

Myanmar Earthquake Response

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KEY MESSAGES

Six weeks after the devastating earthquake struck central Myanmar, humanitarian needs remain critical, with many families and children still needing shelter, healthcare, clean water, protection services and other life-saving assistance. Over 6.3 million people in the hardest-hit areas urgently need support, necessitating a major response scale-up.

The earthquake compounds an already dire humanitarian situation where nearly 20 million people already needed humanitarian assistance across the country due to prolonged conflict, recurring natural disasters and economic collapse. Children and their families who have lost their homes are now dealing with **aftershock, extreme heat and unseasonal rain**, further deepening those already critical needs, especially for shelter.

World Vision is providing live-saving relief assistance to the children and their families affected by the earthquake: Through our humanitarian efforts, both immediate relief and long-term recovery, we aim to support 500,000 people, including 172,000 children. As of 14 May 2025, we have reached **321,349 people** affected by the earthquake, including **101,950 children** (56,194 girls, 45,756 boys).

OUR REACH

321,349 people

reached including through our humanitarian efforts, **101,950** children (as of 14 May)

172,089 people

including children, received essential food items such as rice, instant noodles & dry food

9,313 people

received Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)

5,027 people

supported through Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services

4,965 people

including children reached through child protection and participation initiatives, which includes safeguarding awareness sessions

2,478 children

reached through learning facilities

88,978 people

were reached through our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene assistance

469 families

provided with recovery loans amounting to **124,986 USD** by VisionFund

CONTEXT OVERVIEW

Strongest earthquake recorded since Türkiye and Syria in 2023

Nearly **3,800** dead, more than **5,100** injured (**UNOCHA**)

6.3 million people in need in the worst affected areas

Emergency shelter, cash assistance, safe and clean water, sanitation support, food and healthcare are immediate needs

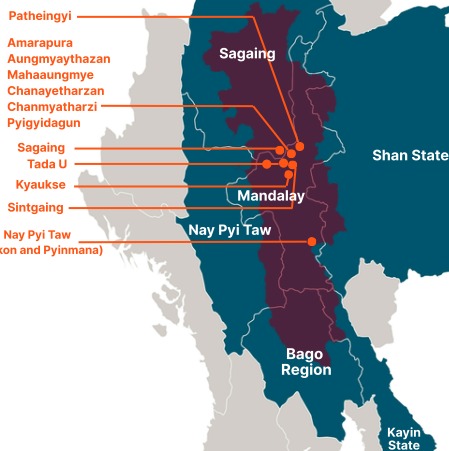
For **early recovery** sustained support for livelihoods, education and essential infrastructure repair is vital

The **needs** of the affected people rapidly exceeding available resources



WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- States affected by the earthquake
- Hardest-hit townships
- World Vision's targeted areas



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TARGET FOCUS AREAS



OUR TARGET

* **500,000** people
including nearly * **172,000** children

* numbers are subject to change as the response plan evolves



OUR SIX-MONTH RESPONSE PLAN

We will scale up our humanitarian response to address urgent needs and support long-term recovery in affected communities.

The response plan consists of several key components to meet urgent needs and support recovery. **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)** interventions will focus on restoring access to clean water and improving sanitation to prevent disease outbreaks. **Food and cash assistance** will address food insecurity and support families with immediate needs through food distributions and financial aid. **Protection efforts**, including gender-based violence prevention and awareness raising, the provision of shelter kits and the establishment of child-friendly spaces, will help safeguard women and children living in unsafe conditions while supporting their physical and emotional recovery. **Shelter assistance** will provide safe, temporary housing for families who have been displaced, ensuring they have a secure place to stay as they rebuild their lives. **Livelihood recovery**, facilitated through VisionFund, will help families restore income-generating activities and reduce long-term reliance on humanitarian aid.

This plan will be implemented through strong collaboration and engagement with local civil society, community-based organisations (CBOs), faith-based groups, local NGOs and international partners. These partnerships will be essential to ensure effective outreach, timely delivery of services and greater impact within affected communities.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

World Vision is committed to ensuring that affected families receive timely, transparent, and dignified support. We prioritise:

- Two-way communication with communities to understand their needs and concerns.
- Feedback and complaints mechanisms to ensure services are accountable.
- Clear information-sharing, so people know what support is available and how to access it.
- Protection of vulnerable groups, especially children, women and people with disabilities, throughout the response.

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