

# CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA FLASH UPDATE #1 29 MARCH 2025



## MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE

### 1. Situation Update

A 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar on Friday 28th March along the Sagaing Fault. The epicentre was around 17 km from Mandalay, which has a population of about 1.5 million people. Several aftershocks have been reported. Shocks have been felt in Thailand where there has been reports of infrastructure damage, injury and loss of life.

A State of Emergency has been declared in 6 Regions in Myanmar. There have been 694 confirmed casualties and over 1600 reported injuries. The death toll is expected to increase as the scale of the emergency becomes clearer. There are reports of supply shortages at hospitals near the epicentre and many are reporting damages. There has been reports of substantial infrastructure damage in cities in Mandalay, Sagaing, Naypyitaw, Bago and Southern Shan. Phone connection and electricity in Mandalay is affected but some internet access functioning.

International assistance has been requested, and the UN system has activated a response. Ongoing instability in Myanmar, combined with the effects of recent aid reductions, has created significant vulnerability among the population and creates complexity in response efforts. Even prior to this disaster, over a third of the population was in need of humanitarian assistance.

### 2. ChildFund Myanmar Operations

ChildFund has been operational in Myanmar since 2012. The ChildFund Myanmar Country Office currently has 16 staff and 3 active partnerships with collective operational footprint in Mandalay, Kachin, Bago and Yangon.

ChildFund Myanmar works across child protection, youth development (social and emotional learning), and emergency response. ChildFund Myanmar and partners are skilled in operating in high risks contexts.

### 3. ChildFund Response

ChildFund Myanmar is currently working with partners and as part of broader coordination mechanisms to undertake rapid needs assessments in affected areas.

Initial response is likely to focus on shelter, food, water and NFI distribution, as well as psycho-social support.

ChildFund Australia has now launched an emergency appeal. Further details on response plans and communications content will be disseminated as these become available.

### 4. Key Contact

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