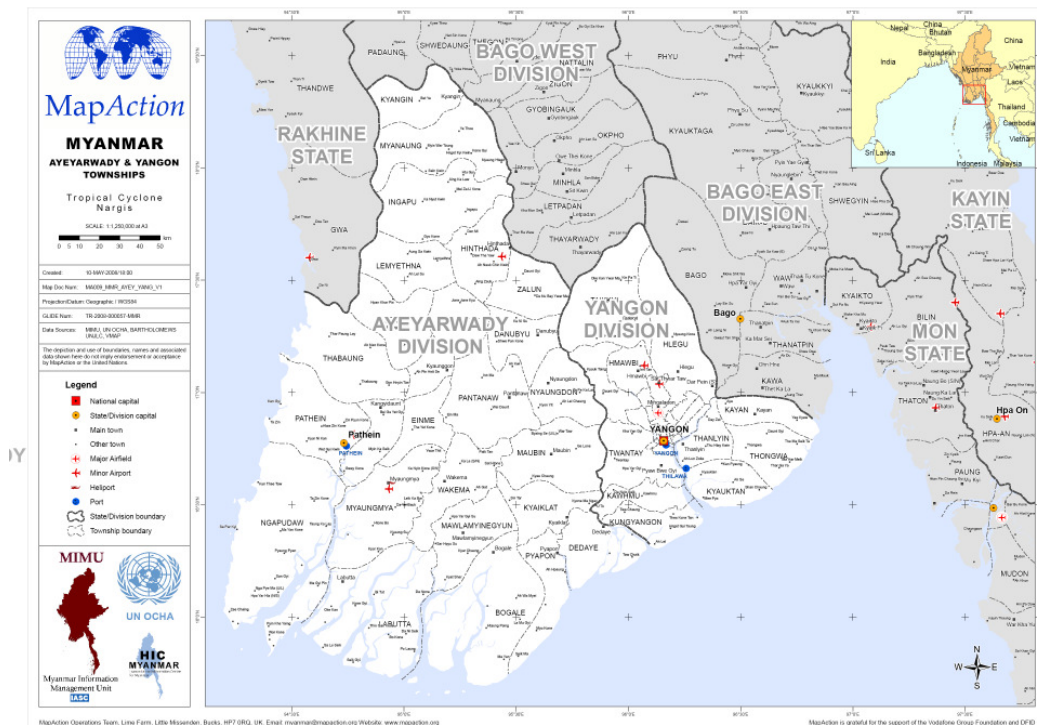


Relief Activity Report No. 9 Myanmar cyclone

13 June 2008



I. Overall Situation

1. According to the latest report published by OCHA on 11 June 2008, 15 of 37 townships that were affected by Cyclone Nargis on 3 May 2008 are considered to be “worst-affected”. Current estimates suggest that 2.4 million people were affected and 1.3 million people are estimated to have been reached so far by International NGOs, the Red Cross and the UN. Official figures as of 16 May state that 77,738 people have been killed and 55,917 remain missing.
2. A Tripartite Core Group (TCG), consisting of high-level representative of the Government of Myanmar, ASEAN and the UN, was established at the donor conference on 25 May to oversee the coordination of relief assistance. The group’s fourth meeting took place on 11 June.

3. A joint relief and early recovery assessment (Post-Nargis Joint Assessment/PONJA) commenced on 5 June with training, an official launch on 9 June and deployment of assessment teams on 10 June. The assessment involves personnel from the Government of Myanmar, ASEAN member states, the UN, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, national and international NGOs, the Myanmar Red Cross, the private sector and individual volunteers. The 345 personnel in 69 teams will assess humanitarian needs and damage components and have until 24 June to present a preliminary final report to the upcoming ASEAN conference.

Please find further information on Cyclone Nargis Response at <http://www.reliefweb.int> and <http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org>.

II. Malteser International activities

1. Labutta and Labutta Township

Malteser International trucks with relief items are leaving to Labutta on a weekly basis now. The government of Myanmar has already dissolved many of the camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and built up new camps outside of the town. According to latest figures, 24,000 people are living in the town of Labutta and about 275,000 people are living in the township of Labutta, thereof about 45,000 IDPs in five camps. Malteser International is providing medical services as



well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for 16,000 IDPs in two of these camps and for about 16,000 residents in four wards of Labutta. The organization moved its clinics and water treatment plants with the camps in order to support the homeless in these new camps. In addition, there is a close cooperation with the Station Hospital in Labutta.

