

HIGHLIGHTS

No outbreaks have been reported.

The new WWW (who what where) tool has been designed to improve coordination among health partners and analyze the health gaps at the Township level.

Better access to safe drinking water remains a priority for more than a third of the affected population.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND SITUATION UPDATE

The findings of the Village Tract Assessment (VTA) of the Post-Nargis Joint Assessment are being analyzed. The final results are expected to be ready by 18 July. The VTA health data is based on interviews with 2874 households as well as local health workers and village leaders.

The preliminary health findings from the Village Tract Assessment (VTA) of the Post-Nargis Joint Assessment (PONJA) suggest the following trends:

- Open defecation has increased after the cyclone due to destroyed latrines.
- Diarrhoea, fever, cold, and respiratory troubles were the most common health problem encountered. Other complaints included skin rashes and trauma and injury.
- Approximately one third of the population needs better access to safe water.

According to the MOH, some health facilities have a human resource gap, and there is a need for safe water supply.

HEALTH CLUSTER RESPONSE

1. Disease Surveillance

The Ministry of Health has expressed the need for establishing a single early warning, alert and response system (EWARS) headed by the MoH and complemented by Health Cluster Partners.

No outbreaks have been reported.

2. Health Action

MOH has reported tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccination shots being delivered to 449 cases in Yangon and 2084 in Ayeyarwady divisions.

Three CESVI teams will work on cleaning of ponds and other water and sanitation-related activities in the following six villages in Dedaye township: Kyone Boke, Kyone Chin, Thin Paung Chaung, Ku Lar Kone Tan, Nauk Pyan Doe, Ma Ngay Gyi.

UNFPA /Myanmar Medical Association's mobile medical teams reached five more villages in Ayeyarwady and Yangon Divisions in the last two weeks. Reproductive health was a primary focus; 38 women had prenatal exams and over 100 received post-natal or birth spacing care. One expectant mother with dangerously high blood pressure was taken to Yangon for treatment. The teams also immunized infants and cared for children, men and women with a variety of conditions including hypertension, diarrhoea and respiratory infections.

MMA-UNFPA also opened a temporary clinic in Bogale last week to offer prenatal care and delivery referrals. Women who live far from the township hospital can stay at the centre while awaiting labour. UNFPA plans to establish two similar facilities in Labutta Township.

3. Supplies

UNICEF's health and nutrition supplies include than 180 000 bednets, over 20 000 clean delivery kits, first aid kits, almost 2000 essential drugs kit 1, more than 500 000 packets of ORS, and over four million water purification tablets.

HEALTH COORDINATION

The new WWW (who what where) tool has been designed to improve the gap analysis at the Township level. Each organisation in each Township will fill out the reporting form once a week. Township Focal Point will collect and send the form to the TMO and the Hub Focal Point, for the data to be entered.

A monthly report will be made on the Gaps in health care provision.

The WWW will be trialed for two weeks by Merlin, ADRA and UNICEF.

The local coordination is improving with help from the detailed mapping exercise of WWW. Coordination between NGOs and government is also improving. Sub-national coordination operational centers reported the following:

- **Labutta:**

- Health and Nutrition joint coordination regularly meet twice a week to coordinate outreach activities including support to eight frontier outposts, camps, and routine health activities. The meeting is attended by TMO.
- One of the positive outcomes of the coordination is health cluster partners and TMO have worked together to conduct training, demonstration and implementation of sanitation and vector control activities.

- **Bogale:**

- Health and Nutrition joint coordination meetings take place weekly to ensure geographical coordination among partners involved in outreach services. Recently the collaboration and coordination with TMO has improved significantly the TMO regularly attends the cluster meetings.

- **Pyaporn:**

- Weekly coordination meetings started in June.

- **Mawlmayingyun**

- Coordination meetings are led by TMO at township hospital. However only a small number of health partners have attended so far.

NEXT STEPS

The revised appeal will be launched on 10 July in New York.

MOH and health cluster partners need to address the following issues:

- Improve coordination with partners at township level.
- Proper allocation of resources contributed from the partners.
- The matching of support with needs.