# CRISIS BRIEFING: 5 AUGUST 2015 Humanitarian funding analysis: Flooding in Myanmar

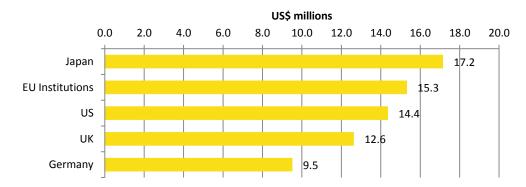
### 1. Key points

- According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)'s Financial Tracking Service (FTS), donors have committed/contributed US\$110.6 million of humanitarian assistance to the country since the start of 2015.
- The UN-coordinated <u>Myanmar 2015</u> response plan requests US\$190 million from donors to assist crisis-affected people in the country. It is currently 39% funded at US\$73.1 million. A further US\$37.6 million has been committed or contributed outside of the appeal.
- Japan is the top donor to Myanmar, contributing 16% of total current funding in 2015 (US\$17.2 million).
- A <u>state of emergency</u> has been declared in the four worse-affected regions: Rakhine State, Chin State, Magway Region and Sagaing Region.
- While no funding has been reported in response to the flooding so far, the regions currently affected (listed above) have received US\$20.8 million in response to other crises in 2015, almost a fifth of total funding to Myanmar in this year.

## 2. Recent humanitarian funding to Myanmar

Donors have committed or contributed **US\$110.6 million of humanitarian funding to Myanmar** since the start of 2015. US\$1.6 million remains in uncommitted pledges.

Figure 1: Five largest humanitarian donors to Myanmar, 2015



Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS. Data downloaded 4 August 2015.

Note: US: United States. UK: United Kingdom. EU Institutions refers to European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) department and the European Commission.



Japan is the largest donor in 2015, committing/contributing US\$17.2 million so far, followed by the EU Institutions (US\$15.3 million) and the US (US\$14.4 million). Between them, these three donors have given 42% of total funding so far. The largest five donors have given 62% of total funding.

US\$1.0 million, to assist the International Organization for Migration and UN High Commissioner for Refugees in their humanitarian operations, remains in uncommitted pledges from Turkey and a further US\$0.6 million, for the Myanmar Emergency Response Fund, from Sweden.

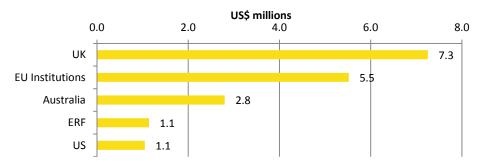
# 3. Response to flooding in Myanmar

According to <u>EM-DAT CRED</u> data 304,034 people have been affected by flooding in Myanmar since 2011. Over the same period, US\$16.6 million has been reported to the UN OCHA FTS in response to flooding and cyclones in Myanmar.

## 4. Recent funding to the affected regions

While no funding has been reported in response to the flooding so far, the regions currently affected (Rakhine State, Chin State, Magway Region and Sagaing region) have received US\$20.8 million in response to other crises in 2015, almost a fifth of total funding to Myanmar in this year.

### Figure 2: Five largest humanitarian donors to affected regions, 2015

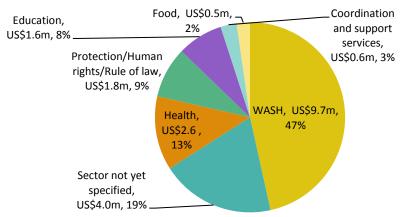


Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded on 4 August 2015. Notes: ERF: Emergency Response Fund

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Almost half (47%) of funds to the affected regions were allocated to the water and sanitation (WASH) sector (US\$9.7 million); US\$2.6 million was allocated to the health sector.





Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded on 4 August 2015. Notes: IASC: Inter-Agency Standing Committee.

## 5. Appeals and response plans

The UN-coordinated <u>Myanmar 2015</u> strategic response plan requests **US\$190 million** from donors to respond to the unresolved armed conflict and inter-communal violence. It is currently 39% funded at US\$73.1 million. A further US\$37.6 million has been committed or contributed outside of the appeal.

