

## UNICEF Myanmar Cyclone Nargis, Situation Report No. 9 13 May 2008

### Major Developments

UNICEF continues to put all its effort into the delivery of life-saving emergency supplies to affected children and women in the Irrawaddy and Yangon Divisions. The monitoring and follow-up of supply distribution is ongoing. The teams have completed the rapid assessment of the severely affected areas and the results are being consolidated for further analysis. In both Divisions, MCO has delivered ORS, water purification chemicals and essential drugs. In total 47 townships in the Irrawaddy and Yangon Divisions were affected according to the government. MCO is channeling its resources to the hardest hit areas in Irrawaddy and Yangon Divisions to maximize the impact of its actions.

Today, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed to the acting UNRC that there is no problem with UN consignments arriving in Myanmar. Consignments will be cleared, received and distributed by the Department of Social Welfare. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that all relief planes will be cleared to land with one day's notice. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs just needs to be informed of the details of the crew and the supplies aboard the plane. This information can be provided over the telephone.

Negotiations have begun to open Patheingyi airport to land aircraft bringing in relief supplies. Two C130 transport planes from the US government are arriving today (13 May) with relief supplies. One C17 transport plane from Australia will also arrive today with 32 tons of relief supplies.

The UNRC was also informed that visa requests from the UN will be granted on a priority basis. All 28 requested visas for UN relief workers (including 14 for UNICEF) are being processed. The 4 visas requested by ECHO have been granted, with each person granted a stay of 8 days.

### Needs Assessment

- MCO teams have reached 6 of the 7 affected townships in the Irrawaddy Division and 17 of the 40 affected townships in Yangon Division. The impact of the cyclone on Yangon Townships has, in general, not been as severe as on Townships in the Irrawaddy Division. The MCO has focused on reaching the most vulnerable townships, where the risk of serious harm is greatest. MCO has also visited 4 townships in Bago Division, which were also affected, but not included in the list of affected areas released by the government.
- The townships visited in Yangon Division are Seikkan Dagon, South Dagon, Dawbon, Thaketa, Thingangyun, Kyeemyindine, Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Thongwa, Kayan, Kungyangone, Kawhmu, Dala, Insein, Shwe Pyi Thar and Hlaing Thar Yar.
- In Irrawaddy Division: Kyaiklat, Mawlamyinegyun, Pyapon, Bogalay, Dedaye and Laputta.
- In Bago Division: Than Na Pin, Waw, Kawa and Bago.
- A MCO team of 6 has been stationed in Laputta Township of Irrawaddy Division from May 6<sup>th</sup>. They described a situation of devastation, with the number of missing or dead may be higher than official estimate. In Laputta, the capital of the township of the same name, a number of camps have been established (more than 30), which the team described as messy and unorganized. People were sleeping on the streets, in schools and in the monastery without bedding and frequently without protection from the rain. Food is available, but insufficient, and there is a lack of latrines. So far water is available, as there is (at least, for the moment) sufficient water in 10 ponds, which can be effectively treated by water purification materials provided by UNICEF and the Disaster Management Committee (DMC).