In cooperation with UNICEF, UNDP, Merlin and AZG, Malteser International has started to construct latrines in both camps already: 40 latrines in each camp and 20 more to come. The previously built 55 latrines in the former sites of the camps (a high school and a monastery) remain. As school has started on 2 June again, these latrines will now be used by the students. - Malteser International also erected ten elevated tanks with 80 tap stand outlets for safe drinking water.

Furthermore, Malteser International has been requested by the local authorities to clean and rehabilitate drinking water ponds in about 50 villages of Labutta Township. These ponds had been severely soiled by the cyclone and urgently need to be pumped and cleaned. Two teams à five people will be out for the next 50 days to take up the task. While doing so, Malteser International will provide safe drinking water to the remaining people in the villages by transporting water by boat. Besides, Malteser International will also arrange for temporary rainwater collection with plastic sheets.

2. Middle Island / Ngapudaw Township

Two staff members of Malteser International also started an assessment on water and sanitation in the northern part of the so-called Middle Island (at about 40 km from Labutta). The Island used to have a population of 90,000 inhabitants prior to the cyclone, thereof about 50,000 living in the northern part. Numerous villages of this island were completely destroyed by the cyclone; about 15,000 people lost their life or remain missing. – The Island can only be reached by boat; transport by boat is the only means of transport on the Island as well.

On 12 June 2008, Malteser International signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the private International Hospital in Yangon for the further cooperation in the fields of health and WASH on Middle Island. For the emergency phase, the International Hospital – supported by Malteser International with an Emergency Health Kit and further medicine - will continue to send mobile medical teams in order to provide basic health care via six fixed clinics on Middle Island. Malteser International will concentrate on water, sanitation and hygiene activities and in the beginning of September also take over the health activities. The emergency and rehabilitation programmes at present are planned until March 2009 with a further prospective of two to three years in total.



For the future, Malteser International plans to expand its health and water/sanitation activities in Labutta as well as on Middle Island. The organization also wants to provide curative (in the emergency phase) and preventive medical services and plans to get involved in the rehabilitation of health infrastructure as well as in the building of rain water collection tanks on household level, the building of latrines, etc. Moreover, disaster risk reduction and prevention mechanisms shall be built up in the concerned area.

3. Yangon

On behalf of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Malteser International brought cargo flights from Bangkok to Yangon last week bringing relief items of Malteser International and of other organizations into the country. The logistics for these flights have been organized by Caritas. Next week, further cargo flights of Malteser International coming from Jakarta via Bangkok to Yangon will bring 2,700 “family kits” with cookware, hygiene items and water cans, financed by the Canadian organization CECI (Center for International Studies and Cooperation) which will be distributed in Labutta, thus helping more than 15,000 people. Besides, Malteser International continues its health and WASH activities in three townships of Yangon.

What we have done up to now:

- **Yangon (Dawbon Township, Htantabin Township and Thongwa Township)**

- First aid and medical treatment for the injured and sick
- Supply of safe drinking water for 60,000 people, 850 plastic sheets for emergency shelter, 750 “family kits” (containing cookware, hygiene articles and water cans)
- Distribution of about 800 mosquito nets and 400 blankets
- Water testing service for other NGOs
- Training of Malteser International staff members in the handling of water treatment plants by THW

- **Labutta and Labutta Township (Irrawaddy Delta):**

overall situation in Labutta: 275,000 resident population in Labutta Township, thereof 24,000 resident population in Labutta town; 45,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) in five camps

- Provision of basic health care as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for two IDP camps to the outskirts of the town: serving 16,000 people
- Installation of the former mobile team to provide medical care four wards of Labutta with about 16,000 residents
- Provision of the health facilities with medicines, medical equipment and medical consumables
- Support of the Station Hospital in Labutta with staff especially for Ante-Natal-Care and Mother-and-Child-Health-Care; provision of medicines and medical consumables
- Setting up of 10 elevated tanks with 80 tab stands in camps, construction of temporary rain water collection tanks in camps, provision of safe drinking water through chlorination and distribution of *WaterGuard*
- Construction of 120 latrines
- Camp monitoring in the sectors of health and water/sanitation for at least eight camps in coordination with other INGOs, UN and local authorities in Labutta
- Distribution of soap and soap cups
- Distribution of 920 mosquito nets, blankets and plastic sheeting
- 2 water treatment plants of the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) are brought from Yangon to Labutta providing safe drinking water for more than 25,000 people per day
- Cooperation with the International Hospital in Yangon (handover of drugs, staffing and on the job training for staff members)
- Health and hygiene education, distribution of 5,200 soaps
- Distribution of more shelter items for 580 households (blankets, mosquito

nets, plastic sheets)

