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U.S. EMBASSY ANNOUNCES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE

Yangon, Myanmar - Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those affected by the flooding and heavy rains in Myanmar. Yesterday, Secretary of State John Kerry announced the United States government would provide \$600,000 for immediate response through USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA).

We have a team on the ground working with local officials and our existing partners to meet the urgent needs of those in the affected communities. In addition to the support from OFDA, USAID partners are realigning their activities to provide immediate support and looking at ways to assist in recovery.

USAID is working to address the urgent need for clean drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and other essential items. Our partners are supporting the distribution of water purification packets to generate over 50 million liters of clean water. Essential supplies and services will be distributed in the 15 emergency centers sheltering over 2,000 people based around Mrauk U in Rakhine State. USAID partners in Magway and Sagaing are providing water purification packets, hygiene kits, and the building of latrines at emergency shelters. USAID is also funding a technical advisor to support Myanmar's National Emergency Operations Center in disaster response coordination and management capabilities.

The U.S. Embassy will continue to closely follow the situation and work with our partners to best help those in need in Rakhine, Chin, Sagaing, Magway and other areas affected by the floods. Since the start of fiscal year 2015, the U.S. government has provided over \$48 million in humanitarian assistance in Myanmar.

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