

PRESS RELEASE**Emergency Response for Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar 2021:
Response Launched, Call for Donations**

Protecting the lives and human rights of people in humanitarian crisis

On August 26, Japan Platform (JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) decided to launch the privately funded Emergency Response for Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar 2021 program to assist people affected by the crisis that has worsened since February 2021. Starting today, we are also calling for donations.

Emergency Response for Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar 2021: Program Overview

Term:	1 year
Budget:	30 million yen (private funding)
Locations:	Myanmar, Thailand
Content:	Food/NFI distribution, WASH, health, protection, education

*Program term and budget will be revised as needed to reflect the conditions on the ground.

● Overview

- ◇ Since February 2021, there have been 189,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Myanmar and 22,000 people who have fled to neighboring countries such as Thailand and India to escape persecution^{*1}. By August 28, more than 1,000 citizens protesting against the military regime were reportedly killed, and more than 6,000 were arrested and detained^{*2}. Between June 1 and July 12, 2021, JPF conducted a joint emergency initial assessment with our member NGOs, and based on the assessment of the local humanitarian needs and careful consideration of the issues that need to be addressed, we decided to launch the Emergency Response for Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar 2021.
- ◇ In Myanmar, due to the escalation of armed conflict, the protection needs of vulnerable populations especially remain high, such as among women, children, and persons with disabilities. Due to prolonged displacement, people are forced to live in poor sanitary conditions and require access to safe water and its storage, as well as provision of sanitation facilities such as toilets. There is also a food shortage problem at IDP sites.

In terms of education, almost all children in Myanmar have lost the opportunity to learn due to the closure of schools caused by the spread of the new coronavirus, and educational and social psychological support is needed. Although schools reopened in many areas on June 1, the week before reopening saw a surge in attacks on schools, with more than 100 incidents reported^{*3}.

260 attacks against medical facilities were reported^{*4}. In addition to strikes and detentions of health care workers, seasonal heavy rains have put pressure on the healthcare system, and there are concerns about worsening access. Covid-19 testing and prevention systems are inadequate, and about 4,000 new cases and 400 officially registered deaths are reported daily. In fact, Myanmar's per capita mortality rate is the highest in Southeast Asia^{*1}.

- ◇ The displaced people who have fled across the border into Thailand urgently need stable sources of income, as well as food, water, healthcare, and hygiene products such as masks to maintain a minimum

standard of living. There is also need for access to protection and education among this population. However, there is concern that the burden on the local host communities will increase, so it is necessary to provide assistance that includes these host communities as well.

- ◇ In providing assistance, we will work with international organizations and local host communities to ensure the safety of not only the beneficiaries but also local staff and partner organizations. We will give our top priority to the safety of those involved in the support provision as we implement activities that meet local needs. Also, we will take thorough measures to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus.

*1 UNHCR, [Myanmar Emergency Update](#), 16 August 2021

*2 [Assistance Association for Political Prisoners](#), 28 August 2021

*3 OCHA, [Myanmar Humanitarian Update No. 8](#), 24 June 2021

*4 OCHA, [Myanmar Humanitarian Update No. 10](#), 27 August 2021

Relevant Information on JPF website: April 20, 2021, [Concern on the Situation in Myanmar](#)

● Donating to the JPF Emergency Response for Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar 2021

Donation accepted from August 31, 2021, to February 28, 2022 *Term subject to change according to conditions

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