Overview
CARE Myanmar has been responding to emergencies and humanitarian assistance in Myanmar since 1995 and scaled up its response capacity after Cyclone Nargis 2008 with core sectors of Food, WASH and Shelter.

In the last three years, a total population of about 350,000 from Rakhine, Ayarwaddy, Sagaing, Mandalay, Shan, Mon and Kayin regions/states were affected by floods, inter-communal conflict and earthquake. Responding to these disasters, CARE MM assisted 83,278 people with their WASH, shelter and livelihoods needs.

In each response, Government departments, local communities and CARE MM have worked closely together to address the immediate needs of poor and vulnerable people including women, children, elderly people and other vulnerable groups.

As an organization which focuses on gender equality in emergencies, CARE Myanmar has built its capacity to protect the right of women, men, boys and girls, to dignity, safety and security, by both meeting the needs of those affected by humanitarian crises and to reach and empower women and girls affected by crisis.

CARE Myanmar has been responding in accordance with humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality in the midst of massive challenges across the different people, cultures and context.

Working to improve the overall readiness of the country, CARE Myanmar has been involved in institutional development of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) law, DRR regulations and other risk reduction activities by working closely with DRR Working Group. CARE has also built local organizations’ capacity in preparedness and response through technical and financial support to develop emergency preparedness plans of local organizations.

Emergency Response Timeline
- In August 2013, CARE Myanmar supported government response to floods in Kayin State through provision of 300 NFI kits for 300 Households.
- In June 2013, CARE Myanmar responded to inter communal conflict in Rakhine State. The response has continued through construction of 224 transitional shelters in Sittwe for 12,544 IDPs. WASH activities have been undertaken in partnership with Solidarities in Myanmar.
- In November 2012, CARE Myanmar responded to an earthquake in Sagaing and Mandalay regions supporting 21,745 people in 561 households by provision of 500 NFI kits, 400 rolls of ropes, 150 carpenter tools kits, and 200 rolls of tarpaulin in Kyaukmyung, Kantbalu, Khinoo, Wetlat and Thabeikkyin Townships.
- In August 2012, CARE Myanmar responded to the floods in Ayarwaddy Region for 26,311 people by provision of 3,000 NFI kits and 11,000 baskets of paddy seeds in seven townships of Thabaung, Yaekyi, Kyonepyaw, Ngathaichaung, Kyaunggone, Kangyidauk, and Pathein.
In July 2012, CARE Myanmar responded to the outbreak of communal violence in *Rakhine State* with 2,000 NFI kits, 1,200 bags of fertilizers, 850 baskets of paddy seeds and 60 houses among 90,390 affected people in 22,465 households in Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Kyauktaw and Sittwe townships.

In March 2012, CARE Myanmar responded to the needs of 1,593 IDPs who were displaced due to armed conflict in *Kachin State* with temporary school places and WASH facilities in Nam Kham Township.

### Sector Summary

#### Food
- Food distribution in collaboration with World Food Programme (WFP)

#### Shelter
- 60 permanent houses constructed
- 224 transitional shelters constructed
- 6,160 NFI kits distributed
- 150 shelter tool kits distributed
- 200 rolls of tarpaulins distributed
- 400 rolls of nylon ropes distributed
- 6,160 insecticide mosquito nets distributed

#### WASH
- 18 Latrines constructed
- 3 Tube wells dug
- 2 Water tanks constructed

#### Livelihoods
- 2 temporary school constructed
- Provided school materials
- 11,850 baskets of seeds distributed
- 1,200 bags of fertilizer distributed

### A Snapshot of CARE MM Emergency Response

**Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) AND Emergency Preparedness**

**DRR**
- CARE has been participating in developing of Disaster Management rules and regulations which is a key priority of CARE Myanmar in collaboration with DRR WG and RRD. CARE Myanmar has been contributing to developing of DRR WG strategic plans for Myanmar.

**Strengthening Government Systems (1)**
- CARE Myanmar has been promoting government preparedness and response systems through capacity building of government staffs by providing ToT and revising Disaster Management curriculum development process.

**Strengthening Government Systems (2)**
- CARE has provided office equipments including 3 computers, 14 fax machines, 3 printer-copiers and 4,100 NFI kits to strengthen preparedness and response system of Relief & Resettlement Department.

**Organizational Preparedness**
- Emergency Preparedness Plan is being developed. And CARE MM has formed Emergency Response Team included Yangon and FO staffs. Enhancing CARE’s emergency response. An Emergency Pocket book is being translating from English into Myanmar.

**Staff capacity building**
- CARE Myanmar’s four senior staff have received CHEOPS and ELMP training provided by CARE International. Most of field senior staffs have received emergency preparedness planning and practiced the simulation of type 1 emergency in 2012 and 2013.

**Partnership**
- Promoting local NGOs capacity, CARE is working with LNGOs steering committee to strengthen their contingency plan and Emergency Preparedness Plan to be more effective preparation for any emergency.
CARE Myanmar DRR & Emergency Overview 2013

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM)
CARE has been working in Myanmar since 1995 with the aim to improve the living standards of rural communities through community based development in health, livelihoods, wash, food security with cross cut themes of gender, DRR, and advocacy. With the aim to reduce vulnerability and increase community resilience to future natural disasters, CARE has identified DRR as one of the core priorities within its mandate regarding humanitarian assistance, reconstruction and development and considers DRR mainstreaming as a requisite to achieve quality programming. CARE is focused on the construction and/or rehabilitation of infrastructure and community buildings; increased environmental awareness; early warning systems development using alternative energy sources as well as Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) capacity building. CARE is planning to support in development of township disaster management plans (TDMP) in five high risk townships to natural and human made disasters.

CARE Myanmar DRR, Emergency preparedness and Response in future

**DRR - Institutional Development**
Collaboration with DRR working group of Myanmar, CARE has been contributing to institutional development of DRR in Myanmar particularly in development of DRR law, rules and regulation, and Myanmar Action Plan of DRR.

**Strengthening Government Systems**
CARE will promote effective preparedness and response through development of Township Disaster Management Plans in Maungdaw, Mandalay, Muse, Loikaw, and Mawlamying townships.

**Organizational Preparedness**
Emergency Preparedness Plan is updated and CARE staff will be trained on how to use this EPP effectively to manage any emergency. Promote organizational capacity through sharing translated version of Emergency Pocket book to all partners in humanitarian and emergency.

**Capacity Building**
To enhance the capacity of preparedness and response of CARE MM staff by providing DRR and emergency operations management training in 2013.

**DRR Integration into CARE MM program**
To ensure CARE Myanmar’s development programs and impact communities are more resilient and sustained by integrating DRR approaches in Maungdaw, Mandalay, Muse, Loikaw, and Mawlamying townships by CBDRM approach as pilot projects.

**Partnership**
CARE MM is planning to make a strategic partnership with Marie Stopes International in Myanmar for SRH sector. CARE Myanmar will promote partnerships with local NGOs to enhance organizational capacity in preparedness and response.

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CARE MM Emergency response photos:

Women in Thabaung Township. A woman carrying a tool kit Distribution of NFI in Namkha. Provision of NFI kit to Muslim IDPs. Explaining the items list of NFI kits