HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 20 May 2023, 145 people are known to be dead in Myanmar by Cyclone Mocha.
- In addition to intermittent or complete power outages and the destruction of IDP camps, reports of essential infrastructure damage to roads, homes, schools, hospitals and health clinics have also been made.
- Telecommunication disruption remains as a significant obstacle to information gathering.
- Travel authorization still needs to be granted to have humanitarian access in cyclone-affected areas, especially in Rakhine State and Northwest Region (Chin, Magway and Sagaing).
- Sittwe airport resumed commercial flights on 18 May and the road route connecting Yangon and Sittwe reopened.
- MoH sent the rapid response teams, special medical teams and medics to the cyclone-hit areas—Ponnagyun, Buthidaung, Maungtaw, Sinbyukyun Station of Salin Township, Nyaung U townships providing healthcare services.
- According to available EWARS data as of 22 May, 41 out of 1,193 medical consultations have been reported as acute watery diarrhea in five locations and 20 consultations as influenza like illness (ILI) cases in two locations of Rakhine State. Total 1,193 medical consultations were provided for cyclone affected communities including IDP camps in 6 townships of Rakhine State.
- There are public health concerns in the flooded areas for spread of waterborne diseases.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

(UNOFFICIAL – yet to be verified)

NOTE: The data in this Sitrep is from local partners and local sources.

- Deaths 145
- Injuries (yet to be compiled)
- Damaged health facilities 227
- Affected Population 494,329 (yet to be updated with assessment)
- Affected Townships 21 (17 Rakhine, 4 Chin State)
- Damaged Homes 183,024
- Damaged schools 1,397

A man repairing his Cyclone-affected house in Ku Taung village. Rathedaung, Rakhine. Credit: UNOCHA/Pierre Lorioux/2023
WHO Response

- Draft health sector framework was being prepared to address the aftermath of the Cyclone with immediate phase, early recovery phase while identifying initiation of medium/long-term activities.

- In Chin State, Magway Region and Sagaing Region with ongoing intensified conflict, information of surveillance on communicable disease outbreaks is still not available. However, no signal has been detected so far to suggest any acute public health threat alert detected in these cyclone affected States/Regions.

- Efforts are underway to transport additional humanitarian supplies from Yangon to Sittwe to address healthcare needs and medical supplies. WCO is also exploring the approaches to facilitate the movement of supplies to impacted areas, both from within and outside the country.

- WCO Myanmar staff will be deployed in Sittwe Township to support emergency response as well as technical expertise of different public health areas, to ensure providing good quality health services during the emergency.

- RCCE Partner Mapping was conducted to identify the available partners, facilitating better coordination and resource utilization in sharing key messages and adopting communication materials in the affected areas.

Photo: Precaution RCCE Messages shared on WHO Myanmar communications platforms raising awareness of safety during floods, 12 May 2023