



# Red Cross Newsletter



Activities of the Myanmar Red Cross Society with support from Red Cross Volunteers across Myanmar

## Meeting the requirements of the regions

### Helping disaster affected population



Professor Dr. Myo Nyunt, the President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society accompanied by Dr. Daw Tin Tin Lay, the vice President of the MRCS, U Nyi Nyi, the chairman of the Red Cross Supervisory Committee of Southern Shan State and responsible officers visited the temporarily displaced families who are being hospitalized at the Taunggyi's Women and Children Hospital, on the morning of 14th January, to commemorate the delivery of aid items supported by MRCS. The president greeted the family members with words of encouragement.

The president of the MRCS donated (79) sets of women hygiene kits, (34) sets of man hygiene kits, (55) sets of kitchen kit, (4) warm clothes, and (5) sets of child-kits to the head of the hospital, Dr. Maung Maung Thein to distribute to the hospitalized and temporarily displaced families.

Later, the president and the team visited the temporary camp located in Kwe Chan pagoda (Bone Taw Gyi monastery), Thale U village tract, Nyaung Shwe township and provided the children under one year old from temporarily displaced families with child kits, school-aged children with books,

pencils, (24) sets of school uniform for boys and (23) sets of school uniform for girls including clothes donated by the public, in addition to disseminating leaflets on basic information about MRCS and family reunification.

After that, the team met and encouraged the Red Cross volunteers and families displaced from Kayah State as well as provided with (120) cans of sardine and cash assistance. The team later made a friendly visit to Red Cross volunteers from Nyaung Shwe township.

### Building Community Resilience



Professor Dr. Myo Nyunt, the President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society attended the Red Cross membership certificate awarding ceremony held for Taunggyi Red Cross Branch on 12th January at Computer University, Southern Shan State.

At the ceremony, the president delivered an opening speech and supported the Red Cross Branch with First Aid kit, (40) L oxygen tank with a set of flow meter, one blood pressure monitor, an oximeter, (20)

waistcoats and (200) face masks.

The secretary of Red Cross Branch transferred the membership certificates to U Nyi Nyi, the chairman of the Red Cross Supervisory Committee of Southern Shan State and Deputy Rector, Dr. Khin Sandar Aung of the Branch replied with words of appreciation.

The president, deputy chairman, part-time executives, chairman of the Red Cross Supervisory Committee of Southern Shan State and committee members, deputy general secretary of Central Branch and the staff, deputy rector Daw Khin Sandar Aung of the Computer University(Taunggyi) and responsible persons from the Red Cross University Branch and university students attended the ceremony.



Professor Dr. Myo Nyunt, the President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society attended the opening ceremony of Communication training for Red Cross Volunteers from Ayeyarwaddy region, which was a collaboration between the Myanmar Red Cross Society and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, on 16th January 2024 in Yangon. The president delivered the opening speech, while Ms. Nadia Khoury, Head of delegation from the International Federation of Red

Cross and Red Crescent Society provided a welcome remark.

The President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, full-time and part-time executive members, general secretary, deputy- general secretary, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies (IFRC), responsible officers from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Directors, Deputy-directors, head of department and officers from Central Branch as well as the participants attended the ceremony.

(20) Red Cross Volunteers from different townships in Ayeyarwaddy Region attended the 3-day training from 16th January to 18th January 2024.





Northern Shan State

A patient in labor was transported from her house to Lashio Public Hospital in Lashio Red Cross Branch Ambulance on 10th January.



Mandalay Region

Local Red Cross volunteer supported an elderly person from western part of Kyat Pyin Ward, Mogok township with food and cash on 12th January.



Bago Region

Basic first aid completion ceremony was held at BEMS (Lel Twin), Zee Kone Township on 23rd January.



Magway Region

An injured person from motorbike accident near Ma Gyi Kan village, Sale Township was given first aid treatment before transferring to nearest Hospital on 20th January.



Kachin State

Chicken congee was donated at the Myikyina State Public Hospital on 1st January.



Yangon Region

Basic first aid training (1/2024) was organized in No (4) BESH, Pazuntaung Township to provide (55) students with both theory and practical means of BFA on 11th January.

How Myanmar Red Cross Cash Assistance Transforms Lives and Fulfills Needs of Cyclone Affected Communities.

Recorded as the strongest cyclone in the Bay of Bengal in the last 10 years, Cyclone Mocha brought with it storm surges, flash floods, and landslides, affecting 1.1 million individuals and damaged critical infrastructure. The tenacity of the cyclone caused significant damage to over 200,000 homes, disrupting livelihoods, and power and water services, and straining access to healthcare.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society jumped in to support the families already facing great hardships. With the assistance of the IFRC Emergency Appeal, the Myanmar Red Cross is delivering cash assistance to cyclone affected communities in Rakhine and Magway Region. By the end of Dec 2023, Myanmar Red Cross has distributed 200,000 Kyats per household to 2,328 households in Rathedaung, Ponnakyun and Kyauk Taw and Sittwe Township of Rakhine State and 1,970 households in Salin and Sin Phyu Kyun townships in Magway Region.

As of December 2023, the Myanmar Red Cross has provided multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance, primarily focusing on distributing safe drinking water, to over 290,000 individuals. This includes delivering more than 980,000 liters of drinking water and 19,000 liters for domestic use to 50,042 households (comprising 250,210 people) across Rakhine state. Additionally, 19,586 people have received shelter support, 12,586 people have benefited from WASH assistance, and 8,413 people have received food packs as part of livelihood support. MRCS Mobile Clinics have treated 1,826 people and reached over 1,900 individuals with health education on handwashing and diarrhea prevention.



