

# NRC's operations in Myanmar

## Humanitarian overview

Myanmar continues to experience multiple shocks, both natural and human-induced. The overall humanitarian situation in Myanmar has continued to deteriorate throughout 2021 due to a combination of insecurity, Covid-19 and economic fragility. On 1 February 2021 the military overthrew the democratically elected government resulting in a severe escalation in violence, displacement, needs and protection risks. This has severely limited people's access to livelihoods and essential services, increased needs and vulnerabilities, and contributed to an increase in negative coping mechanisms.

UN OCHA estimates that over 14 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar and an additional 275,000 individuals have been internally displaced in 2021. Our beneficiary communities have reported serious protection concerns and rights violations. Amidst rising tension and hostilities, it is increasingly difficult for humanitarian actors to reach those in need and for affected communities to access services.

## NRC's operation

NRC responds to the diverse needs faced by populations in Myanmar through the delivery of integrated programming and advocacy to ensure that conflict and displacement-affected communities can meet their needs and exercise their rights. NRC works with a range of different local and international partners to deliver a multi-faceted response that includes emergency response to rapid onset needs, the provision of essential services to internally displaced people in protracted displacement, and contributing to pathways to durable solutions.

### NRC Myanmar

Established	2008
International staff	29
National staff	376



## NRC Myanmar

### Country office

Yangon

### Areas of operation

Kayin state (Hpa An), Kayah state (Loikaw), Shan state (Lashio), Tanintharyi region (Dawei), Kachin state (Bhamo and Myitkyin-ya), Rakhine state (Sittwe and Maungdaw), East Bago region (Taungoo)



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### Camp management

We provide needs-based protection to vulnerable people in camps, informal displacement sites and out-of-camp settings through direct camp management and mobile site management. Our teams:

- achieve dignified living conditions for vulnerable people
- enhance the protective environment
- coordinate access to services and information provision
- strengthen the ability of communities to cope with displacement through community governance capacity building and enhanced communication with communities
- inform policy and decision-making towards durable solutions to ending displacement

### Education

We work with communities to ensure that vulnerable conflict- and displacement-affected children and youth benefit from improved access to learning and well-being, and are able to achieve their full potential.

Our teams support:

- first-phase education response to provide short-term protection and psychosocial support
- transition to formal basic education by helping children access and enrol in local education programmes
- non-formal education through utilisation of NRC NFE tools developed in country and support coordinated efforts to provide long-term alternative learning pathways for out of school children and youth
- youth education and training on vocational and life-skills to support pathways to enhanced livelihoods, social engagement, and further education and training

### Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

We work with communities to ensure that conflict- and displacement-affected populations are able to exercise their rights and find lasting solutions to displacement through information, counselling, legal assistance, training, research and evidence-based ad-

vocacy. Our teams support vulnerable populations to:

- access information on and use of legal and civil documentation, such as citizenships cards, and birth and marriage certificates
- access information on and exercise their housing, land and property rights
- resolve dispute through collaborative dispute resolution
- improve their access to information and counseling, including referrals, on essential services

### Livelihoods and food security

We build conflict and displacement-affected populations' capacity for self-reliance and phase-out dependence on humanitarian assistance and negative coping mechanisms through:

- improving food production
- improving opportunities for business and employment
- supporting the start-up of small businesses

### Shelter and settlements

We ensure that target populations have physical safety, protection of their rights and pathways to durable solutions. Our teams:

- provide shelter repair and construction to improve living conditions, reduce negative coping

mechanisms and allow households to meet other priorities

- support access to essential household items to meet critical needs and allow for the resumption of day-to-day activities
- improve access to safe learning environments to reduce barriers of accessing education
- provide cash assistance through cash-for-work or unconditional cash
- provide small-scale water and sanitation assistance to support shelter or other CC objectives

### Protection

We will improve the physical, psychological and emotional well-being of conflict- and displacement-affected populations in Myanmar. Our teams:

- conduct protection monitoring and analysis of protection risks, needs and trends to inform the wider humanitarian response
- provide case management to address individual protection needs through the provision of ad-hoc assistance, psychological first aid, information and referral to specialised service providers
- provide individual protection assistance (e.g. cash) to address specific needs. conduct field-research to inform evidence-based advocacy and policy, coordination and collaboration

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