

UNION OF MYANMAR
NATIONAL SUMMARY REPORT
I D N D R

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SECTION A: PROFILE

(This section contains relevant basic information about your country.
Please complete and check the information already included.)

1. Composition of National Committee (Focal Point):

(Please list the names of the institutions represented and indicate in the brackets the number of members for each group)

Ministries		Non-Governmental Organizations	
- Ministry of Social Welfare,		-	
- Relief and Resettlement		-	
-	[]	-	[]
Academic & Research Institutions		Media	
-		-	
-	[]	-	[]
Private Sector		Insurance	
-	[]	-	[]
Public Services (e.g. meteorological, etc)		Others	
-		-	
-	[]	-	[]

6. Availability of assistance to other countries in the field of natural disaster reduction.

(Please list potential resources, scientific expertise, technology, etc.)

7. International assistance required for natural disaster reduction

(Please indicate requirements for scientific expertise, technology, resources etc.)

The Human Resettlement & Housing Development Department has established Low cost non-flammable building material unit, much more progress will be achieved if international assistance in technology is available.

Apart from that there is Lack of maps to implement risk management. International aid is therefore needed to establish GIS application System for identification of potential risk areas.

By the Focal Point (R R D), international assistance is also required for natural disaster prevention, Preparedness and Public awareness activities.

4. Disaster mitigation activities completed or underway:

a) *Identification of hazard zones: hazard assessment*

Title of project: Health Sector Emergency Preparedness, Response in
Monyo township.

Status: - To formulate a plan of actions for flood preparedness.

- Prepared for writing.

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding: WHO (World Health Organization)

Implementing agencies: Health Department.

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

b) Monitoring, prediction and warning

Title of project: WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones

Status:

Implementing

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Participating countries : Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar,
Pakistan, Srilanka, Thailand.

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

W.M.O (World Meteorological Organization)

Implementing agencies:

WMO / ESCAP

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

Director General

Department of Meteorology and Hydrology

Mayangon, Post code 11061

Yangon , Myanmar.

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d) Long-term preventive measures

Title of project:

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

f) Public education and information

Title of project: State and Divisional Level Disaster Management Courses.
(Short Term)

Status: Of 3 Courses will be Planned to conduct at Tanintharyi Division, Rakhine State and Kayin State in recent Budget Year (1993-1994), up to now, 2-Courses were completed and only one course will be Left to conduct in March , 1994 in Kayin State.

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

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| (1) Meteorology & Hydrology Dept. | (5) People Police Force |
| (2) Health Dept. | (6) Myanmar Red Cross Society |
| (3) Fire Services Dept. | |
| (4) Irrigation Dept. | |

Costs of project:

Kyats. 15,000

Sources of funding:

State Budget

Implementing agencies:

Relief and Resettlement Department
(Focal Point for IDNDR.)

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

No. 42 Strand Road
Yangon Myanmar.

SECTION C: INTERACTIONS

(This section focuses on international involvement in the IDNDR.)

1. Publications on IDNDR-related subjects:

(E.g. manuals, brochures, bulletins and other publications of relevance to IDNDR. Please mention title, author/institution, place and year of publication)

Publications on IDNDR-related Subjects see in Annex (C)

2. IDNDR meetings and conferences held or planned:

(Please indicate, date, location, organizing agency, national and international participation.)

- IDNDR day celebrated on 13 oct: 93, Yangon Sponsored by R.R.D.
- WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyalones, 17-22 April 1984.
- Dept. of Met. & Hydro., Yangon.
- Roving Seminar on Disaster Preparedness & Prevention, 10-12 Sept.1987, Dept. of Met. & Hydro., Yangon.
- WMO/ESCAP Roving Seminar on improvement of System for compilation of information in damage caused by Cyclones & Floods.
- ESCAP Roving Seminar on Comprehensive Flood Loss Prevention and Management, 30-31 March . 93 , Yangon , Myanmar.

3. Current or planned partnerships and cooperation related to IDNDR with other countries

(Please indicate Governments, National Committees, Institutions or Organizations involved.)

Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand are currently cooperating as WMO/ESCAP Panel member countries in forecasting and warning of Cyclones and Floods.

Recent Disasters List

Type	Location	Affected Population	Losses
Fire (7.4.1991)	Mandalay Devision, Meiktila Town Town.	26,244	U.S.\$ 110.42 Million
Flood (28.7.1991)	Ayeyarwady Division	359,976	U.S.\$ 164.30 Million
Cyclone. (19.5.1992)	Rakhine State.	9,279	U.S.\$ 14.14 Million
Earthquake. (28.10.1992)	Mandalay Devision; Taungoo Town.	-	U.S.\$ 1.20 Million

1. Steps towards achieving the 3 main Decade targets.

- (a) Comprehensive national assessments of risks from natural hazards, with these assessments taken into account in development plans;

Fire outbreaking is most common disaster in Myanmar.

Previously, the Dept. of Human Settlement and Housing Development has been involved in Post-disaster activities such as Providing rehabilitation plans, resettlement and redevelopment schemes for areas stricken by disaster such as fire, flood, and storm. In doing so, mitigation of the disasters in future was tried to be achieved through physical planning. Some of the examples are Myeik and Meiktila.

Recently , the emphasis has been changed to Pre-disaster management and disaster mitigation. After it has been identified that the main causes of fire outbreak are due to unplanned development and use of inflammable building materials , the Department has undertaken the task of physical planning to prevent losses to potential disasters and has also established low cost building materials development unit to develop nonflammable building materials with indigenous raw materials.

Publications on IDNDR-related Subjects :

1. Handouts for IDNDR Day Ceremony, sponsored by the Dept. Of Relief and Resettlement , 1993 . Oct 13
2. Climatology of droughts in Myanmar , Part II , U Htay Aung , Dept. Of Met./Hydro., 1990
3. Drought Prediction Technologies , U Htay Aung , Dept. Of Met. / Hydro., 1991.
4. Natural Disasters in Myanmar , U Htay Aung, Dept. Of Met./ Hydro. 1992
5. Floods in Myanmar , U Ohn Gyaw , Dept. Of Met./Hydro. 1992.
6. What to do during earthquake?
U Htu Aung Cho , Dept. Of Met./ Hydro. 1993.
7. Earthquake Predictions &. Some examples from China , U Htu Aung Cho, Dept. Of Met./ Hydro. 1993.
8. Handouts for Natural disasters, jointly published by Central Epidemiology Unit and Health education Bureau of Dept. Of Health, 1992.