



DRR PREPAREDNESS KITS: Provision of DRR kits to the Disaster Management Committees and Sub-committees from Rakhine State. © IOM 2016 / May Ko Naing

AREAS OF WORK



OVERVIEW

Since 2007, IOM’s work on Emergency, Post Crisis and Preparedness are in the areas of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM).

DRR and disaster management is aimed at reducing risk, while improving preparedness in disaster management and resilience associated with natural disasters. Supporting the Department of Disaster Management (formerly known as Relief and Resettlement Department) and the General Administration Department, IOM helps to develop township level multi-hazard risk maps and disaster management plans. Those maps and plans help decision-makers to plan development and infrastructure initiatives. Building on this, IOM improves end to end early warning systems, coastal protection and community resilience. IOM supports union, national, state and township governments, by increasing their capacity and readiness to manage disasters and reduce the impact of disasters on communities.

IOM has been working towards elevating the CCCM capacity available in Myanmar since 2015 through various capacity building initiatives including training and coaching CCCM practitioners, service providers and government officials using CCCM Global Cluster materials in collaboration with the CCCM National Cluster. IOM’s CCCM support ceased in 2017, however 45 globally certified CCCM trainers remain in the field with an adapted national CCCM curriculum being integrated into the Government of Myanmar’s Disaster Management Training Centre’s core courses on preparedness.



VILLAGE MAP: Implementing community-based disaster risk reduction (DRR) mapping activities. © IOM 2014/ Valeria Turrisi

IOM’s community stabilisation activities aim to promote resilient community development and agricultural and livelihoods development for food security in Rakhine State. These activities aim to improve the readiness of the government, increase the resilience of communities, prevent potential migration outflows from disaster affected areas, and to promote safe and orderly migration to safe relocation areas.

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PRE-MONSOON AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN SITTWE: Rakhine State. © IOM 2017

BUILDING RESILIENCE: ACTION FOR STRENGTHENED INSTITUTIONS, COMMUNITIES AND SYSTEMS IN MYANMAR

Seeing them as safe and secure places, villagers often flee to monasteries for assistance and protection in times of crisis and natural disasters. Under the Myanmar Consortium for Community Resilience, IOM is implementing Evacuation Management Support capacity building for monks from monasteries in Minbya, Rakhine State. The project has been funded by the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid.

ADDRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN RAKHINE STATE

IOM's humanitarian support aims to meet immediate humanitarian needs for affected communities in northern Rakhine State. The project contributes to the recovery of market infrastructure, nutrition, health and early recovery with funding from USAID/OFDA.



COLLECTIVE CENTRE MANAGEMENT TRAINING for the Focal Points: Sittwe, Rakhine State © IOM 2018

IMPROVED DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE AGAINST NATURAL DISASTER IN RAKHINE AND CHIN STATES

Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), IOM leads a consortium implementing the project "Improved Disaster Management and Resilience against Natural Disaster in Rakhine State" targeting Sittwe, Minbya, Myebon, Pauktaw, Maungdaw Mrauk-U, Kyauktaw, Kyaukphyu and Thandwe townships. Consortium partners include ACTED, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), and the Swaney Development Foundation. Under the same funding, IOM also works with ADPC in Chin State (Tedim, Hakha and Paletwa townships) and Sagaing Region (Kalay Township) towards the enhancement of township resilience profiles through improved preparedness and disaster management.

Additionally, IOM together with the Department of Disaster Management, co-chairs the DRR Working Group to maximise coordination between government agencies and national and international organisations implementing DRR projects in Rakhine.



CASH FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION: To vulnerable beneficiary in Kan Pyin Village. © IOM 2018

COMMUNITY STABILISATION IN CENTRAL RAKHINE STATE

IOM implements stabilisation interventions in central Rakhine State addressing the needs of 47,500 people in 65 communities in Kyauktaw, Minbya, Mrauk-U and Pauktaw townships. These efforts are supported by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre and the European Union through the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace. IOM's community stabilisation approach promotes resilient community development, agriculture and livelihood improvements for food security (including Cash for Food) for vulnerable communities to reduce the flow of precarious migration from Rakhine. These initiatives support the stabilisation, development, and infrastructure of communities, including efforts to empower women and girls. IOM also works with the government and regional leaders to select project villages throughout central Rakhine.