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## Cyclone Nargis Response



### Restoring livelihoods and rebuilding lives

UNDP continues to assist the people of the Ayeyarwady delta through the Integrated Community-based Recovery Programme. The Recovery programme is a two-year framework within the parameters of the UNDP Executive Board approved Human Development Initiative (HDI-IV), and provides a strategy to restart, adapt, expand and accelerate activities to meet the needs of the cyclone affected communities.

Current activities focus on:

- Assisting farmer groups to undertake paddy cultivation, distribute agricultural inputs and establish demonstration farms for training;
- Providing livelihood capital to non-farming households and most vulnerable households, for fishing boats, nets, duck rearing and other income generation, along with technical assistance;
- Reviving and expanding Self-Reliance Groups, and providing training, skills development and soft loans to help them initiate sustainable livelihood activities;
- Preventing increased prevalence of gastro-intestinal and other diseases through provision of fly-proof latrines and basic hygiene training;
- Rehabilitation of potable rainwater collection facilities, whilst ensuring emergency dry season delivery of life-saving potable water supplies;
- Reconstruction of community infrastructure such as small bridges, jetties, footpaths, rain water collection tanks, village ponds and tube wells;
- Community based disaster risk management, capacity development of partners, and networking and mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction in various development sectors;
- Training village Early Recovery Committees to improve their ability to manage a range of community development activities;
- Environmental rehabilitation including nursery establishment and restoration of mangrove;
- Supporting persons with disability through partnership;
- Supporting village promoters who provide services in the areas of hygiene education, disaster risk reduction, psycho-social support and SRG promotion; and
- Developing capacity and partnerships with selected local NGOs.

Funds Required  
US \$52,325,081

Funds Committed  
US \$30,894,174

Funding Gap  
US \$21,430,907

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## UNDP's Integrated Community-based Early Recovery Framework for Cyclone Affected Areas of Myanmar

UNDP Myanmar's ongoing early recovery efforts also encompass revival of the microfinance project, health, water and sanitation activities and environmental rehabilitation. Disaster risk reduction, gender mainstreaming, HIV/AIDS prevention, psycho-social support and other cross-cutting issues are being integrated as UNDP continues its support to the people of the Ayeyarwady delta.

Having worked in the delta for 14 years, UNDP saw an opportunity to adapt its pre-cyclone Human Development Initiative (HDI) projects to meet the early recovery needs of Nargis survivors. Under the HDI, the Recovery Programme was elaborated to provide a strategy and structure within which to do this. The Framework places a special emphasis on most vulnerable households and is designed to benefit equally women and men.

### Over two years, UNDP aims to reach 750 villages

The Framework identifies four key outputs: (1) Coordination arrangements for implementation and monitoring of early recovery projects; (2) Livelihood restoration and community infrastructure rehabilitation; (3) Revival and strengthening of community level mechanisms to support recovery; and (4) Disaster preparedness and risk reduction.



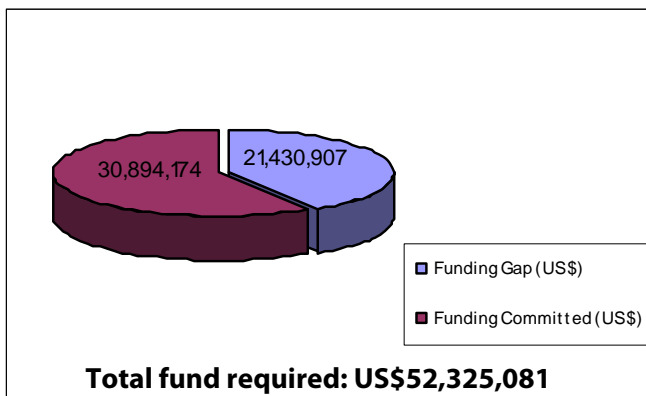
ICERF is being undertaken in partnership with community-based organizations, national and international NGOs, civil society groups, and other UN agencies, and in coordination with the government.

UNDP moved into action within 24 hours after Cyclone Nargis' 120-mile per hour winds and resulting storm surge hit Myanmar on 2-3 May. The storm carved a path of destruction leaving 138,373 dead or missing and 2.4 million women, men and children affected by the crisis, 1.4 million of them in the Ayeyarwady delta.

#### About UNDP Myanmar

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life in 166 countries. UNDP has been in Myanmar since 1948, when it was known as the UN Technical Assistance Bureau. It has been implementing the Human Development Initiative (HDI) in Myanmar since 1994 to provide support to poor communities in areas of food security, primary health care, environment, HIV/AIDS, and training and education. UNDP currently works in 60 townships around the country. UNDP's initiatives target the most vulnerable communities and work to improve opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.

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