



Emergency Response Coordination Unit

2025 Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Response Coordination Unit

April 4, 2025

"As the Emergency Response Coordination Unit, a total of over One Hundred Sixty million kyats has been donated as emergency aid for those affected by the earthquake within Myanmar, as of 5 PM on April 4."

Situation Brief

The Emergency Response Coordination Unit has been established by civil society organizations mostly based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with direct links with stakeholders and volunteers on the ground and will operate from a dedicated coordination center for the initial response period

The unit comprises representatives from various Myanmar civil society organizations with established networks within the affected areas. The primary objectives of the Coordination Unit are immediate Response Coordination, Resource Mobilization, and Information Management for efficient and effective response.

According to the statement from the independent media, Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB), as of 1 PM on April 4, the death toll from the earthquake has reached **3,911**, and the highest number of fatalities was reported in Mandalay, with **2,504** deaths.

Although the golden hours for life-saving efforts has passed, rescue operations are still ongoing to address the destruction caused by aftershocks. Difficulties in internet access and restrictions placed on media outlets in reporting from the ground have delayed the reporting of the death toll. The Emergency Response Coordination Unit has also acknowledged that the number of fatalities may continue to rise.



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Observed On-Ground Impacts

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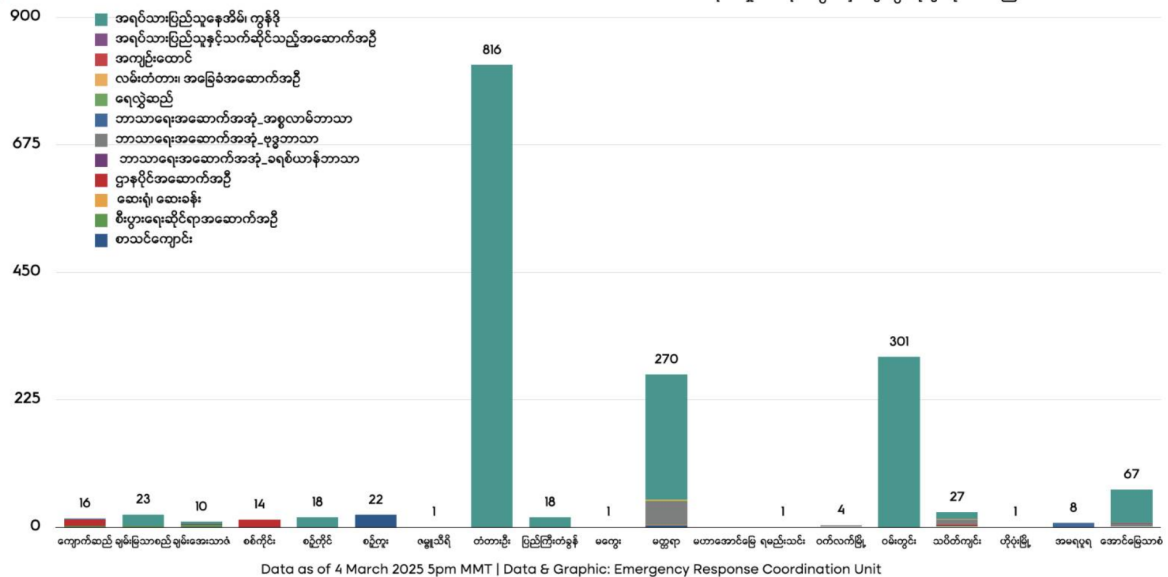


Fig – Reported list of building damages based on the ground information.

Mandalay

While rescue operations continued on the damaged and affected buildings in Mandalay, our team on the ground was able to collect data and document a total of **764** buildings that were damaged or destroyed by the earthquake.

According to information gathered from the ground, during the initial week following the earthquake, there were no security inspections. However, starting from April 2, members of the People's Militias and soldiers under the SAC began inspecting mobile phones and conducting forceful checks at intersections, and those inspections have increased in frequency.

