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The EAT-Burma Weekly Update offers a brief report on the current relief and rehabilitation efforts of the EAT-Burma teams, highlighting any changes and developments to the situation inside the cyclone disaster zones and to the assistance being provided by EAT-Burma. The update is based on reports from EAT-Burma team members.

Current Situation

Number of EAT-Burma Teams: 44

Estimated Access Population: 182,000

The relief efforts of EAT-Burma continue, with assistance being provided to populations that are not being supported or are under-supported by the Burmese government and other local and international organizations.



Transportation of building supplies.

The EAT-Burma team members continue to work closely with the local community members both in determining needs as well as distribution efforts. Although many target areas are still requesting basic food supplies, they are also thinking of long-term stability, requesting farming, fishing, and salt production equipment, as well as re-establishing schools for the children.

The EAT-Burma team members continue to work under the challenges and barriers created by the Burmese authorities – facing many roadblocks where they are forced to explain their movements, reasons for carrying supplies, and the source of the supplies. For these reasons, the team members are forced to carry very little in the way of supplies or money at any given time.

Emergency Relief Efforts

The provision of basic food supplies continues to be the main form of emergency support offered by many of the EAT-Burma teams. Many areas have now been provided with emergency supplies such as clothing, shelter (temporary or permanent), cooking equipment, blankets, and mosquito nets, but the destruction of crops and relocation of people has meant that distribution of basic foods remains a priority of the EAT-Burma efforts.

Rehabilitation Efforts

Rehabilitation efforts continue to increase, with the main focus on livelihoods and education. The EAT-Burma team members are getting more and more requests for farming, fishing, and salt production equipment. Also, as families continue to return to their villages or resettle in new locations the education needs for the children are becoming more apparent. The schools that remain are attempting to function far beyond capacity, and with little to no school supplies. Also the temporary structures that have been fashioned as schools must be reassessed, with plans made for more permanent facilities.

Also, the discussion of providing more health services continues. The goal is to continue contributing to the establishment or continuation of sustainable health care systems.



Water pump installation.

Initially the EAT-Burma team members sought out target areas and communities to assist, but as time goes on, communities are becoming aware of the assistance being provided by EAT-Burma and are now seeking out their help directly. It is anticipated that the requests for EAT-Burma support will only continue to grow in the coming months, as more people seek sustainable rehabilitation for their communities.

EAT-Burma Team Leader, July 16, 2008

Before we distribute the food, we ask the villagers what type of assistance they need. We give according to community needs. They said they have clothing but still need food.

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For long-term assistance we still need basic food. We also have to consider livelihoods, so we need to give fishing materials, and planting materials. The third thing is education. In one village there was a primary school, a middle school, and a high school, but now the middle school and the high school are gone. All the students have to go to the primary school, but there is not enough room and not enough teaching materials.