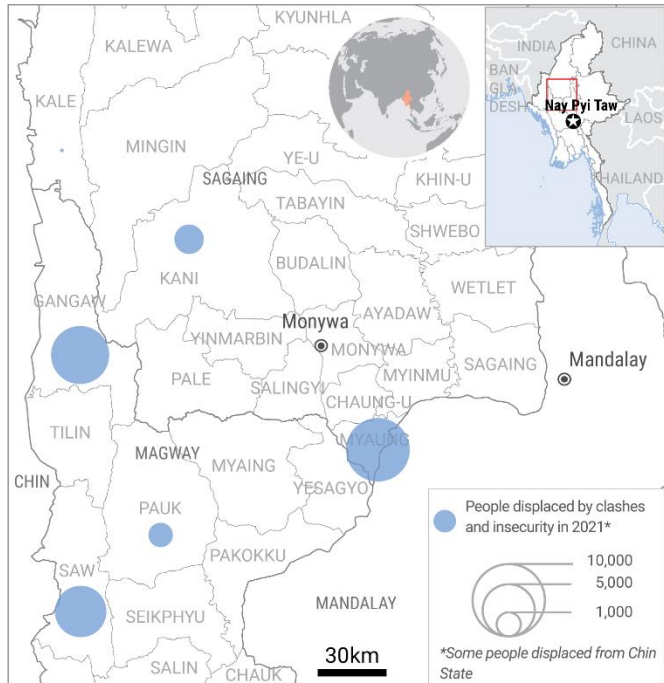


## SITUATION OVERVIEW

**DIRE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION AND DISPLACEMENT IN SAGAING AND MAGWAY:** The humanitarian situation in Sagaing and Magway regions of central Myanmar remains dire, with armed clashes reported between the MAF and local PDFs with security incidents recorded in several townships since early April. On 16 September, airstrikes were reported for the first time in Sagaing, targeting local PDFs in Chaung-U Township and resulting in civilian deaths. The ongoing hostilities have caused thousands of people to flee their homes and destruction of property. Houses have been burnt in both regions. It remains difficult to determine the full humanitarian impact, including the exact number of people cumulatively displaced, the number of civilian casualties and the damage to civilian property because humanitarian partners have not been granted access to the regions with travel authorizations pending.

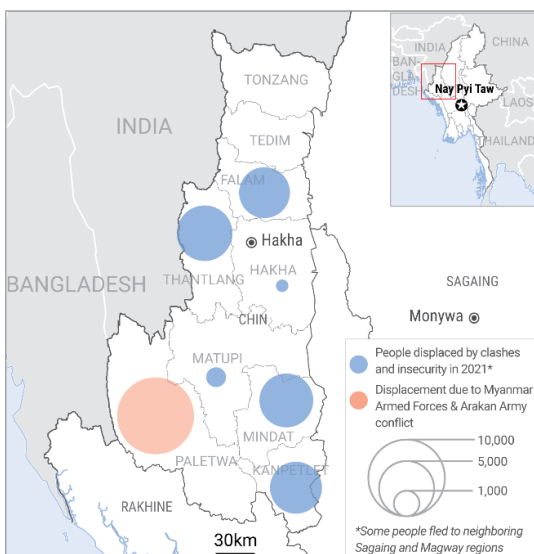


In Sagaing Region, the conflict has affected about 18 townships. The most affected areas include Kani, Myingmarbin, Shwebo and Yinmarbin. According to partners, an estimated 63,600 people were displaced from many villages in 11 townships in September. Some 45,000 of this group were temporarily displaced from 8 townships between 4 and 13 September and about 18,600 people in 3 townships were temporarily displaced between 7 and 10 September.

In Magway Region, armed clashes and security incidents have reportedly affected several townships, mostly in Gangaw, Myaing, Pauk and Saw. More than 12,000

people fled to nearby safer villages and into the forest, according to local sources. About half of them are newly displaced from four villages in Gangaw and from one village in Saw township due to clashes in early September. Around 4,900 remain displaced in Saw and another 1,100 remain displaced in Pauk townships since mid-May and mid-June respectively, having fled from neighbouring Chin State due to MAF-PDF clashes.

Since 15-25 September, 10 townships in Sagaing and 4 townships in Magway have experienced blackouts of mobile internet and Wi-Fi services. In addition, three Sagaing townships – Kawlin, Pinlebu and Wuntho – have also been experiencing loss of mobile telecommunications since 25 September. There have been further reports of Mytel Telecom towers across Sagaing Region and other areas being destroyed. The internet blackout across those townships has deprived affected populations of access to timely information, access to mobile banking and remote health care, as well as communication channels for online learning being used while schools have been closed.



## HOSTILITIES CAUSE DISPLACEMENT FROM THANTLANG

**IN CHIN STATE:** The overall security situation across Chin State remains tense, with escalating armed clashes reported between the MAF and local PDFs in Hakha, Kanpetlet, Mindat, Matupi, Thantlang and Tedim townships throughout September. There were reports of an airstrike in Lungler Village in Thantlang Township. According to multiple sources, a church and several buildings in Mindat Town were destroyed and at least 18 homes in Thantlang Town were burnt down during the hostilities. In Thantlang Town, the majority of the population fled their homes due to clashes and insecurity on 18 September, with some reportedly crossing over to the border of Mizoram State in India.

While some partners have been able to deliver assistance, the access situation for Paletwa, Mindat and other locations remains constrained as the MAF continue to maintain heavy restrictions. The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) was able to deliver food and hygiene items, as well as COVID-19 resources in Mindat between 2