

CEDAR Fund Myanmar Cyclone Relief Report

On 14 May 2023, Cyclone Mocha landed in western Myanmar, the strongest tropical cyclone to hit the country in over a decade, and wreaked havoc. The situation in Rakhine state is critical, and many of the victims are vulnerable groups such as internally displaced persons and undocumented individuals.

The cyclone destroyed infrastructure. Most water sources were damaged and contaminated, making it impossible to drink directly, leaving many families without access to safe water and basic sanitation, with numerous residents afflicted by diarrhoea and various infectious diseases. The Myanmar people have been suffering from the ravages of civil war for many years. The people of Myanmar have long endured the hardships of civil conflict, facing ongoing crises in their lives and livelihoods, with the impact of this typhoon compounding their challenges.

In response to the urgent needs, CEDAR Fund allocated US\$18,000 (approximately HK\$141,300) to support our Myanmar partner, the Fullmoon Family Foundation (FMFF), to work with local Baptist churches to overcome the challenges of flooding and road blockages for delivery of the relief supplies, including food, medicine, hygiene items and portable water filters, to eight villages in Rakhine State. The following are the details of the relief report.

Project Details

Project Objective: To respond to the immediate needs of the victims, safeguard their lives so that they can rebuild their homes in the future.

Project Period: June 2023 to August 2023

Project Location: 18 villages in Rakhine State

Beneficiaries: 872 families (about 4,360 persons)

Project Content:

- Food distribution to victims (rice, nutritious soup, dry food)
- Distribution of medicines and home visits to the elderly and the sick
- Distribution of hygiene items to families (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.)
- Provision of portable water filters to 18 villages for the provision of safe drinking water to improve hygiene conditions
- Meetings with community leaders, village leaders and villagers to rebuild the networks of a healthy society and community



Distribution of emergency relief materials to 18 villages
in Rakhine State



A boy raised by a single
parent is happy that he
doesn't have to go to bed
hungry



An 80-year-old woman
living alone feels warmth
when she receives the
goods, and her worries
about the future are
reduced



Pregnant women, whose homes were
destroyed by the cyclone, find
comfort in the distribution of baby



Tears of gratitude
from a mother of six

Although the disaster was serious, the traffic was blocked and the price of relief items increased, which made the rescue operation difficult, our partner said that through this rescue operation, they reached the unvisited villages, prayed with the villagers, healed their broken and hopeless hearts, and shared the Gospel with them, so that they could experience salvation, and know that the Lord Jesus can bring blessings into their lives through the actions of believers.

Beneficiary's story

Daw Hla's life is full of struggles and challenges. When her husband was diagnosed with cancer, her life was turned upside down. In addition to caring for her ailing husband, she has three young children to look after, and life becomes an uphill battle. The family's savings have been depleted to cure her husband's illness, compelling Daw Hla to work hard to support her family's income.

Unable to find a stable job, she relies on casual labour to make ends meet. At times, she picks up tools and works as a part-time carpenter. Other times, she searches the streets for bottles and jars and sells them for a meagre income. When Cyclone Mocha hit Myanmar, her village was severely damaged, making her already challenging life even more difficult.

Upon receiving CEDAR's food and material support, Daw Hla's heart was filled with gratitude for the much-needed help and a slight relief from her mental stress. With tears in her eyes, she whispered a prayer, 'Thank you to these kind people who assisted her family at the darkest time of their lives.'





Thanks to CEDAR and its partner, Daw Hla was able to relieve her stress, and she would like to express gratitude for the support.

Take Action

We rejoice in witnessing Daw Hla and other beneficiaries overcome their most difficult times because of the donations. Yet, in different corners of the world, many disadvantaged people are still facing more intense and frequent natural disasters such as storms, floods, heat waves and droughts due to climate change. The threat these disasters pose is more serious for the poor than for other groups with resources. We hope you will support the 'Care for the Disaster-stricken Poor' Donation Campaign, enabling CEDAR to assist vulnerable groups affected by such calamities.

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