### 6. Pooled funding as part of the response

i. Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

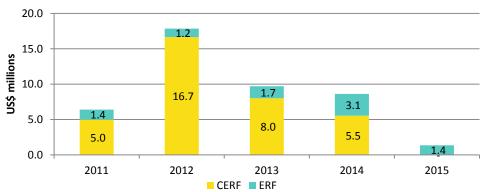
Myanmar is yet to receive any CERF allocations in 2015. In 2014, Myanmar was the 20th largest CERF recipient, with US\$5.5 million allocated – 1.2% of global CERF allocations in 2014.

All disbursements in 2014 were made through the CERF **under-funded emergency window** and 96% of allocations were directed to Rakhine or Kachin states.

### ii. Emergency Response Fund (ERF)

In 2015 so far, US\$1.4 million has been allocated from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF). In 2014, US\$5.4 million was collected in the <u>Myanmar ERF</u> (including carry-over of US\$1.1 million), of which US\$3.1 million was disbursed. The UK, Australia and Sweden were the only donors to contribute to the fund in 2014.

Figure 4: Pooled funding to Myanmar, 2011–2015

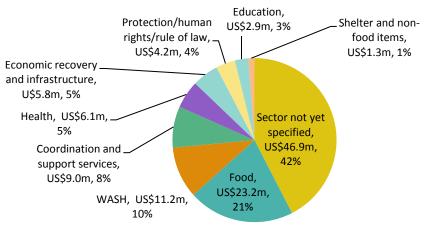


Source: Development Initiatives based on UN CERF and UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded on 4 August 2015.

#### 7. Funding to sectors

The largest proportion of funding to Myanmar in 2015 is allocated to 'sector not yet specified' (42%), followed by food (21%) and WASH (10%).

#### Figure 5: Humanitarian funding to Myanmar by IASC sector, 2015



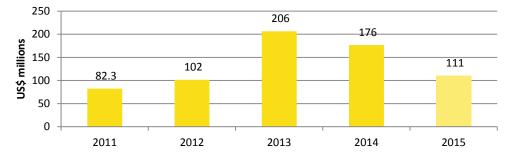
Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded on 04 August 2015. Notes: If funding is given in an unearmarked manner and not yet allocated by the recipient agency to a particular project and sector, FTS shows the funding under the heading 'sector not yet specified'.

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### 8. Humanitarian funding trends to Myanmar (historic)

Total funding to Myanmar in 2015 is almost half the total humanitarian assistance in 2013, when US\$206 million was provided in response to conflict-affected populations in Kachin and Rakhine states.

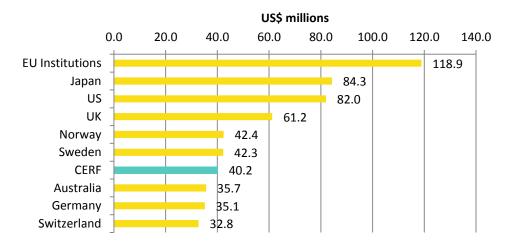
#### Figure 6: Humanitarian funding to Myanmar, 2011–2015



Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded on 4 August 2015.

The largest donors over the 2011–2015 period are the EU Institutions (US\$118 million), Japan (US\$84.3 million) and the US (US\$82.0 million).

#### Figure 7: 10 largest donors to Myanmar, 2011–2015



The largest five donors account for 57% of total humanitarian assistance to Myanmar between 2011 and 2015.

### 9. Other reported funding and pledges

The Government of Myanmar has appealed for international donors to assist in their response to the flooding. As of 4 August 2015, no funding relating to this disaster has been reported to the UN OCHA FTS; however, media reports suggest that international donors are starting to respond to the crisis:

- The <u>BBC</u> reports that state media has announced the government has so far provided US\$1.3 million (1.5 billion Myanmar kyats) in emergency aid, but that it has also admitted to responding weakly to the disaster.
- <u>China</u> will provide financial and technological assistance for the future development of Rakhine State, Sagaing Region and Magway Region, totalling US\$300,000.
- <u>Thailand</u> is preparing to send an initial donation of US\$142,000 (5 million Baht) for those affected by flooding in Myanmar.

Data is correct at time of writing and subject to change. For up-to-date figures on the humanitarian response to Myanmar and other crises see UN OCHA FTS: <u>fts.unocha.org/pageloader.aspx?page=home</u>

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