- The team stated that the situation in outlying villages in Laputta Township, where reports indicate significant numbers of people remain, is even worse than in Laputta and where the team is stationed. The availability of water, latrines, food and shelter is even scarcer. The team added that the DMC was continuing to evacuate people from villages, but their present capacity for such exercises was limited.
- The team reported that they had distributed 130 tarpaulin sheets, which have provided shelter to 30,000 people. The team also provided a further 160 tarpaulin sheets for the camps being constructed by the DMC. The team has also provided spray boxes, bleaching powder and water guard. The MoH also informed the team that in Laputta, they are bleaching the water source each day. This process has been monitored by the team. The team also distributed essential medical supplies.
- The team also reported that the government has begun to move considerable numbers of people (today's estimate is 12,000), by truck and boat, to Myaing Mya, which was unaffected by the cyclone and is around two hours drive from Laputta, the township capital. The team report that once in Myaing Mya people seem pleased that they have been moved, as conditions within, at least, some of the 24 resettlement camps that have been established are significantly better than those in Laputta. Of the 4 camps which the team has visited, they report that adequate shelter has been provided, as has adequate food and water by both the government and the donations of the residents of Myaing Mya.
- A UNICEF team has been stationed in Bogalay, Pyapon and Mawlamyinegyun (3 proximate townships in the South East of the Irrawaddy division) since 7<sup>th</sup> May. The team has conducted initial assessment and disturbed supplies. Yesterday, they reported that in Pyapon 17,810 displaced were based in 36 relief camps. In Bogalay 20,196 displaced were based in 15 relief camps. They report that there is a severe lack of food, drinking water and latrines, along with bedding, and in many cases any protection from the rain.
- On 11<sup>th</sup> May, the government expressed concern for a possible outbreak of cholera in Bogalay due to the severe shortage of water and the problem of maintaining public health in such circumstances. In response, they decided to open temporary resettlement camps in 7 rural villages. The government has stated that the MoH is responsible for organizing these camps.
- Bogalay relief authorities have been found to be generally less flexible than their counterparts in Laputta. They have avoided contact with some NGO's. UNICEF is being looked upon by both the government and the NGOs as a medium to coordinate between the two. Although, Bogalay authorities are also not asking for any help from UNICEF, it has been willing to receive assistance provided by UNICEF and appears keen to work with UNICEF when the new resettlement camps are established.
- In Mawlamyinkyun Township, 20 camps containing around 20'000 people established in the aftermath of the cyclone have been cleared. The people have been shifted north to the unaffected Wakema Township.
- A team of 4 has been stationed in Dedaye from 7<sup>th</sup> May. The team has conducted initial assessment and distributed supplies. Yesterday, the team reported that 170,000 of a township population of 210,000 have been affected, including all 390 villages and all 3 wards. They received information which indicates that around 20 villages were almost totally destroyed.
- The team visited two villages by boat (Thandi and Zee Phyu), where only 4 or 5 houses remained out of around 500, with the rest swept away by water. People continued to inhabit the few remaining houses. In Dedaye, the township capital, 17 camps had been established in the monastery, the pagoda compound and various other places. 1,980 people were stationed in the camps in the town from 530 families. A rice ration was provided, with water available from a nearby pond and sanitation provided by trench latrines and open spaces. The town hospital, although severely damaged, is open and functioning. The team report that, at least, in Dedaye, the capital of Dedaye Township, the situation is not as severe as in Laputta and Bogalay. Along with a functioning hospital, 5 specialist doctors have arrived from another township and UNICEF drugs, ORS and water guards have been distributed directly to mobile teams who move around with the MCO team to distribute to affected persons' and treat patients. UNICEF is the only agency to have covered Dedaye.

- The Yangon Field Operation has so far seen the dispatch of 57 missions of UNICEF teams to the affected townships of Yangon, with 8 dispatched today. The teams distributed supplies while they carried out supply monitoring and situation assessment of the affected areas. Of the Yangon Divisions, the southern Divisions, which sit next to the Irrawaddy Divisions, have been most severely affected. Thousands of people have been affected in each of South Dagon, Dala, Hlaing Thar Yar, Kungyangone, Kawhmu, Kyauktan and Shwe Pyi Thar, with the establishment of numerous temporary shelters. There is a lack of food, water, shelter and sanitation. In other parts of Yangon, however, life seems to be returning to normalcy, with shops reopening and people returning to work.
- Of the affected populations across Yangon and Irrawaddy Divisions one third to 40% are estimated to be children. The teams stationed in both Laputta and Bogalay report that they have seen large numbers of children in the camps. Although, lack of food is a severe problem they report that those groups with food to distribute are prioritizing children. The Laputta team report that 8 child friendly spaces in 6 locations have been established.
- The movement of displaced persons' by the government in Laputta, Bogalay and Mawlamyinegyun to unaffected areas has deepened the complexity of relief operations. In response, the UN/NGO created a group - outside of clusters - to monitor population movements.

## **UNICEF Response**

### **Health and Nutrition**

- Measles immunization is ongoing. In Laputta, 632 children under 5 years old were immunized with vaccine supplied by MCO.
- Each day MCO provides essential drugs and health commodities to each affected hospital, as well as more than 13 NGOs.
- MCO started the damage assessment in the health sector (facilities and human resources).
- Two new teams, each including two medical doctors, left Yangon for Laputta and Bogalay to strengthen the coordination and response of the health sector.
- MCO field teams lead the coordination of the health sector in Laputta and Bogalay, with the MoH and Disaster Management Committee.
- Today, MCO and ACF ( a French NGO) discussed the rapid assessment, screening and monitoring for acute malnutrition of under-five children in affected areas. A proposal will be jointly developed before the end of this week. The MCO nutrition team and WFP staff initiated a dialogue for conducting a joint nutrition and food security survey after completing the rapid assessment.

