

# **Myanmar Health Cluster Bulletin**

2 December 2024

July-November 2024



USD REQUIRED



TOTAL HEALTH
CLUSTER PARTNERS
66



\* Data from 30 September 2024 (Quarter 3 2024)
\*\* https://fts.unocha.org/plans/1160/summary

## Highlights

- Expansion of <u>Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)</u> cases including to Mon, Mandalay and Ayeyarwady, in spite of limited data availability: eventbased surveillance of media sources shows worrying signs of AWD spreading, including to flood-affected areas.
- Fears for increase in <u>malaria</u> cases in flood-affected areas in view of absence of vector control and lack of bednet distribution, as well as limited availability of life-saving malaria supplies in health facilities.
- OCHA supporting <u>flood response</u> with 6.5M USD through complementary CERF and MHF funding, including for health interventions.
- <u>Access restrictions</u> impeding access to health, including last-mile delivery of supplies and referrals of life-saving treatment such as emergency obstetrics.
- Suspension of routine immunization programs increasing the risk of **measles** outbreaks, worsening an already chronically low immunization coverage.
- **2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP)** expected to be launched on 13 December 2024.

### Health cluster action

### Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)

PEOPLE REACHED

484 K \*(16%)

**USD RECEIVED** 

31.2 M \*\*(24%)

**REPORTING HEALTH** 

**CLUSTER PARTNERS** 

33

- Joint Health and WASH Cluster efforts to step up prevention and response to AWD in flood-affected and flood-prone areas through orientation and training events, with a strong focus on Oral Rehydration Points (ORP) led by community health workers and volunteers.
- Lack of access to real-time data is significantly impeding effective preparedness and response interventions to AWD and other water-borne diseases, particularly in high-risk areas.
- Reactive Oral Cholera Vaccination (OCV) campaigns were conducted in Yangon, Mon, and Mandalay.

For more information, please see:

# 7th edition (2024), Myanmar Acute Watery Diarrhea Outbreak External Situation Report

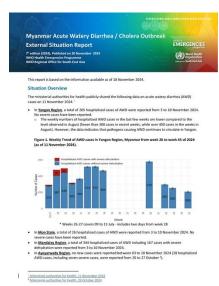
For previous situation reports, please see:

https://www.who.int/southeastasia/outbreaks-and-emergencies/health-emergency-information-risk-assessment/mmr-phealth/

## Flood Response

Widespread flooding as a result of Cyclone Yagi in September 2024 affected 1.1M people across 70 townships in 11 states
and regions, with an estimated 387,000 people requiring health assistance. Partners are supporting with health service
delivery through mobile and fixed clinics, referrals, disease prevention and control, health and hygiene promotion, and the
rehabilitation of damaged health facilities.

## **Myanmar AWD Situation Report** 20 November 2024



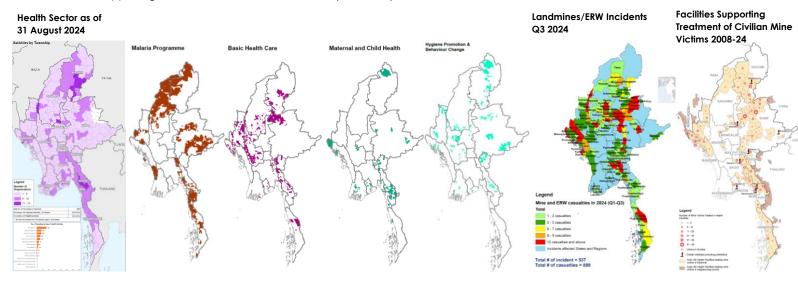
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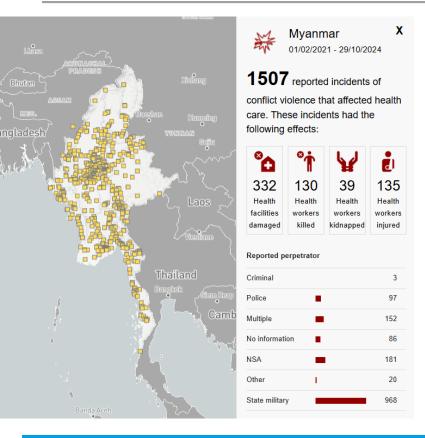
#### Other



