



World Food
Programme



WFP Myanmar

Flood response

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In Numbers

150,000 people displaced since 9 July

50,000 people displaced (as of 5 August)

8 states and regions affected

151 evacuation centers operational (as of 5 August)

Urgent funds requested by WFP for recovery operations:

US\$3 million for 109,000 beneficiaries over 2-3 months (preliminary estimates)

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements for the Country Strategic Plan, excluding flood recovery needs (Aug 2018 – Jan 2019)

US\$26 million



Photo (top left): A boy receiving WFP HEB at Sar Say village, Ma Dauk, Nyaung Lay Pin, Bago Region. WFP/Pyay Thein Kyaw

Photo (bottom left): WFP HEB delivery in Shwe Nyaung Pin Chaung Village, Shwe Kyin Township, Bago Region. WFP/Zaw Tun

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Highlights

- WFP is scaling up its efforts to provide cash assistance and cash-for-work assistance in the early recovery stage of flood-affected rural communities. The recovery efforts are planned in coordination with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and the Department of Disaster Management.
- Urgent funds are needed as a pipeline break is also expected in late September in normal operations if no new funding is received.

Situation Update

- Heavy seasonal rains since mid-July have caused severe flooding in 8 states and regions across Myanmar— Mon and Kayin states; Tanintharyi, Bago, Sagaing, Ayeywaddy and Magway regions; and PyiHtaungSu Region, Naypyitaw.
- The worst affected areas are Bago Region, Kayin State and Mon State.
- The Government is leading the response, in close cooperation with state and regional authorities, as well as other actors, including humanitarian agencies, civil society organizations and the Military. A number of UN agencies and NGOs have been contacted and have provided support, including WFP.

WFP Response

- The Government requested assistance from WFP on 30 July. WFP immediately began preparations to dispatch and deliver 36mt of high-energy biscuits (HEB) to a targeted 53,000 affected people in Shwe Kyin, Nyaung Lay Pin and Bago township in Bago Region. A WFP emergency response team facilitated distributions between 31 July and 3 August, working together with cooperating partner World Vision and coordinating closely with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and DDM.
- WFP extends its thanks to the Japan Association for WFP (JAWFP) for allowing JAWFP-funded high-energy biscuits (HEB) to be diverted for immediate flood response. The HEB stock will be replenished and used for the originally agreed activity.
- WFP plans to provide cash assistance for food security and cash-for-work during the early recovery stage in Bago Region and Mon and Kayin states.
- US\$3 million is urgently requested for flood recovery efforts targeted at 109,000 beneficiaries over 2-3 months, based on initial estimates.