

OCHA is requesting for information on flooding in Myanmar

Eamonn Murphy, Humanitarian Coordinator, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Myanmar, launched an appeal to gather information on flooding to mobilize resources needed to mount an effective response.

Please share your information with OCHA focal point on flood response: Helena Mazarro (Mobile: +95 9425297268 Email:mazarro@un.org).

After Cyclone Komen recently passed close to Myanmar, many areas were affected by strong winds and heavy rains. Since electricity and phone lines have been affected and transportation routes have been cut, it has been difficult to carry out detailed assessments.

Eamonn Murphy stated: "I would like to encourage agency/organization heads to try to get more staff out into the field as quickly as possible to assess needs and to respond immediately to this emergency situation. In Rakhine, we have been hearing that large parts of Buthidaung town are under water and that Mrauk-U, Minbya and Kyauk Taw are also badly affected. In the case of the IDP camps, we have heard that many of the long-houses have been badly damaged, with some of the roofs having been torn off by strong winds and some long-houses have completely collapsed. But the damage is certainly not confined to the camps. We have had reports of extensive damage in many villages as well. There was also heavy flooding in Sagaing and Kachin in the last two weeks and we are likely to hear about flooding in other areas as reports come in. It appears that this is some of the worst flooding the country has seen for a few years, although we do not yet have detailed statistics."

Please continue to share information on flooding with OCHA.

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