New health-related maps available on https://themimu.info/new-uploads

- 1. Health Sector Projects Under Implementation (as of 31 August 2024)
- 2. Detailed health interventions on TB, Malaria, Basic Health Care and Maternal and Child Health (as of 31 August 2024)
- 3. WASH Sector Projects Under Implementation, including Hygiene Promotion and Behaviour Change (as of 31 August 2024)
- 4. Infographic Landmines Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) Incident Information 2024 (Q3) (UNICEF)
- 5. Facilities Supporting Treatment of Civilian Mine Victims (2008-2024)





## Attacks on Health Care

30 October-12 November 2024

https://reliefweb.int/report/myanmar/attacks-health-care-myanmar-30-october-12-november-2024

**Source:** Insecurity Insight

Partners are encouraged to report any attack on health care to the health cluster for further verification, as part of WHO's Surveillance system for attacks on health care (SSA)

For more information, please see:

https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/surveillance-system-for-attacks-on-health-care-(-ssa)

and

https://extranet.who.int/ssa/Index.aspx

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## Challenges

- **Incorrect methodology** to calculate unique beneficiaries was found to be the main reason of the disproportionate low figure of people reached up to 30 June 2024, which was revised and adjusted jointly with OCHA and the Global Health Cluster, to ensure a more representative figure of people reached (expected to be 30% by end 2024).
- Severe underreporting by health partners is also contributing to a low figure of people reached. Cumulatively, 33 partners reported throughout 2024, with on average only 17 partners reporting every month.
- **Lack of data** to allow for effective outbreak prevention, preparedness and response, as well as estimation of overall health needs
- Low routine immunization coverage posing significant risk for measles outbreaks.
- **High risk of malaria outbreaks**, with suspension of vector control interventions, and lack of access to bednets and anti-malarials, including Rapid Diagnostic Tests for large parts of the population.

## Next steps

- ½ day in-person Health Cluster Strengthening of Data and Information Sharing workshop planned on 4 December 2024 in Yangon jointly with OCHA to discuss challenges with reporting and ways to address this
- 2-day in-person Orientation Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming in Health, Health Sector Response to Violence Against Women and Preventing and Responding Sexual Misconduct for partners on 5-6 December 2024 in Yangon.
- Expression of Interest open to all partners to become members of the Health Cluster Strategic Advisory Group (SAG): candidates to send their nominations by 10 December 2024 to mmr-healthcluster@who.int or bootsmas@who.int
- Ongoing review of terms of reference for relevant technical working groups, to adjust the work of the working groups to the evolving situation in the country:
  - Acute Watery Diarrhoea Technical Working Group (Joint health-WASH cluster)
  - Sexual and Reproductive Health Coordination Group (Chaired by UNFPA and co-chaired by PATH
  - Priority Health Services Technical Working Group (Chaired by ADRA)

Partners interested in joining the working groups, please reach out to mmr-healthcluster@who.int

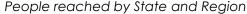
Drafting Myanmar Health Cluster Strategy 2025-26

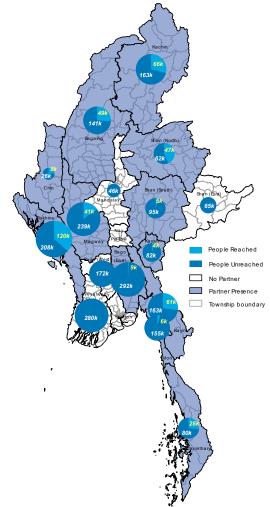
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#### Monthly Reported Health Partners







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