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I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Transportation to the areas affected remains difficult for relief activities on the ground. Road access between Ann and Minbya is still hampered by damages to bridges, while most of the affected areas are only accessible through waterways. WFP as cluster lead for logistics is providing mobile storage units and has set up a logistics hub in Sittwe. The Government continues to provide boat transport for relief items from Yangon to Sittwe.
- Findings from a recently completed food security assessments have confirmed that although the latest overall figure of affected people is 260,000, the population in need of food assistance is 200,000. (Myebon: 100,000, Kyaukpyu: 65,000, Pauktaw: 25,000, Minbya: 10,000).

II. Situation Overview

Cyclone Giri, a category four cyclonic storm, made landfall in Rakhine State on 22 October, close to the town of Kyaukpyu. The Townships of Kyaukpyu, Myebon, Minbya and Pauktaw were the most severely affected by the storm, which caused severe damage to houses and infrastructure including roads and bridges in coastal areas.

The Government has reported that at least 45 people are dead or missing to date, while 101,923 people remain homeless and at least 20,380 houses were completely destroyed, with a total of at least 260,000 people (52,000 households) affected. Approximately 17,500 acres of agricultural lands and nearly 50,000 acres of aquaculture ponds were also destroyed. Transportation to the area remains challenging, as roads and bridges collapsed and were washed away. A large part of the affected areas can only be reached by boat.

Ahead of the cyclone reaching coastal areas, the Government of Myanmar and the Red Cross issued warnings to the population and organized the evacuation of people in coastal areas to safe locations to mitigate the impact of the disaster. The National Disaster Preparedness Coordination Committee (NDPCC) was activated and various ministries, including the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement have been coordinating assistance efforts with the international humanitarian community.

Assistance is being delivered by all humanitarian partners, including the Government and local authorities, local NGOs, international NGOs as well as the United Nations. In parallel, various assessments have been conducted to date, and discussions on a common assessment for medium-term recovery needs are ongoing.

III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

Education

An education sectoral assessment under the leadership of the Ministry of Education (MoE) with participation from UNICEF, Save the Children, KMSS and Mingalar Myanmar has been completed for Minbya Township and is ongoing in Myebon. The assessment in Pauktaw and Kyaukpyu will start on Friday 12 November.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) requested the Education Cluster to provide 150 temporary learning spaces including WASH facilities, 1,000 blackboards and plastic furniture for 10,000 students.

UNICEF is working with the MoE to transfer small cash envelopes to parent teacher associations to establish the temporary learning spaces for 150 collapsed or heavily damaged schools. The work on the ground is expected to start by the end of next week.

Food

WFP and partners have completed rapid food security assessments in all areas. Findings have confirmed that although the overall figure of affected people is 260,000, the population in need of food assistance is 200,000. (Myebon: 100,000, Kyaukpyu: 65,000, Pauktaw: 25,000, Minbya: 10,000). The total requirement for the next 3 months is 9,870 mt of mixed food commodities to feed 200,000 people in need of food assistance. WFP is working in coordination with partners regarding food needs, areas of coverage for the operations and assessments to avoid overlapping.

As of 08 November, 1,367 mt of rice have been dispatched to the affected areas, while a total of 84,000 beneficiaries have already received 784 mt of rice.

ACF continues distribution of two-week nutrition rations to 3,000 households in Minbya and Myebon townships.

The Contingency Plan Working Group composed of local NGOs has also distributed mixed food rations to over 2,000 people in Kyaukpyu.

Health

A UNICEF assessment in Kyaukpyu Township found 9 damaged health facilities (1 Stationary Hospital, 4 Relief Health Centers-RHCs, 4 sub-RHCs). Most damage occurred to the roofing, but one sub-RHC is fully collapsed.

In Myebon Township, UNICEF will replenish three cold boxes, 40 vaccine carriers and ACD and BCG syringes and safety boxes lost in the cyclone in order to revitalize immunization services as soon as possible. Distribution of 180 essential drug kits to revitalize the rural health services is ongoing in the four affected townships, Myebon, Pauktaw, Minbya and Kyaukpyu.

MRCS initiated a five-day basic first aid training in Myebon which drew 100 participants from the affected communities.

IRC is planning to operate two mobile clinics for children under five year, with an outreach to approximately 40 villages in the Taung Zin Dan Station area for up to 4 months, as well as to support immunization outreach for 11 midwives from 2 RHCs and 9 RHCs in Taung Zin Dan through facilitating transport to catchment areas and community mobilization to immunization points.

One UNFPA-MMA medical team continues providing life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services to a total of 135 pregnant women including 62 high risk pregnancies. Birth spacing service was also provided to 194 clients. One UNFPA-MSI medical team is now operating in Kyaukphyu through outreach mobile activities to provide life-saving SRH services to beneficiaries of affected villages.