- Distribution of “dignity kits”, further family kits and hygiene kits
- Cleaning of ponds in 55 villages in Labutta townships
- In preparation: Distribution of the 2,700 family kits, set up of three further drinking water treatment plants, reaching more remote areas by the boats that have been brought into the country with the latest cargo flights

- **Middle Island (Ngapudaw Township):**

overall situation: 90,000 inhabitants, thereof 50,000 in the northern part; 15,000 people dead or still missed

- Assessment on water and sanitation on Middle Island
- Support of the International Hospital in Yangon and their mobile medical teams with EHK and further medicine
- Memorandum of Understanding with the International Hospital as basis for further cooperation in the fields of health and WASH

Cargo:

- 3 emergency health kits (WHO standard) delivered to Yangon with a cargo flight of THW; transport of one of the health kits to Labutta, transitional storage of the other two health kits in
- Delivery of pharmaceuticals, medical drugs, plastic sheeting, mosquito nets and other relief items from other Malteser International project locations in Myanmar to Yangon and Labutta
- 5,000 litres of diesel donated by TOTAL
- 1 Emergency Health Kit delivered with the Cargo Flight of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany (plus 1 Emergency Health Kit delivered by Care Germany and handed over to Malteser International)
- 8 tons of medical drugs delivered by Latet
- Cargo flights (from Bangkok and Jakarta) financed by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and logistically supported by Caritas with the following relief items:
 - 2,700 family kits (financed by the Canadian NGO CECI)
 - medical drugs, equipment and consumables
 - 3 boats
 - 3 portable water purification systems

III. Staff

At present, there are 37 local and three international staff in Labutta as well as about 30 day labourers. The second international team – consisting of a midwife, a water and sanitation specialist and a logistician – that arrived in Labutta last Wednesday will stay for two weeks.

In Yangon, the Malteser International team actually consists of 32 local and three international staff.

On 23 June, Dr Marie Theres Benner, Senior Health Coordinator from the Malteser International Headquarters in Cologne will leave for Myanmar in order to support the team on the spot for approximately six weeks and help to prepare the further relief activities.

Within the next weeks, the team will be reinforced by a programme coordinator for emergency relief and rehabilitation as well as by a medical coordinator.

IV. Appeal for donations

The disaster relief of Malteser International is being supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and by Caritas Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Belgium. Besides Caritas and THW, there are other organisations channelling their aid through Malteser International, e.g. Latet (an Israeli organisation) and CECI (a Canadian organisation).

In order to be able to continue and to extend its relief measures, Malteser International is still and **urgently** depending on further donations. **Our teams on the ground are the guaranty that your donations really reach the survivors.**

In order to avoid “fundraising confusion” and high bank fees, we suggest that all associations should first use their own internal system for collecting donations and just afterwards transfer donations to the following Malteser International bank account:

Bank für Sozialwirtschaft
Sort Code 370 205 00
Account N° 120 120 120
IBAN: DE 49 3702 0500 0001 0258 01
BIC BFSWDE33XXX
Reference: Cyclone Nargis

Thank you very much in advance for all fundraising activities and donation appeals you have already launched and those you may still be able to launch. **It would be a great support for us if you could provide us with regular information about the amount of money you already received. This will help us to adjust our planning.**

Please find all detailed information – press releases, relief activity reports and regularly updated photo gallery as well as videos from Labutta – for your further information and distribution on our website:

Press Releases:

http://www.malteser.de/61.Malteser_International/en/61.02.News_Press/61.02.01.Press_Releases/presse2000.asp

Release Activity Reports:

http://www.malteser.de/61.Malteser_International/en/61.02.News_Press/61.02.06.Reports/reports.htm

Photos:

<http://php.malteser.de/cpg133/thumbnails.php?album=198>

Videos:

http://www.malteser.de/61.Malteser_International/en/61.11.Downloads/61.11.05.Video/Video.htm

We shall keep you informed about all further developments.

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