

exacerbated by the unavailability of rice and other commodities because of conflict-related disruptions to supply lines from Sagaing and Magway regions. The price of fuel and rice has also increased in Paletwa, Chin State. With the arrival of winter and colder temperatures in higher altitudes, especially in Chin and its bordering areas of Sagaing and Magway regions, the need for relief items including blankets and warmer clothing will also increase.

Gaps & Challenges

Humanitarian organisations are working mostly through local actors to deliver assistance to these areas and stand ready to further scale-up their efforts but require improved access to do so. Access has been very controlled and extremely limited for humanitarian actors. Since May, access has only been approved to displacement sites in the urban area of Mindat township in Chin State where some agencies have provided health services and distributed rice, shelter, NFIs, family kits and PPE in recent weeks. No approval has been granted for Sagaing and Magway regions. Humanitarian partners are identifying ways to deliver through local actors and religious leaders. However, local actors are now increasingly under scrutiny. Challenges also remain in verifying data on displacement and needs, particularly with the internet shutdown that has affected many townships in Chin, Sagaing and Magway since mid-September.

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