A team of five staff from WHO, in collaboration with Ministry of Health (MoH) and other partners, continued providing health care in Myebon, Pawktaw and Kyauphyu townships. WHO delivered six IEHA (International Emergency Health Assistance) kits containing basic medical supplies for RHCs in Pauktaw and Minbya on 07 November. Another IEHA supplementary kit for Myebon hospital was also sent on 09 November.

Livelihoods

Recent livelihoods assessments indicate significant losses in terms of livelihood assets/equipment, crops, fisheries and livestock in Kyaukpyu, Myebon, Minbya, Pauktaw, and to a lesser extent in Ann, Yanbye and Man Aung townships. Although most of the livelihood-related damage was on rice paddy, the affected areas have only one paddy harvest. Thus, for the immediate support to fishery households and considering that more than 70% of households depend on livestock as a secondary source of income, replenishing lost stocks and enhancing existing stocks of the most vulnerable households could be an effective alternative to the loss of crops.

IRC will implement a cash-for-work project to rebuild the embankment in Yet Chaung village in Myebon in the coming days.

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Logistics

WFP deployed its regional surge capacity to support the Cluster's operations in country. A Logistics hub is operational in Sittwe with 1,500 metric ton (mt) warehouse capacity. WFP will have logistics hubs operational by end of this week in Myebon and Kyaukpyu with 3 mobile storage units in each of them (capacity 960 square metres per site).

The Department of Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Social Welfare is operating a boat (2,000 mt capacity) travelling from Yangon to Sittwe once a week. No costs are involved for agencies, apart from shared fuel cost.

Road access between Ann and Minbya is still hampered by damages to 2 bridges, one in Kannee and another in Kyar Inn Taung. Most of the affected areas are only accessible through waterways, WFP is assessing the possibility of procuring 1.6 - 1.8 mt pay load capacity boat.

Although the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster has not been activated, organisations have requested support for internet connectivity. WFP, with its current available resources will establish a connection point for humanitarian organisations to download e-mails in Sittwe, Myebon and Kyaukphu.

Nutrition

Based on a sample of 75 children of 6-59 months in two temporary reception facilities and three villages in Myebon, Pauktaw and Minbya townships, UNICEF found 3% severe and 11% moderate acute malnutrition, and 19% at risk.

UNICEF deployed one health and nutrition officer to be based in Myebon, to conduct a rapid nutrition assessment and to coordinate on the ground.

Save the Children distributed infant feeding in emergency (IFE) pamphlets and information leaflets on infant feeding during the emergency covering around 16,500 households in 60 villages in Myebon, Pauktaw and Kyaukphu.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

As the monsoon is drawing to an end and contaminated ponds cannot be refilled immediately, the availability of water for the coming months is a concern especially for those affected people living in coastal areas. Preliminary findings of an IRC assessment in Myebon indicate that communities are dependent on ponds and small spring catchments as their source of drinking water, the majority of which were contaminated with debris during the cyclone. The main water sources in the affected areas in Kyaukpyu Township are groundwater and rainwater. Though the availability of water quantity is not a major challenge in Kyaukpyu currently, water shortages could become an issue at the beginning of the dry season in some coastal areas.

District health teams are chlorinating the water sources in the affected areas in Kyaukpyu Township.

Sanitary latrine coverage is reported to have been 65% in Kyaukpyu Township before the cyclone.

CARE is planning to rehabilitate dugwells, undertake pond cleaning and chlorination in Taung Zin Kan Station Area in Myebon to cover 1,000 households. IRC is planning to cover 40,000 people in Myebon Township with activities including emergency water treatment units, pond construction and pond cleaning. Action Aid is planning water and sanitation activities, including wells rehabilitation, to cover 15 villages each in Myebon and Kyaukpyu Townships. OXFAM is planning to cover 25 villages in Myebon, 13 villages in Kyaukpyu, and 25 villages in Pauktaw with response activities including pond cleaning.

IV. Coordination

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Inter-agency coordination meetings between local and international NGOs and UN agencies have been held regularly in Yangon and in Sittwe. Regular consultations and meetings between local authorities and humanitarian partners take place in Sittwe with OCHA acting as focal point.

The MIMU has developed a webpage dedicated to the response to Cyclone Giri: http://www.themimu.info/HTML/Maps/Giri_index.html. Assessment data and 3W (Who-What-Where) information on the response are being compiled by the MIMU. Please send any updates to vognild@un.org and ei.ei.thein@undp.org.

V. Funding

An application to the Central emergency Response Fund (CERF) was submitted on 09 November.

Donors are encouraged to contribute to the response efforts of humanitarian partners, as well as to report to the Financial Tracking Service, which records all humanitarian contributions to Myanmar. For more information, please visit: <http://fts.unocha.org/>

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Cyclone GIRI - Assessed Villages, Myebon Township
As of 10th November 2010



NB. This Map will be updated as the MIMU receives more information. Please send inputs to info.mimu@undp.org



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The MIMU is developing similar maps highlighting assessed villages in the affected townships. Please check the MIMU website at http://www.themimu.info/HTML/Maps/cyclone_giri.html for other products.

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