

COVID-19 PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Protection partners** provided COVID-19 awareness sessions in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine states as well as Yangon Region, benefiting 1,080 people. Partners continue to provide support to the quarantine centres in Matupi and Paletwa townships in Chin State. In addition, partners distributed COVID-19 prevention items, including masks, hand sanitiser, personal protective equipment (PPE) and soap for vulnerable and displaced households in Kachin and northern Shan.
- **Health partners** provided oxygen therapy and essential medicines to hospitals and communities in Chin and Kayin, as well as renovated water installation systems for IDP camps and community quarantine centres in several townships in Kachin. Partners also reached 10,800 people with COVID-19 awareness sessions, including across IDP camps in Kachin and Kayin states. Nearly 80 COVID-19 positive patients received cash and nutrition packages in 7 IDP camps in Myitkyina and Waimaw townships. Information, education and communication materials were translated in local languages in Kachin State. Partners supported community-based clinics in several townships in northern Shan and provided life-saving primary health care services in Kayin states.
- **Nutrition partners** continue to follow COVID-19 prevention measures, including hand hygiene, physical distancing, ventilation and using disinfectant solutions at nutrition facilities. They distributed masks to children and carers at the service centres. The **Food Security Cluster** conducted a survey in villages in northern and central parts of Rakhine to assess basic needs, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

REGULAR HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Protection

- Nationwide, Child Protection (CP) partners continue to reach children in areas beyond the coverage of the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan. Partners responded to more than 800 cases through referrals and case management in states and regions of Chin, Kayah, Shan, Bago, Mandalay, Sagaing and Yangon, while remotely responding to cases in other parts of the country. Around 330 adolescents received psychosocial support through a one-on-one online texting platform in September.
- In Shan and Rakhine, a dozen children received psychosocial support (PSS), cash assistance of 50,000 Myanmar kyat (approx. US\$ 28) per person, as well as child protection kits. CP partners provided 600 toys and stationery for children displaced in Kyaukme Township, while 150 toys and stationery were sent to Monekoe Township in Muse District.
- In Rakhine, 650 children from IDP camps in Sittwe township received child protection kits. Partners reached over 1,300 people from specific locations, including Mrauk-U and Sittwe townships with child protection knowledge, parenting tips, life skills and recreational activities. Partners in Mrauk-U Township responded to nine new cases.
- In Rakhine, northern Shan, Kachin, Kayin and Mon, gender-based violence (GBV) partners continued to deliver life-saving prevention and response services, including psychosocial support, safe houses for survivors, and referrals to sexual and reproductive health and rights support, in-person or remotely. Legal services remain available in Rakhine, while they have been on hold in northern Shan, where GBV survivors receive extended services from public hospitals. Partners conducted trainings on mental health and psychosocial support and referral pathways for local partners in Sittwe Township in Rakhine as well as in southern Shan. Meanwhile, they provided 880 clean delivery kits and dignity kits for displaced people in Kyaukme and Monekoe townships in northern Shan as well as in Laiza, Mai Ja Yang and Waingmaw townships in Kachin. In Kayin and Mon, survivors can access clinical care at public hospitals and clinics run by non-government organisations. Partners distributed 3,750 dignity kits and clean delivery kits to women and girls displaced in Kayah and southern Shan and people affected by floods in Kyarinnseikkyi and Thandaunggyi townships in Kayin as well as Kyaikmaraw and Mawlamyine townships in Mon. In addition, partners provided a further 1,000 dignity kits for pre-positioning at displacement sites in Kyethi, Laihka and Mongkaing townships.

Health