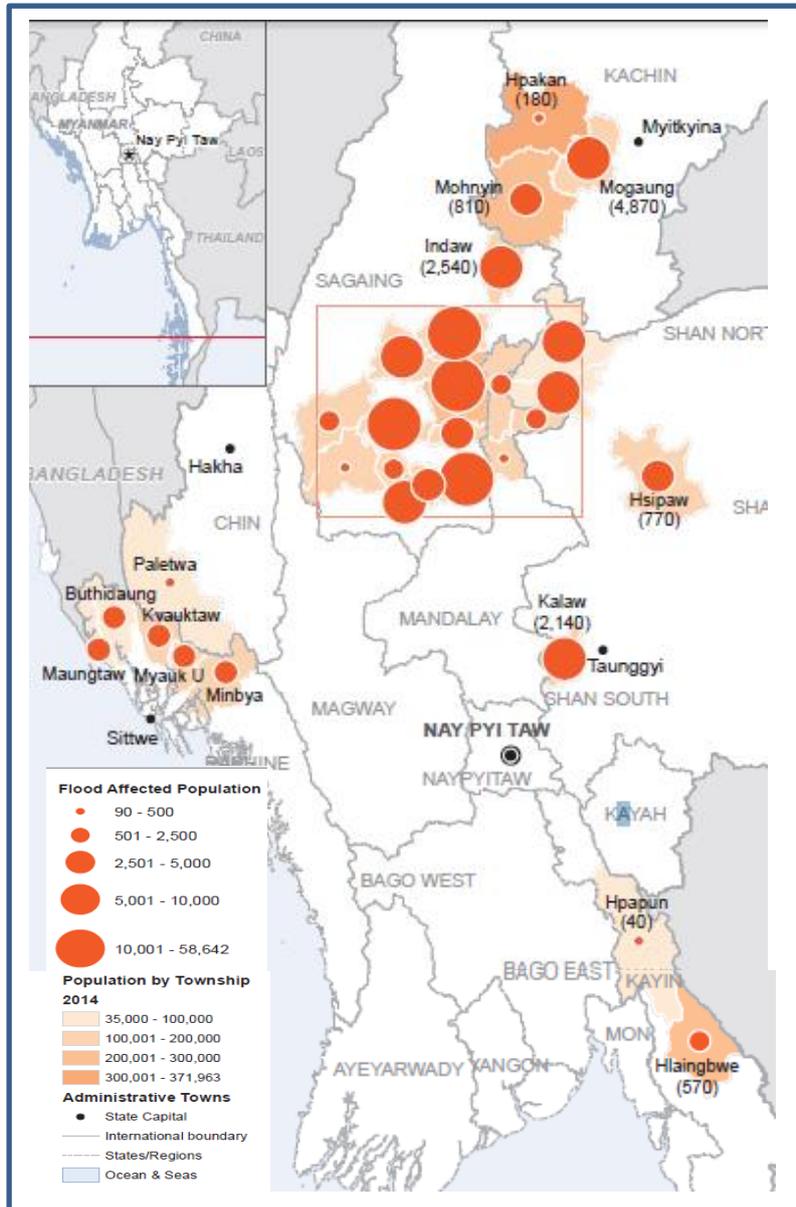




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1. HIGHLIGHTS



(source: UNOCHA)

- Approximately 156,000 people were affected by flood throughout the country, particularly in Sagaing Region, and Kachin and Shan States.
- Flooding have also been reported in upper Rakhine, lower Chin and Kayin States.
- Myanmar's Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD) reported 27 death due to the incident.
- After visiting the affected sites, on 31 July, President Thein Sein issued a statement declaring natural disaster zones in Chin and Rakhine States and Sagaing and Wagway Regions.

- Local authorities, ministries and departments, military and police as well as local and International NGOs are responding to the situation to provide assistance.
- Based on the Myanmar's Meteorology and Hydrometeorology Department, above normal rains are expected to happen in the next days in Bago Region, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States.

(information are based on RRD & UNOCHA reports)

2. SUMMARY OF DISASTER EVENT

Myanmar has experienced torrential rains starting from the end of June. The rains are associated with the Southwest Monsoon, which marks the start of the rainy season in Myanmar. Monsoon season usually begins in May or June and continues until October. The development of a tropical storm over the Bay of Bengal has also enhanced the situation by creating more heavy downpour and thunderstorm over the last days of July.

As reported by RRD, Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States are considered as the most affected areas. Flood waters have also been reported between Chin and Rakhine States as well as Kayin state. Approximately 520,000 acres of crops were inundated by flood.

The RRD, ministries, local authorities and NGOs have coordinated their efforts to manage the situation.

3. ASEAN MEMBER STATES RESPONSE

ASEAN Member State are monitoring the situation.

4. ASSESSMENT OF DISASTER IMPACT

Human

According to the Myanmar's RRD and UNOCHA, the flood caused **27 death and approximately 156,000 people affected** throughout the country, particularly in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States.

Shelters and buildings

There are reports of damaged houses, uprooted trees, damaged roads structures and bridges. The numbers have yet to be confirmed. The Government reported to have established evacuation centres and temporary shelters/camps for the victims but the total displaced people remains dynamic.

Logistics and Transportation

Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw airport are fully operational. Getting to the flooded areas may pose some challenges.

5. ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

Based on the initial report , the following may be needed:

- Food items
- Non food items such as hygiene kits, family kits, generators, etc.
- Shelters

6. ACTIONS TAKEN AND RESOURCES MOBILISED

National and Local Government

The Government through the RRD, national and local committees are leading the emergency response. At the national level, the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) is regularly and intensively monitoring situation. The assessment is undertaken by the government supported by other responding organisation and is still ongoing in many areas. The casualty numbers may be changed after the assessments are finished.

SATELLITE IMAGERIES AVAILABILITY

The Government of Myanmar has activated Sentinel Asia to acquire the satellite imagery and analysis. JAXA and Asean Institute of Technology (AIT) completed the analysis and delivered the final result to the Government of Myanmar.

NEWS LINKS

ABCNews

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-08-02/severe-flooding-in-myanmar-kills-27-hampers-rescue-effort/6665922>

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