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MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE

FLASH APPEAL

April – September 2025

Snapshot

On 28 March 2025, two powerful earthquakes measuring 7.7 and 6.4 magnitude struck central Myanmar.

Thousands of people are now residing in makeshift and overcrowded shelters that lack secure sanitation, privacy, and protection, which is increasing the risk of gender-based violence (GBV), particularly endangering adolescent girls and women with disabilities.

In response, UNFPA is urgently appealing for US\$12 million to reach 680,000 people with life-saving SRH, GBV prevention and response, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services.

\$12,000,000

TOTAL HUMANITARIAN APPEAL
TO REACH **680,000** PEOPLE



Situation Overview

- The quakes impacted 58 townships across Mandalay, Sagaing, Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Kayin, and parts of Shan State. At least 3,400 people have died, nearly 5,000 are injured, and more than 370 remain missing.¹
- Homes, hospitals, roads, airports, and water and sanitation systems have been severely damaged or destroyed, impacting people’s ability to access essential services and hindering the humanitarian response.
- Thousands of families are displaced and sleeping in the open with limited or no shelter and essentials. Many fear continuing aftershocks and are unable to return to their homes.
- At least 223,160 pregnant women are struggling to access life-saving SRH services.
- Disruption of health systems and protection networks has increased the risk of GBV, including sexual exploitation and abuse. Adolescent girls, women with disabilities, and those separated from families are particularly vulnerable. Overcrowded shelters and lack of privacy and protection mechanisms worsen safety concerns for women and girls.
- Communities are experiencing profound psychological distress and trauma due to loss, fear, and displacement. Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services are urgently needed to help people cope.
- The early onset of the monsoon season is compounding the crisis with risks of flooding, landslides, and disease outbreaks.
- The earthquakes struck amid a pre-existing humanitarian crisis driven by conflict, displacement, and economic collapse. Urgent support is needed to provide shelter, healthcare, protection, clean water, and mental health services.

Target Population



17.2 million

Estimated total population in the key affected areas



4.6 million

Women of reproductive age (15-19 years)



223,160

Estimated pregnant women



1.54 million

Adolescent girls (10-19 years)



297,540

Number of live births in the next month

¹ [OCHA: Myanmar Earthquake: Humanitarian Snapshot, April 7, 2025.](#)

UNFPA Response Strategy

UNFPA urgently appeals for US\$12 million to scale up life-saving SRH, GBV prevention and response, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the worst-affected areas. These services are critical to protecting the health, rights, and dignity of women, girls, and vulnerable groups and must be delivered swiftly to prevent further loss of life.

With a strong operational presence, longstanding partnerships, and leadership in SRH, GBV, and MHPSS, UNFPA is uniquely positioned to respond rapidly, including in hard-to-reach and underserved communities. The April–September 2025 plan focuses on restoring essential services, reducing protection risks, and supporting communities in crisis.

Sexual and reproductive health priorities

- UNFPA will ensure the continuity of essential SRH services, including safe deliveries, antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, and contraception, especially where local health systems have collapsed.
- To remove financial barriers, cash assistance will be provided to support access to services for the most vulnerable.
- Mobile SRH teams and clinics will be deployed to reach displaced populations with integrated SRH, GBV, and MHPSS support.
- Midwifery networks will be strengthened, and temporary maternity waiting spaces will be established to increase timely access to care in remote or damaged areas.
- UNFPA will supply Clean Delivery Kits, Postpartum Kits, and Interagency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits to ensure health workers can provide care even in the absence of fully functioning facilities.
- Community-based volunteers will conduct outreach to support family planning, ensuring services reach those in the most marginalized and underserved locations.

Gender-based violence and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support priorities

- UNFPA will lead efforts to provide immediate access to life-saving GBV and MHPSS services, including temporary safe spaces for women and girls and integrated SRH care for survivors.
- Psychosocial support services will be scaled up to address the trauma and distress faced by affected communities, particularly women and girls who are at heightened risk of violence and exploitation.
- UNFPA will ensure a survivor-centered, rights-based approach, while also prioritizing the well-being of frontline responders through supervision, training, and mental health support.
- The response includes GBV case management, distribution of dignity kits and women's essential item kits, and cash assistance to reduce GBV risks and improve access to services.
- UNFPA will lead capacity-building for frontline workers, strengthening their ability to identify, support, and refer GBV survivors, and maintain service delivery even under challenging conditions.

Expected Outcomes and Results (April -September, 2025)

350,000

people reached with SRH programmes

28,000

people reached with cash and voucher assistance

300,000

people reached with GBV programmes

2,000

people trained on various services

Funding Requirements (as of April 16, 2025)

Programme	Funding Required (USD)	% Funded
Sexual and reproductive health	6,500,000	12%
Gender-based violence	5,500,000	12%
Total	12,000,000	24%

Current Donors

- UNFPA Emergency Fund / Humanitarian Thematic Fund
- The United Kingdom/FCDO
- Australian Government
- Government of Korea

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"I have lived here all my life, but I have never experienced anything as devastating as this earthquake. Everything fell apart in seconds. We had nowhere to turn; every nearby health facility was damaged."

— Than, 55-year-old woman from Mandalay, impacted by the earthquake