



Water-related Disasters in Myanmar

Background

Myanmar is vulnerable to natural hazards including cyclones, earthquakes, floods and fire and in 2008 Cyclone Nargis hit the country and affected 2.4 million people and as recently as August 2015 Myanmar was hit by Cyclone Komen, that temporarily displaced an estimated 1.7 million people. *(Ref: Plan International)*

The country's climate is changing - temperatures are getting hotter and the monsoon season is getting shorter. This places communities, especially children, at increased risk from disasters. *(Ref: Plan International)*

Since the snapshots will be presented into two categories separately –

1. Disasters
2. Flooding

This snapshot is dedicated to disasters including droughts, human catastrophe, calamity and tragedy.

Key Players



[Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement](#)



[Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation](#)



[Department of Meteorology and Hydrology](#)



[United Nations Development Program](#)



[United Nations Habitat](#)



[Asian Development Bank](#)



[World Bank](#)



[European Union](#)

Working Group (ref: MIMU):

The Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRR WG) was formed in 2008 during the early recovery phase of Cyclone Nargis to support the Government and communities to promote disaster resilience in Myanmar.

The DRR WG is led by an 11 members Steering Committee which includes three UN agencies, three international NGOs, three local NGOs, the Myanmar Red Cross Society and one professional organization.

In 2013, the DRR WG developed its 2014-18 Strategic Framework and Plan which aims to

- strengthen the policy and institutional framework for DRR;
- build capacities of government officials to implement DRR and mainstream DRR into development;
- support the government to develop a community-based disaster risk reduction framework and a public awareness strategy on DRR;
- engage with and strengthen capacities of local NGOs working on DRR;
- build partnerships with the private sector and academia and
- strengthen the internal coordination of the DRR WG so that effective support is provided to the government.

DRR WG Reference: <http://bit.ly/2IJaFhv>

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