### **WES**

- 20,000 water purification tablets were sent to Ngapudaw Township in the Irrawaddy Division.
- 5 latrine pans and pipes were sent to Kyawktan Township in Yangon Division.

### **Shelter and Non-Food Relief Items**

- 160 tarpaulin sheets, along with bamboo and string were provided to the Laputta Disaster Management Committee to establish additional tents in the football ground.

## Education

- The latest assessment of schools in affected townships indicates that more than 1,200 schools (primary, middle and high schools) have collapsed and that more than 2,300 schools have lost their roofing sheets. The mapping of primary schools has begun to facilitate the delivery of supplies to those schools that can be repaired within 4 to 6 weeks, in order to ensure that they open in June. Delivery of education supplies to affected schools will commence on Friday.
- Reports received so far from NGOs on the situation of ECD centres indicate that more than 200 preschools have been damaged. 3,000 non-formal education kits are being prepared for distribution to out-of-school children, whose access to non-formal learning was disrupted, as a result of the cyclone. The pack includes life skills story books with key messages, exercise books, pens, crayons, t-shirts and a back pack

## Child Protection

- In all affected areas UNICEF is working with local partners and communities to establish CFSs wherever possible. Today, UNICEF CP teams travelled to the field to set up CFSs and meet with local authorities to advocate for the establishment of CFSs in affected locations.
- One team visited Kwan Kyun Gone Township in Yangon to establish a CFSs, with local partner YWCA.
- One team visited Dala in Yangon to advocate the establishment of CFSs to local authorities.
- The team based in Bogalay advocated the establishment of CFSs to local authorities.
- One MCO staff will tomorrow visit Hlaing Thar Yar Township in Yangon, with an AP Burmese correspondent (TV) to see the CFSs which have been established.
- UNICEF, EMDH (a French NGO), and MRCS CP teams travelled to Laputta and Myaung Mya to support registration and family tracing of children

## Field Operations

- Since the onset of the disaster, the Yangon Field Operation has seen the dispatch of 57 missions of MCO staff teams to the affected townships of Yangon Division. The UNICEF staff distributed supplies while they carried out the supply monitoring and situation assessment of the affected areas to maximise support.
- In support of the 12 Townships identified as most severely affected in Yangon Division, 8 teams were dispatched today to obtain more information on the different sectors, support implementation of MCO assistance and monitor supply distribution at the Township level. Six missions provided multisectoral support, while still mainly concentrating on containing the health situation and providing basic survival supplies. Two Child Protection missions concentrated fully on supporting the set up of Child Friendly Spaces in order to cater for unaccompanied or orphaned children. Tomorrow all 12 Townships will be provided with additional tarpaulins, essential drug kits and water purification tablets. Furthermore, a distribution plan for family kits will be discussed with our main implementing partner at Township level, in order to ensure that families have the basic necessities when leaving the relief shelters in schools and monasteries.
- The teams that have been stationed in Laputta and Bogalay Townships in the Irrawaddy Division returned to Yangon yesterday to debrief MCO and jointly plot a future course of action in the Irrawaddy. On the ground

MCO field staff have directly distributed and/or monitored the distribution of supplies that have been immediately utilized by health workers and at relief camps. For example, UNICEF is the sole donor for bleaching powder in Laputta and elsewhere; provided spray boxes to disinfect areas and control outbreak at large water sources; monitored the bleaching process and provided water guard. Along with providing latrine pans/pipes to Laputta, the MCO team is currently pushing the authorities to build temporary latrines in Laputta a.s.a.p. for the relief camp population.