Due to concerns over potential aftershocks and the risk of collapse of already weakened buildings, many people continue to live outdoors on the streets. As a result, there is an ongoing need for public toilets and bathing facilities. Additionally, there remains a continued shortage of water and food supplies, and shelters are still urgently needed for those affected by the earthquake.



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The lack of sufficient public toilets and bathrooms has made sanitation as a critical issue, increasing the risk of the spread of infectious diseases.

Although increased rescue operations have been observed in Mandalay city, there are significant limitations in the ability to carry out rescue efforts in the surrounding townships of Mandalay. The scale of the challenges remains substantial. While rescue operations continue in Mandalay, there remains a need for further planning and preparedness moving forward.

Immediate Requirements

- Dry rations
- Clean water and water purification equipment
- Equipment and skilled personnel for the searching of deceased bodies
- Medical supplies
- Mosquito repellents
- Shelters

Sagaing

According to Democratic Voice of *Burma* (DVB), the number of deaths in Sagaing, which was one of the hardest-hit areas by the earthquake, has risen to 695. Sagaing city and its surrounding areas continue to experience internet and electricity outages. Although international rescue teams have arrived in Sagaing, extensive damage has left local residents conducting body recovery efforts themselves. While rescue operation is starting in Sagaing, rescue operations in rural villages remain severely limited, increasing the urgent need for assistance. Additionally, due to cracks in the ground, water routes have been altered, causing water shortages and requiring new wells to be dug, therefore, it highlights the growing need for reconstruction efforts.

Immediate Requirements



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- 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

Pyawbwe and Yamethin

According to the statement from the independent media, Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB), there were reports of destruction in Pyawbwe town, with over 213 deaths, and in Yamethin, where the death toll has exceeded 216. The most severe damage in Yamethin Township occurred near Kalal village, where the majority of those affected were Muslims.

According to ground-level support teams connected to the unit, in Pyawbwe and Yamethin towns, the earthquake has severely impacted manual laborers and the impoverished, with many seeking refuge in monasteries and public places. Due to disruptions in phone and internet lines, communication with rural villages has also been cut off.

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According to the statement from the independent media, Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB), the death toll from the earthquake has reached over 132 in Pyinmana and over 179 in Zabuthiri. In Pyinmana, the demand for water has significantly increased, and there are challenges in accessing drinking and usable water.

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Operational Status of the Emergency Response Coordination Unit

As the Emergency Response Coordination Unit, a total of over 160 million kyats (exact amount - **161,056,152** kyats) has been donated as emergency aid for those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar.

In this donation, 42% of the funds were sent to those affected by the earthquake in Mandalay, amounting to over 67 million kyats (exact amount - 67,749,962 kyats), and for those affected by the earthquake in Sagaing, 29% of the funds amounting 46.9 million kyats, have been provided. Thirdly, 9% was allocated to Pyinmana, amounting to over 15 million kyats (exact amount- 15,006,190 kyats). Lastly, 6% was directed to Inle in Shan State, totaling 10 million kyats.

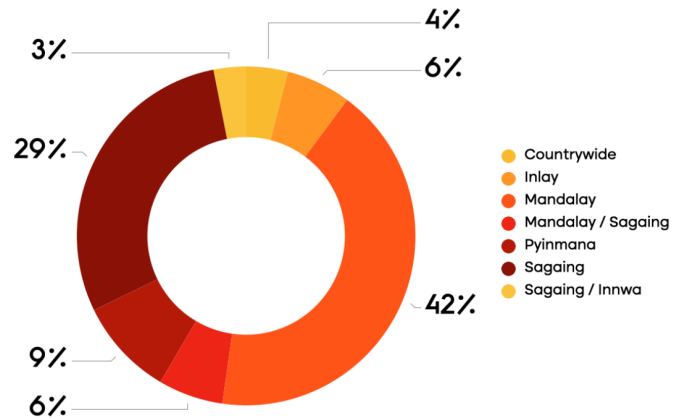


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Distribution of Emergency Supplies



161,056,152
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