HIGHLIGHTS

- The major Cyclone affected areas - Rakhine, Chin, Magway, Sagaing and Kachin – are already in political turmoil – which complicate the response efforts in addition to the damage and road blocks with knocked down bridges and flooding.
- The multi-sectoral Humanitarian Flash Appeal to Cyclone Mocha Response targets approximately 1.6 million people with a total of US$333 million urgently required to address needs in areas in all communities affected by the cyclone and its aftermath. Total people targeted for health sector is 429k with USD 23.1M requirement.
- Rural health centers, as well as camp and community clinics in the Northwest and Kachin have reportedly also been damaged.
- The ASEAN Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA) deployed staff to support the Emergency Operations Centre in Nay Pyi Taw before the cyclone hit and members of ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) has been deployed to Rakhine to support the response by the Department of Disaster Management (DDM).
- Given the imminent monsoon season, communities are also at heightened risk of waterborne and other communicable disease outbreaks, such as cholera, dengue, malaria, and measles, particularly. The impact of the cyclone on health facilities, combined with the pre-existing heavily restricted access to health services pose significant challenges.
- Electricity is out in many places and phones and internet systems are down or are unreliable. The extent of the damage continues to be assessed.
- SAC has appointed military officials in charge for each of the affected areas for reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

(UNOFFICIAL – yet to be verified)

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

Deaths 145
Injuries 131
Damaged health facilities 325
Affected Population 494,329
Affected Townships 21
(Damaged Homes 234,147
Damaged schools 2,045)

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Photo: Destruction in Ah Nauk Ywe IDP camp. Pauktaw, Rakhine.
Credit: UNOCHA/2023
WHO Response

- On 19 May 2023, WHO 3 level grading call was conducted and it was decided that Cyclone Mocha response as Grade 2 emergency response.
- USD 167,000 worth local procurement of laboratory supplies were supported to ensure swift, efficient and effective response to the signals through EWARS/event-based surveillance in any disease outbreaks.
- A stock of emergency supplies for the value of USD 432,704 is ordered from the WHO Dubai warehouse and SEAR warehouses for dispatch in Yangon.
- According to EWARS available data, during 14-24 May 2023, total 2,303 health care consultations provided to cyclone affected community including IDPs in 10 townships of Rakhine State. Most of the consultations were minor injuries and general illness.
- Detailed reports from the ground are still pending as rapid needs assessments teams are yet to receive travel authorization to travel outside Sittwe township.
- As the health cluster lead, WHO also works with partners to respond to assemble mobile health teams and outreach support, conduct epidemic surveillance, early warning and response, and call for emergency funding to support health action.
- WHO continues to support the Rapid Response Teams deployed in ramping up the health response to the disaster to provide support where it is needed most.