- Tomorrow MCO is dispatching to Laputta 45 fiber glass tanks, water purification tablets and additional latrines, along with another batch of essential drugs items and tarpaulin. Essential drugs provided by the MCO team have been utilized by the hospital, MRCS and mobile basic health workers to treat as many as 500-600 outpatients that had various injuries and burns (from wind and salt water).
- As of today, a fixed team of 8 staff members representing health/nutrition, education, WES, and assistants has been positioned in Laputta, and a similarly composed team in Bogalay. The team in Laputta will be sharing an office with WFP, and is equipped with data and voice communication with satellite. WFP has agreed to share their warehousing space with UNICEF both in Laputta and Bogalay.

## Inter-Agency Collaboration and Key Partnerships/Clusters

UNICEF is actively leading four clusters, as well as participating in various other clusters as a deputy-lead or member. Significant discussions in the lead clusters are as follows:

### Shelter Cluster:

- The Shelter Cluster met for the third time since the cyclone hit Myanmar. IFRC has taken over the leading role in the cluster from UNHCR who had temporarily taken the initiative as the IFRC did not have the human capacity.
- In terms of response, more partners have come on board but very few people in the affected Townships have actually been reached by the different partners (both NGOs and UN). UNICEF is in the process of sending out 20,000 tarpaulins to the affected areas. Another 70,000 is being procured and will be delivered in batches up to the 20th of May. UNICEF is also preparing the distribution of around 7,350 family kits in Yangon Division through the Myanmar Red Cross. Another 28,286 family kits are currently being procured and will be delivered in batches up to the 22nd of May.

### Health Cluster

- Myanmar Health Cluster group met and discussed the Health Cluster Response Action Plan which includes objectives, strategies, expected results and a timeframe.

### Nutrition Cluster:

- In the Nutrition Cluster meeting, the Action Plan drafted by UNICEF was further discussed. The rapid assessment reports made by UNICEF and ACF have now been analyzed. UNICEF and ACF agreed to set up nutritional status monitoring and active case-finding in the most affected areas.

### WASH Cluster:

- WASH Cluster Core Group met and developed a WASH Cluster Response Action Plan, which includes objectives, strategies, expected results and a timeframe.

### Education Cluster:

- The formation of the Education Cluster was delayed due to the fact that currently there are only two recognized partners of the Ministry of Education (MoE), UNICEF and JICA. The limited partnership of INGOs/NGOs with the MoE has impacted on the formation of partnerships in the education cluster, especially in the formal sector where schools are under the control of the MoE. For this reason,

UNICEF and Save the Children, identified potential partners active in Early Childhood Development, non-formal education and community schools and invited them, yesterday, for a consultation meeting.

**Child Protection Cluster:**

- As planned, a working group (UNICEF, Save the Children, World Vision and EMDH) met to review a draft "Cluster Response Plan" for six months, prepared by UNICEF. This action plan will be reviewed and shared with the larger cluster at the next meeting (14<sup>th</sup> May). Yesterday, UNICEF shared ethical guidelines related to photographs, interviewing and reporting on children. These will be distributed to all clusters, along with the code of conduct for humanitarian workers to prevent sexual abuse and exploitation.
- The partners also discussed the use of standard forms for registering and reintegrating separated children, the inter-agency database for documenting separated children (if needed) and training of volunteers on CFS.

**Supply and Logistics**

- One of the biggest challenges the relief effort is facing is the lack of trucks. Only trucks with a capacity of less than 5 tons can be deployed because of the damage to bridges. Ascertaining the possibility of donors providing light trucks is a priority.
- The government confirmed that Yangon port has been repaired and can receive ships. The government has brought down boats from Myanmar to Patheingyi to distribute supplies through water ways.

**Funding**

The total amount of USD 500,000 from RR were re-allocated and committed for the procurement of relief/emergency supplies. EPF funds for the value of USD 4.1 million were utilized for procurement of supplies. The immediate needs appeal for USD 8.2 million was launched by UNICEF to respond to the needs, and protect the rights of, children and women affected by the cyclone. On Friday, the UN launched an emergency appeal for USD 187 million to help Myanmar's cyclone victims. UNICEF's portion is US\$25,570,000. See Funding Table

## Funding Updates for Myanmar

### Funds Received

Donor	Amount in US\$	Thematic or Non Thematic
US Fund	500,000	Thematic
UK Natcom	197,238	Thematic
Dutch NC	778,816	Non Thematic
Spanish Natcom	155,763	Thematic
German Natcom	778,816	Thematic Humanitarian
Australia	930,230	Non Thematic
Japan Natcom	500,000	Thematic
Norwegian Natcom	38,911	
Finland Natcom	77,881	Thematic
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,957,655</b>	

