

MYANMAR

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE - SIX MONTHS ON

28 MARCH TO 28 SEPTEMBER - 2025



On 28 March 2025, a powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar, impacting communities already affected by conflict and displacement – particularly in Sagaing, Mandalay, Southern Shan, and parts of Bago. In response, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in close coordination with the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), Red Cross Movement and other local partners, launched an emergency operation within 24 hours.

Over the past six months, the ICRC has reached nearly 186,000 people with life-saving assistance – including safe water, shelter support, essential items, cash assistance, and healthcare services. While the response has evolved from emergency to early recovery, needs remain high, and communities continue to face the compounded effects of natural disaster, protracted armed conflicts, and economic hardship.

	81,000+ people gained access to clean water and sanitation services		4,300+ people reached with explosive risk awareness
	72,000+ people assisted with food, essential household items or multipurpose cash grants		1,249 patients treated or transported
	26,500+ people received shelter materials and support		70 civil society organizations (CSOs) equipped to provide first aid and ambulance services
	12 hospitals supported with medical supplies, mobile services and ambulance support		1,153 deceased recovered and managed with dignity



“After the earthquake, access to food has become a big challenge again. Thanks to the ICRC, now we receive rice, cooking oil, canned fish and beans.”

– Daw Elizabeth, a displaced woman

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT RECOVERY

- 72,468 people received essential relief across earthquake-affected regions.
- 33,390 people received essential household items to support their daily living needs.
- 23,361 people were supported with multipurpose cash grants to help meet a range of urgent expenses.
- 12,788 people received food assistance to cover immediate nutritional needs.
- 2,809 people benefited from agricultural support, including seeds, tools or inputs to improve food security ahead of the planting season.

HEALTH SUPPORT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- 70 local CSOs supported in 5 states and regions.
- 1,212 trained responders involved in emergency health operations.
- 1,249 patients treated or transported.
- 1,153 deceased individuals recovered and managed with dignity.

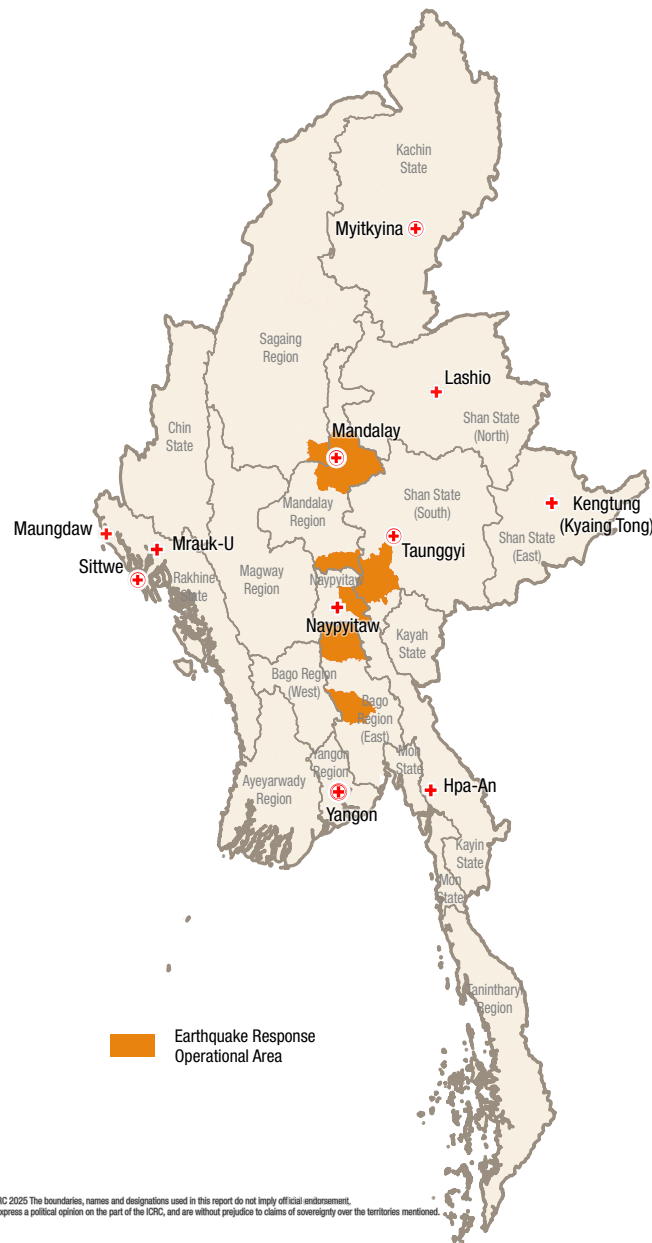
WATER, SHELTER AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- **81,548 people** supported with improved access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services through water trucking, borehole rehabilitation, and hygiene kit distribution.
- **26,500 people** received emergency shelter support, including tarpaulins, toolkits, and essential household items to help them cope with displacement and damaged homes.
- **109 public facilities and communal spaces** – such as clinics, monasteries and temporary shelters – were equipped with improved water and sanitation systems.

RISK AWARENESS AND SAFER BEHAVIOUR

- **4,376 people** reached through 101 awareness sessions.
- **33 local volunteers** trained to help spread life-saving messages in their communities.

The ICRC's Earthquake Response Operations Area



COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

From the outset of the emergency, the ICRC supported the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) in leading a rapid and coordinated response to the earthquake. In line with the Seville 2.0 framework, the ICRC worked closely with MRCS and other Movement partners – including the IFRC and Partner National Societies – to develop and implement a joint response plan. This collaboration entailed the donation of medical and protective equipment, chemicals for water treatment, financial support for the rapid deployment of staff, ambulances, and water trucks, as well as training of volunteers. Our collaboration and close coordination allowed the swift deployment of life-saving assistance and emergency teams to affected cities as well as hard-to-reach and conflict-affected areas.

LOOKING AHEAD

Six months after the earthquake, many families in Myanmar are still living in difficult conditions. Some remain displaced, while others lack access to safe water, adequate shelter, or regular income. With the Myanmar Red Cross Society and other Movement partners, the ICRC continues to support those most affected – especially in areas also impacted by conflict. As we move from emergency assistance to early recovery, sustained support is essential. We remain committed to helping communities rebuild their lives with dignity, and to ensuring that those in need are not forgotten.