hour of the earthquake. The most affected townships are Mogok, Sintku, Thabaikkyin, and Kyaukse in Mandalay region, and the Shwe Bo, Kyauk Myaung and Sagaing townships in Sagaing region. According to information received from Myanmar Red Cross Society local branches and government sources, the following fatalities and injuries were sustained:

Township	Death	Injuries	Missing
Shwe Bo	11	107	4
Mogoke	6	50	4
Sintku	4	13	0
Thabaikkyin	3	36	0
Kyauk Myaung	2	25	4
Total	26	231	12

The 26 deaths included one person who died when a bridge under construction across the Ayeyarwady river collapsed, east of Shwe Bo township in Sagaing region. The bridge linked the town of Sintku, 64 km north of

Mandalay on the east bank of the Ayeyarwady, with Kyauk Myaung in Sagaing on the west bank. Landslides occurred in Nga Gyin Inn village where one person is reported to have been killed.

As a result of the earthquake, about 251 houses, 22 hospitals, 137 religious buildings, 48 government buildings and four schools were damaged. In Sintku township, the wall of the township hospital collapsed, injuring 11 people, six of whom were transferred to the Mandalay hospital.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, the Myanmar Red Cross Society has provided the following assistance to affected people:

- Relief supplies such as shelter kits, family kits, kitchen sets and hygiene kits for 100 families in Thabaikkyin township in Mandalay region.
- Tarpaulins for 100 families in Mandalay city.
- Emergency services such as first aid and referrals to health facilities, to communities in all seven townships most affected by the earthquake. The townships are Sintku, Thabaikkyin and Kyaukse in Mandalay region, and Shwe Bo, Kyauk Myaung and Sagaing township in Sagaing region.

MRCS is providing this support through 79 volunteers on the ground who are assessing the situation and coordinating closely with local authorities, the Relief and Resettlement Department, Department of Health, and the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

The 79 volunteers comprise the following:

- 38 volunteers in Thabaikkyin township. These are 10 local volunteers from Thabaikkyin township itself, as well as 14 volunteers from neighbouring townships, and a 14-member Emergency Response Team for Mandalay region.
- 26 volunteers in Sintku township. These comprise 20 local volunteers from Sintku township, and 6 volunteers from the Mandalay state Red Cross branch.
- 15 volunteers in Sagaing.

The relief supplies distributed in Mandalay for 200 families as described above were dispatched from the society's regional warehouse in Mandalay.

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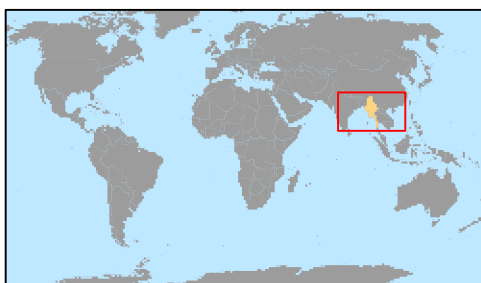
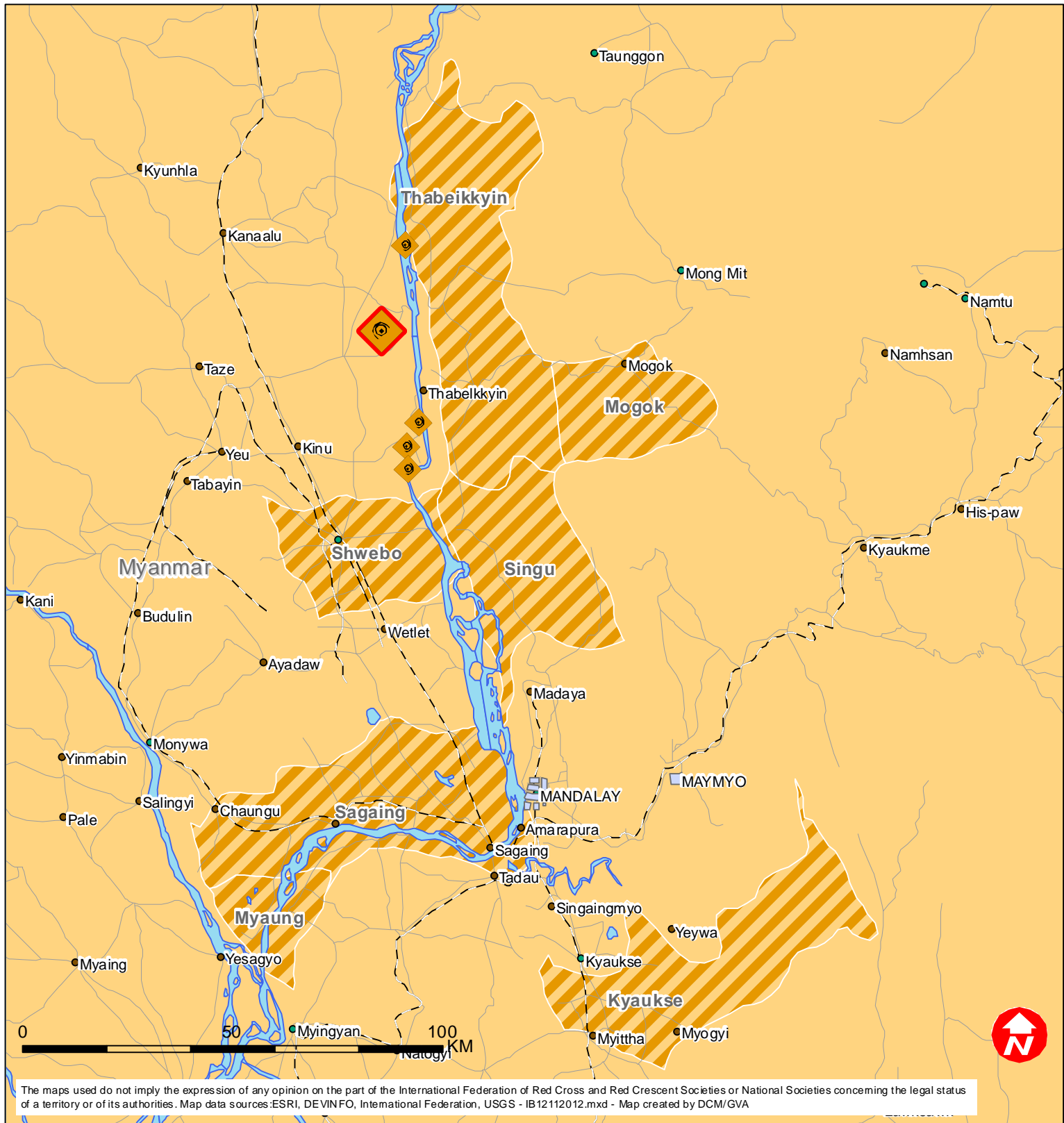


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- Aftershocks (between 5 and 5.8)
- Main earthquake - 6.8
- Most affected townships