

Integral Disaster Response Launched for Flooding in Myanmar

Immediate Release



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Integral's Disaster Response process was initiated on 6 August 2015 for severe flooding affecting large parts of Asia.

At least 493 people are reported dead in six countries after monsoon rains and tropical Cyclone Komen caused severe flooding in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, India, Nepal and Vietnam. An estimated 55,000 homes have been destroyed, with the media reporting one million people displaced ([The Guardian](#); [CNN](#)).

On the first conference call the decision was made to focus the Integral response on Myanmar, where four regions have declared a state of emergency, more than one million people have been displaced and 200 deaths have been confirmed.

Jan Eyre, Integral's DM and Programme Coordinator explains, "One Integral Member is already responding directly to the flooding in Myanmar, with other Members supporting their work, as well as the work of their existing local partners in six of Myanmar's 12 affected regions. So that we can maximise our collective impact, it makes sense to concentrate our efforts in one country, where the damage is very extensive and a significant number of the population is already vulnerable."

Eight Integral Members¹ are currently responding, with a further eight considering how they can become involved.

Currently, World Concern is on the ground in the Magwe Division distributing cooking oil and rice to more than 3,000 people. They will work towards providing direct assistance to more than 7500 people in seven of the neediest villages through health, nutrition and water and sanitation responses.

Jacob Engelage, World Concern Myanmar Country Director, says "The most immediate needs include gaining access to clean water, alleviating water-related sicknesses such as diarrhoea, renovating wells and re-establishing livelihoods. With the support of other Integral Members, we will focus on providing long-term assistance to seven of the neediest villages in the area. In an effort to identify this community's greatest needs, the added resources through Integral Members will enable us to move quickly and strategically as we provide urgently needed assistance."

Integral will facilitate the sharing of media and fundraising resources through their dedicated DR website and host regular teleconferences. As a next step to encourage active and strategic coordination, a field meeting is being organised for all Integral Members with staff on the ground in Myanmar to discuss how to

¹ Cedar Fund (HK), Medical Teams International (US), Mission East (Denmark), TEAR Australia, Tearfund UK, World Concern (US), World Relief (US), World Renew (US).

achieve synergies and added value to each other's work as they respond to needs in different areas of the country.

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Integral has 22 Members with headquarters in 14 countries.

Integral Members work in over 80 countries, with more than 650 local partners, in over 40 sectors and have a combined income of over \$663m USDs.

All Members sign up to the Red Cross Code of Conduct and Sphere Standards, and have an agreed Quality Standards Statement. Integral Members are:

CEDAR Fund - **Hong Kong**

Food for the Hungry - **USA**

Integra - **Slovakia**

International Health Partners - **UK**

MAP International - **USA**

Medical Teams International - **USA**

Medair - **Switzerland**

Missions Alliance - **Norway**

Mission East - **Denmark**

SEL France - **France**

TEAR Australia - **Australia**

Tear- **Netherlands**

Tearfund - **Belgium**

Tearfund - **Ireland**

TEAR Fund - **New Zealand**

Tear Fund - **Switzerland**

Tearfund - **UK**

Transform Aid International - **Australia**

World Concern - **USA**

World Relief Canada - **Canada**

World Relief - **USA**

World Renew - **Canada & USA**

On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the **Integral Disaster Response Process** co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

- For more info see www.integralalliance.org