



**Emergency Response  
Coordination Unit**

## **2025 Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Response Coordination Unit**

**April 3, 2025**

### **Situation Brief**

The **Emergency Response Coordination Unit (MERCU)** has been established by civil society organizations based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to facilitate coordination efforts during the initial stages of earthquake emergency response. This unit serves as a central hub for connecting rescuers and volunteers on the ground, ensuring efficient collaboration in relief operations.

Comprising representatives from civil society organizations active in the affected areas, the unit focuses on three key objectives: **emergency response coordination, resource mobilization, and information management**. Its primary goal is to deliver timely and effective assistance to communities impacted by the disaster.

According to the independent news outlet *Democratic Voice of Burma* (DVB), the earthquake has claimed **3,756 lives**, with the highest number of casualties reported in the Mandalay region. While the critical window for life-saving rescue efforts has passed, operations continue to assist those in need.

Challenges such as **limited internet access** and **restrictions on media coverage** have delayed the reporting of casualties, and the death toll is expected to rise further.



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Despite the surge in emergency assistance, there is still a critical need for sanitation facilities, as well as short- and long-term shelters.



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### Immediate Requirements

- Dry ration
- Clean Water and water purification equipment
- Equipments to search for deceased bodies
- Medical supplies
- Mosquito Repellents
- Shelters to sleep



**Figure 1:** Earthquake survivors in Mandalay, 33×34, 76×77



**Figure 2:** Earthquake survivors in Mandalay, 33×34, 76×77

### **Sagaing**

According to the *Democratic Voice of Burma* (DVB), the death toll in the Sagaing region, the second hardest-hit area after the earthquake, has risen to over 682. Internet and power outages continue to affect Sagaing City and its surrounding areas, further complicating communication and relief efforts. While international relief teams have arrived in Sagaing, the scale of devastation remains severe. Local leaders are still engaged in the exhumation of bodies, and many affected communities have yet to receive adequate aid. Although relief efforts have been underway in Sagaing City, many villages remain unreachable, leaving significant humanitarian needs unmet. Beyond immediate relief, long-term rehabilitation efforts are urgently required. The earthquake has altered natural watercourses, causing disruptions to water flow due to ground fractures. A critical need exists for digging new wells to ensure access to clean water for affected communities.



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### **Immediate Requirements**

- Blankets, mosquito nets and mats
- Solar-powered lights
- Dry rations
- Clean Water and water purification equipment
- Equipments to search for deceased bodies
- Medical supplies
- Mosquito Repellents
- Shelters to sleep

### **Pyawbwe and Yamethin**

According to the independent news outlet *Democratic Voice of Burma* (DVB), the earthquake has resulted in over 202 fatalities in Pyawbwe Township and more than 207 in Yamethin Township. In Yamethin, ground relief teams affiliated with the coordination unit have reported that over 1,200 homes were damaged and more than 130 people sustained injuries. The most severely affected area in Yamethin Township is Kale Village, where the majority of the Muslim community has been impacted. In both Pyawbwe and Yamethin, the hardest-hit groups include manual laborers and low-income families, many of whom have sought refuge in monasteries and public shelters. Communication with villages remains severely disrupted due to ongoing phone and internet outages, further complicating relief and recovery efforts.

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**Figure 3:** A village in Pyawbwe Township



**Figure 4:** Earthquake survivors from a village in Pyawbwe Township



According to the independent news outlet *Democratic Voice of Burma* (DVB), the earthquake has resulted in over 86 fatalities in Pyinmana and more than 296 in Nay Pyi Taw. In Pyinmana, the demand for clean water is rising sharply, with significant shortages affecting both drinking water and domestic supply, creating additional challenges for the affected communities.

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#### Operational status of the Emergency Response Coordination Unit

The Emergency Response Coordination Unit has provided a total of 10,415,615,200 kyats in emergency assistance to earthquake victims in Myanmar. This includes donations of 82,756,162 million kyats for affected communities in the Mandalay Region, 100 million kyats for those in the Sagaing Region, 500,000 kyats for earthquake victims in the Pyinmana Region, and 640,000 kyats to support the online clinic.



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