Myanmar, Cyclone Nargis: 2 Years On

Population Affected by Cyclone Nargis

- Affected Population in Ayeyarwady Division: 1,600,000
- Affected Population in Yangon Division: 800,000
- Total Affected Population: 2,400,000

Cyclone Nargis Factbox

- Approx. 140,000 people lost their lives, and 2.4 million were severely affected when Nargis struck on May 1-2, 2008.
- Over 600,000 hectares of agricultural land was flooded, killing 50% of draught animals, destroying fishing boats, food stocks, and agricultural tools.
- 450,000 houses destroyed, and 350,000 homes damaged.
- 75% of health facilities destroyed or severely damaged.
- 4,100 schools destroyed or severely damaged.

2010 Priorities

- An estimated 150,000 households are in urgent need of shelter assistance.
- Need for construction of schools, provision of supplies, and capacity building of teachers.
- Need to enhance health and welfare services to all vulnerable groups.
- Clean drinking water is desperately short in some Nargis-affected areas, due to increased salinity, polluted or insufficient freshwater ponds.
- Livelihood activities must be scaled-up to ensure income opportunities and self-sustainability for households and communities.
- Develop disaster risk reduction capacity to ensure communities are better prepared should they be faced with another disaster.

PONREPP Funding

- Total Requested: US $691 million
- PONREPP 3 year requirement
- PONREPP 2009 requirement
- PONREPP 2009 received

Post-Nargis Achievements

- People receiving food aid: 1,100,000
- Nutrition support to malnourished children: 39,375
- Education support to children: 623,000
- Schools repaired: 1,500
- Community Health Volunteers Trained: 536
- Houses receiving shelter assistance: 162,047
- Ponds constructed and rehabilitated: 3,800
- Household latrines constructed: 67,430
- Households receiving agriculture support: 344,112
- Boats distributed: 25,029
- Persons with disabilities provided with physical therapy: 11,000

The humanitarian community in Myanmar has worked tirelessly throughout the first two years after the cyclone in cooperation with national authorities and international partners, and the efforts continue.