### In the pipeline

Donor	Amount in US\$	Thematic or Non Thematic
New Zealand	773,400	Non Thematic
Republic of Korea	200,000	Non Thematic for WASH
Hong Kong Natcom	150,000	
Iceland Natcom	15,000	
Irish Natcom	30,000	
Italian Natcom	250,000	
Korean Natcom	25,000	
French Natcom	778,816	
Luxemburg Natcom	50,000	
Swiss Natcom	192,678	
US Fund	2,000,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,464,894</b>	

Total expected (received+ indications)	\$8,422,549
Total Requirement of Flash Appeal	\$25,570,000
<b>Unmet Balance</b>	<b>\$17,147,451</b>

## Staffing

- Surge capacity has been closely coordinated with EAPRO and DHR. The immediate need for staff deployment has been identified in the areas of water and sanitation, health, nutrition, emergency coordination, communication, supply chain management, logistics, child protection, and administration. The table in the next page shows the status of additional staff/consultants available on mission as of today.

### Status of Additional Staff/Consultants

Update: 13 May '08

Func.	Name	Job Title	Arrival Date	Deployed from
WASH	SALTORI, Roberto	WASH Cluster Coord.	Granted visa for 2 weeks.	UNICEF, Bangkok, Thailand
WASH	TEH, Tai Ring	WASH Coord.	Granted visa for 2 weeks.	UNICEF, Banda Aceh, Indonesia
WASH	LUONG, TV	Consultant	ETA Yangon 16 May 2008.	UNICEF, Bangkok, Thailand
WASH	Nyunt Lwin	Consultant (WASH)	On Ground (12 May 2008)	N/A
PRG. COMMS	TRAN, Tung Khac	Programme Comms Officer	Granted visa for 2 weeks.	UNICEF, Bangkok, Thailand
COMMS	SUBROTO, Kendartatia	Comms Officer	Granted visa for 2 weeks.	UNICEF, Jakarta, Indonesia
COMMS	KEENAPAN, Nattha	Comms Officer	Granted visa for 2 weeks.	UNICEF, Bangkok, Thailand
COMMS	BOCIURKIW, Michael	Comms Officer	Granted visa for 2 weeks.	UNICEF, HQ-NY
EME	LEONARDI, Enrico	Emer. Coord.	Granted visa for 2 weeks.	N/A
LOGS	RAZAFY, Ainga	Logs Officer, Eme	Visa requested	UNICEF, HQ-NY
LOGS	SYED, Tabinda	Logistics Officer	Visa requested	UNICEF, Islamabad, Pakistan
LOGS	MCNEIL, Nadine	Logistics Officer	Visa requested	UNICEF, Indonesia
LOGS	Aung Kyi	Consultant (Health Logistics)	On Ground (12 May 2008)	N/A
LOGS	Than Saung	Consultant (Logistics) (IP Retiree)	Tentative ETA Yangon 16 May 2008.	N/A
SCM	NUGUID, Joselito	Dy. Director (Supply Division)	Visa to be requested. Awaiting Passport details.	UNICEF, Copenhagen
IT	Deepak Bhaskaran	Telecommunications Officer	Visa requested on 13 May 2008.	UNICEF, Geneva
IT	Alamgir Mirza	IT Officer	Visa to be requested. Awaiting Passport details.	UNICEF, Peshawar, Pakistan
HEA	NANDY, Robin	Senior Health Advisor	Visa requested	UNICEF, HQ-NY
CHP	FAJARDO, Leon Dominador	CP Specialist	Visa requested	UNICEF, Manila, Philippines
CHP	DE LAY, Brigitte	CP Specialist	To be based in Bangkok	UNICEF, Geneva
NUT	KHARA, Tanya	Nutrition Specialist	Visa to be requested. Awaiting Passport details.	UNICEF, HQ-NY
HEA	AUNG, Yin Yin	EPI Specialist	CO approved release of SM. Awaiting ETA.	UNICEF, East Timor
HEA	NYUNT, Myo-Zin	HIV/AIDS Coordinator	ETA Yangon: 16 May 2008	UNICEF, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
HEA	SOE, Khynn Win Win	MCH Specialist	ETA Yangon 14 May 2008 3:25 p.m.	UNICEF, Jakarta, Indonesia
HEA	VAN DE WEERDT, Renee	Chief, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health	Visa to be requested. Awaiting Passport details.	UNICEF, HQ-NY