“The cash assistance is like a beacon of hope, enabling me to navigate through the current difficulties and secure a better future for my family.” said Sanda Hlaing from Kyauk Taw Township in Rakhine State.

“Myanmar Red Cross Society is a humanitarian aid organization. We are committed to providing humanitarian support to the most vulnerable people and those in need independently, impartially and neutrally.”



Dear Red Cross volunteers, Members and Brigade members of the Red Cross –

Today is a good day to start the new year of 2024. On the first day of this auspicious new year, which is the end of the old year and the transition to the new year, I would like to firstly send my greetings to you all and wishing you all the charms and blessings of the whole world and peace of mind and soul.



Today, in various countries of the world, thousands of Red Cross volunteers are working for providing humanitarian assistance to those affected by various disasters, conflicts and epidemics as much as they can

that I can't help but feel proud for them. On the other hand, I was heartbroken to see and hear that even some Red Cross volunteers themselves suffered from disasters while providing humanitarian aid.

The Red Cross volunteers from different regions across the country are playing their roles that I feel really grateful to them. As an association, we cannot meet all the needs of our Red Cross volunteers, but we are providing support as far as we can. We will continue to provide trainings, technologies, and basic first aid kits to improve the performance of our Red Cross volunteers. I would like to encourage the volunteers to do their best to increase the resilience of the community as much as possible in playing their different and vital roles as Red Cross volunteers.

Dear Red Cross volunteers, brigade members and members of the Red Cross,

On this New Year's occasion, regardless of whichever challenges or hardships we may encounter along the way, let us all work together to live in a more healthy social environment by taking responsibility for preparedness and effective response to potential disasters, while maintaining the team's reputation and image with full responsibility and in accordance with the (7) principles of the Red Cross.

At the same time, on behalf of MRCS and the community, the Myanmar Red Cross Society would like to express our gratitude to national donors, international donors, ICRC, IFRC and all Red Cross partner societies who has provided financial, human resource and aid items support to disaster response activities implementing by MRCS.

I would like to send my love and prayers to you all that starting from 2024, may we continue to maintain the dignity and image of MRCS while doing our humanitarian works for the public in accordance with the 7 principles.

Community preparedness – Readiness and Response actions for evolving situations in Myanmar



Mon State

Activity to strengthen village houses to prevent against heavy wind



Northern Shan State

Transferring patients to clinics and hospitals in Red Cross Ambulance



Yangon Region

Performing first aid treatment to injured persons while putting out fire



Mandalay Region

Blood donation



Naypyidaw

Facilitating first aid trainings



Bago Region

Prosthetic fitting activities

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Ayeyarwaddy Region

A car accident occurred near Kan Gyi Dauk village, Kyauk Kone township and Red Cross volunteers from Kyauk Kone Township Red Cross Branch was able to give first aid treatment and offered ambulance service.



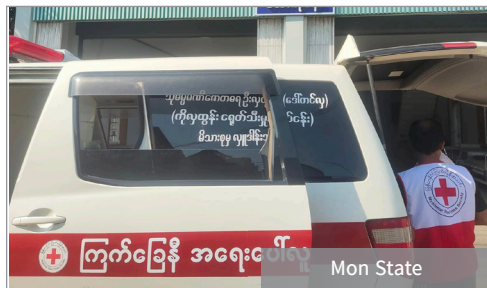
Naypyitaw

A victim of fire incident at Poe Sar Tau village, Tha Yet Tau village tract, Oattayathiri township was provided with family kit, hygiene kit and house construction materials on 1st January.



Kayah State

A temporarily displaced pregnant woman in labor was transferred from Demolsoe Township, Kayah State to Nyaung Shwe township, southern Shan State in Red Cross ambulance on 6th January.



Mon State

A male patient from Kyon Laung village, Ye township was transported back and forth to a clinic in Mawlamyine township on 6th January.



Sagaing Region

Basic first aid training (1/2024) was organized in Sagaing Education Degree College to provide (198) students with both theory and practical means of BFA on 3rd January.



Eastern Shan State

Basic first aid training (1/2024) was organized in BEMS (branch) Tar Log, Lashio township to provide (89) students with both theory and practical means of BFA on 11th January.

Emergency Cash support for communities in need



Magway Region

Hope is a ray of light for tomorrows. Thank you for bringing us hopes.

Link for video – <https://fb.watch/pMjyvEm8Hb/>

Helping disaster affected persons

Our volunteers and staff were able to support unconditional cash assistance to over (1,800) HHS who were cyclone affected populations from in Salin, Sin Phyu Kyun townships and nearby villages. “I will start doing plantation with the money I got from here. I am really thankful for coming to us and providing support when we are difficult,” said a villager from Myauk Shar Daw village. In completing this activity, MRCS was able to provide (2) lakhs per household with the financial support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Germany Red Cross Society and the Danish Red Cross Society.

Myanmar Red Cross Society is committed to providing effective support continuously to the affected communities suffered from many causes.



Kayin State

First Aid Treatment to a patient with burnt injury from a fire accident at a gas station in Hpa -An and sent him to Hpa -An Public Hospital on 12th January.



Tanintharyi Region

Providing family kits, hygiene Kit and jerry Can to (3) HHS suffered from fire incident in Kyi Mhyaw (8) Lane, Myeik Wun Htan Ward on 24th January.

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