

Myanmar Civil Unrest Emergency Appeal

- ► Timeframe of action Feb 2021 - March 2022
- ▶ People to be reached 236,400 people

Since 1st February, Myanmar has been in a state of widespread civil unrest and growing economic decline. People now face limited access to basic services, including health care, growing risks from the COVID19 pandemic and increasing rates of displacement due to escalating conflict. The deteriorating humanitarian situation is affecting communities across the country.

Your contribution to the Myanmar Civil Unrest Emergency Appeal, will enable the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), to assist vulnerable communities experiencing multiple humanitarian challenges.

With your support, MRCS will;

- Reach 66,400 people with first aid and ambulance services, and basic health services.
- Meet the basic needs and income support of 50,000 people through distributions of in-kind or cash assistance.
- Increase the capacity of its volunteer base, with over 7,000 skilled and active volunteers responding to country-wide humanitarian needs.
- Be ready to reach up to 120,000 people facing the risk of floods, cyclones and other seasonal disasters.

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT

CHF 4,500,000



'MRCS has branches across all of Myanmar's 330 Townships and is able to reach people in every state and region through its community presence'

In response to the civil unrest, MRCS supported by IFRC and other partners launched an immediate nationwide response across 194 of Myanmar's 330 townships. Over 2,000 Red Cross Volunteers have been mobilised to date. 314 First Aid Stations were established and 143 ambulances have supported emergency medical transfers.

Since the beginning of the crisis MRCS has reached 4,500 people with life saving first aid and ambulance services across the country.

Looking ahead, MRCS will;

- 1. Scale up first aid and basic health services;
 - Skilled and equipped volunteers will continue to provide emergency medical support including lifesaving assistance to injured people.
 - Ambulance services will support patient transfers.
 - Communities will be trained to deliver basic health and first aid in affected townships.
- 2. Support people who have limited safety nets and are facing food insecurity due to market disruption, displacement and/or loss of income;
 - Vulnerable households will receive basic relief assistance as well as livelihood support through food, relief and cash interventions.
- 3. Increase disaster readiness to immediately reach people affected by cyclones or floods during the Monsoon season (May to October);
 - Trained volunteers are in place across hazard prone townships with available relief supplies to meet the immediate needs of people injured or displaced.

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The Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement



Humanity: The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.



Impartiality: It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.



Neutrality: In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.



Independence: The Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.



Voluntary service: It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.



Unity: There can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.



Universality: The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.

