In December 2018, conflict escalated in Rakhine State between the Tatmadaw and the Arakan Army (AA). As of June, tens of thousands of people have been displaced in Rakhine. Current fighting compounds an already fragile humanitarian situation prevailing since the crisis in August 2017.

Since mid-December 2018, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Myanmar Red Cross Society have visited over 60 locations in Kyauktaw, Buthidaung, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Mrauk-U, Minbya and Maungdaw where displaced as well as host communities reside. In total, more than 50,000 people have been reached. In addition, the Red Cross Movement is providing an average of 80,000 people with food on a monthly basis in the northern areas of Rakhine.

The intensification of fighting in Rakhine continues to have serious humanitarian consequences for the civilian population. The Red Cross Movement is very concerned about the increasing humanitarian impact of the conflict upon all communities. The ICRC continues to monitor the situation of the civilian population, share its observations and recommendations with the relevant parties to the conflict, find ways to reduce the risks to which communities are exposed, and reconnect families that have been separated.

36,200 persons benefitted from preventive and curative medical care through mobile clinics supported by the ICRC;
3,000 wounded and/or acutely sick patients benefitted from the ICRC supported emergency transportation;
180 persons received financial support for medical and other related expenses;
57 health facilities and mobile clinics provided with emergency health kits, medical supplies and other logistic support.

45,800 people received cash for food or food in kind.

57 people with disabilities received crutches, wheelchair or consultation support.

43,500 people received soap, ceramic filters, plastic buckets, tarpaulins and bamboo to reinforce shelter.

32,000 people in rural communities benefitted from upgraded environmental health conditions: better access to water and sanitation.

42,000 people received kitchen sets, hygiene and dignity kits, solar-lamps, jerry-cans, blankets, matting and clothing.