

The death toll continues to rise 10 days after the series of disastrous earthquakes that hit Myanmar on 28 March

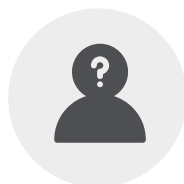
Infrastructure damage includes 47 roads, 26 bridges, and approximately 120,000 homes. The earthquake also destroyed hundreds of historic and religious sites

Entire communities have been upended, forcing people to seek shelter in makeshift conditions, worsening psychosocial distress and bringing essential services including running water, sanitation and health to the verge of collapse.

People left homeless by the earthquakes are exposed to extreme heat. It is currently over 40 degree celsius in Mandalay and Sagaing, posing an additional threat to those sheltering in the open.



3.5k
Deaths



200
Missing



5k
Injured

Situation overview:

- BRAC Myanmar Management team visited five of the worst affected townships in Mandalay and Sagaing to carry out a needs assessment.
- It was observed that many residential buildings have either completely collapsed or been severely damaged. Over 70% of structures have significant damage. In addition, rescue operations were hampered by a lack of heavy machinery to clear the rubble from collapsed buildings. There is wide-scale trauma in the communities.
- Hundreds of people in the affected areas have been sleeping outside since the earthquake, due to both damage to their homes and fear of deadly aftershocks. They have no access to safe running water, sanitation and power supplies

Needs are multidimensional - starting from emergency relief support, repairs and rebuilding of damaged homes are also critical. Community organisations and public donations are mostly delivering food and water but other emergency responses remain limited

People have started to borrow from neighbours at high interest rates to buy food and find basic shelter

Some shops in the nearest market areas have started to reopen

CLIENTS AFFECTED



11 clients and 28 family members of clients killed



467 clients lost their houses



61 clients lost their businesses

Immediate responses



Provided essential support (food, water, medicine etc) to 200 clients



Ensured emergency logistics at all damaged offices, taking steps to relocate and restart offices, and recover staff morale

BRAC Myanmar's response:

- Begin cash support to affected clients from 10 April to fulfill multi-dimensional needs
- Target 25,000 households in BRAC operating townships with minimum USD 50 per household to meet urgent necessities like food, water, shelter etc. The need is estimated to be USD 1.25 million
- Coordinating with BRAC entities to mobilise fundraising campaign