Func.	Name	Job Title	Arrival Date	Deployed from
H&N	NISHIKIORI, Nobuyuki	Consultant (H&N)	On Ground (12 May 2008)	N/A
H&N	Aye Aye Mon	Chief, HIV/AIDS	ETA Yangon 19 May 2008	UNICEF, Asmara, Eritrea
H&N	Le Le Yi	Potential Consultant (IP Retiree)	Currently out of the country. ETA Yangon :16 May 2008	N/A
H&N	OO, Thazin	Deputy Representative	ETA 18 May 2008.	UNICEF, PNG
PM&E	Khin Kyu	Planning & Statistics	ETA Yangon 17 May 2008	UNICEF, Banda Aceh, Indonesia
PM&E	MCMONAGLE , Christopher	Consultant (Report Writing)	On Ground (12 May 2008)	N/A
ADM	LOO-NEE, Patrick	Administrative Officer	ETA Yangon 14 May 2008 3:25 p.m.	UNICEF, Jakarta, Indonesia
FIN	SOE, U	Chief Finance	CO approved release of SM. Awaiting ETA.	UNICEF, Dhaka, Bangladesh
EDU	THAUNG, Nyi Nyi	UNESCO Staff	On Ground (13 May 2008)	N/A

## Security

- In Yangon, electricity and water in some parts have been restored. Most phone lines are still down. Prices of essential food commodities have gone up. Gasoline and diesel are available but at a higher cost.
- So far, there are no reported security incidents as of now in Yangon and the delta region where the field staff are operating.

## Update from EAPRO: Tuesday May 13, 2008

### Major Development

- Office for emergency support team has now set up at River Mansion Building.
- More staffs are expected to arrive at the end of this week.

### UNICEF Response

#### WES

- WES cluster shared list of available materials where partners in the country can request and will be shipped in logistic cluster
- Google Group for WASH cluster was established as a place to share useful information

#### Nutrition

- Nutrition cluster will hold a meeting Wednesday (the 14<sup>th</sup>) morning hosted by IOM
- Assistant Director General of WHO is in Bangkok Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Child Protection

- Child Protection Cluster to meet Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> to define cluster's roles and how best to help Myanmar CO.
- The Regional Child Protection team is looking for staffs for long-term mission.

### Supply and Logistics

- The first charter flight is scheduled to leave Bangkok Tuesday night with health kits and other supplies
- The absence of Malaria-related interventions was noted in the initial PGMs so far raised. This issue has to be addressed with the Health Cluster Lead and will be done in EAPRO.

### Communication

- UN Communication team agreed to hold press briefing every two days at the Foreign Correspondent Club of Thailand (FCCT)
- The next press briefing is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 11 PM at FCCT with the focus on shelters/ logistics/food. The Comm. Team has informed each cluster to have the focal point for any technical questions from the media. More media enquiries received on Child Protection issue. Communication Section will need to identify child protection focal point for technical questions.
- AP TV went with UNICEF staff to take VDO footage during the supply loading on the first charter flight. It is also being made available on the FTP.
- Additional human interest images and feature stories have been edited and distributed.

### Staffing

- Ainga Razafy, Logistic Officer from UNICEF HQ NY and Brigette De Lay, Child Protection Specialist from UNICEF Geneva are scheduled to arrive Bangkok on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Than Suang, Consultant Logistic (IP Retiree) is scheduled to arrive Bangkok Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Myo-Zin Nyunt, HIV/AIDS Coordinator is scheduled to arrive Bangkok on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and will go directly to Myanmar
- Lely Dujaric, former UNICEF Communication Officer from Banda Aech, will be arriving in the Regional Office on Wednesday 14 May. She will be available to provide immediate emergency communication support in Bangkok to the response. It is expected that in the next few days she will take over the major task currently held by the regional communication specialist.
- Nattha Keenapan, from the Thailand country team, has started working with the emergency team to support the information flow and preparation of regional inputs for the situation report.