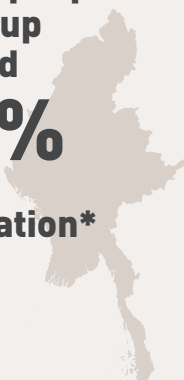


Why school safety is important in Myanmar



In Myanmar, young people make up around **28%** of the population*



8 million + are students attending **42,000 +** schools taught by **278,000 +** teachers

The country is vulnerable to frequent natural disasters



Storms



Landslides



Earthquakes



Floods

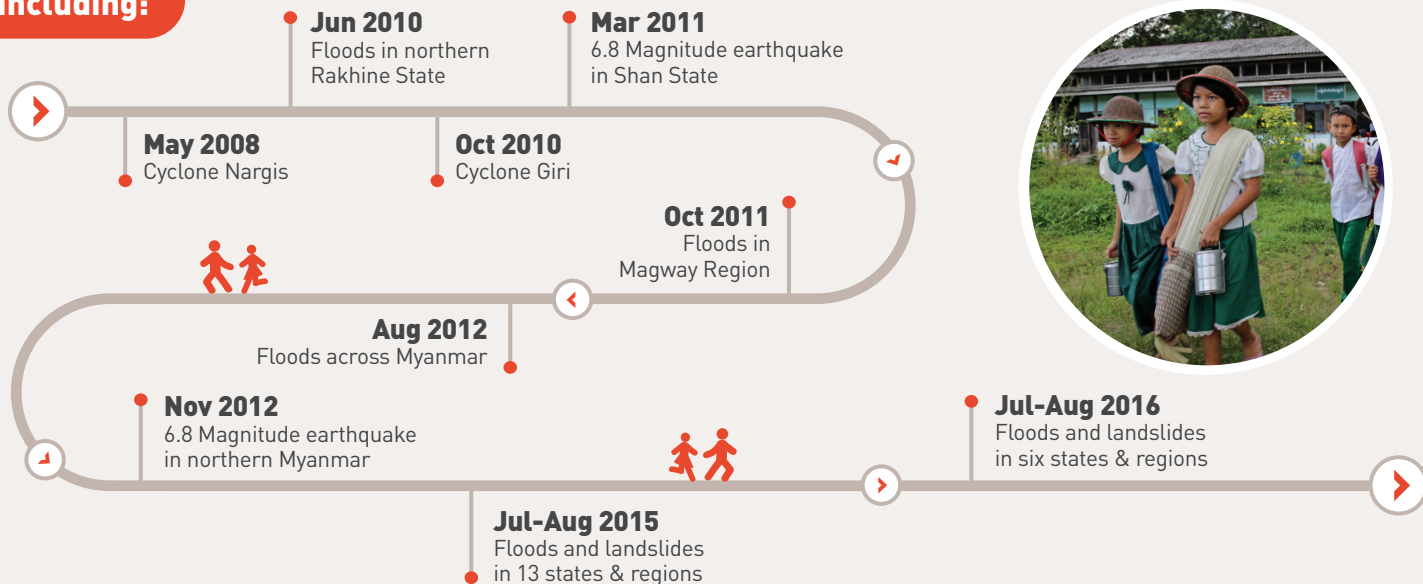


Cyclones



Drought

Including:



When disaster strikes, children and youth are among the most vulnerable. Why?



Disasters can result in:

Disrupted education

Psychosocial distress

Long term developmental impacts



Lack of understanding about how to respond



Limited capacity to cope



Poor structure of some school buildings

For future resilience of families and communities, we need to make **schools safer, children and adults wiser, and communities readier** to respond to disaster



* According to the 2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census. Young people include adolescents (aged 10-19) and youth (aged 15-24).