

Emergency Food Appeal



Myanmar



Emergency Relief

Total Budget

Project Timeline

\$104,000

MAY 23

NOV 23



Overview

Soon after Cyclone Mocha hit the North West of Myanmar in May 2023, Entrust received an urgent plea for help from a trusted local partner. He was dismayed at the level of starvation he saw – extremely poor families unable to buy basic food items. One year ago, a large sack of rice cost \$20. Today the same bag costs \$80. After reviewing their budget, we sent you a brief email explaining the opportunity. Seven days later we had received \$104,000 and a request for more help from three other local trusted partner organisations. The money was shared among four organisations in four different locations across the nation! Initial funds were sent within 24 hours of the original request!

Objectives

Impact



Food aid to cyclone hit area

Entrust was able to provide rice and some other food items to the neediest 820 families in the area hit by the cyclone. The food was a lifeline that couldn't have come sooner and was gratefully received.



Multiple meals for 3200

In Yangon, our partners distributed food, dried fish, beans, oil, noodles and la Pah Do – a local dish high in carbs and protein. The food provided multiple meals to 3,200 hungry people at a total cost of AUD47,949.



Rice bags delivered to 166 households

Our partner based on the Thai border distributed food to 166 households whose food supply was cut off. Each household received one sack of rice, which should last them roughly four months. In total, this helped feed 875 people in the district.



Local partners respond

Our local partners on the ground have in-depth knowledge of their communities and understand the needs, impediments and red-tape of field work. They were able to respond quickly and flexibly to the crisis. Full credit to their tireless efforts!



Life change

- Urgent needs were met - people have had food to eat to see them through the crisis
- Local people have been encouraged to know that others care
- New people have been connected to our partners, strengthened and feel supported and empowered to get on the road to recovery



A tale of two families

Myat Su (left) is a single mother of three and recently abandoned by her husband. Left with no income, she had to send her eldest son out to find plastic bottles to sell. “Sometimes we’ve been unable to eat for days. I am so thankful for the gift of rice noodles, oil and la pah do.”

Aung Gyi works in the fish market to support his wife Moe Moe and 6-month baby. Unfortunately most of the money goes towards paying off interest and debts. “If we don’t pay, gangsters come to our house and beat me and my wife. I can’t express how grateful I am for the support we received which means we don’t go hungry”.



Food purchased for distribution in Myanmar

Daw Harsinar’s Story

My name is Daw Harsinar and I live in Aungbara, Sittwe. There are eight members in my family and my husband is paralysed. We depend on finding daily jobs to get by. However, Cyclone Mocha completely wiped out our house and now we are living in a flimsy tent. With no money to feed ourselves, let alone rebuild our house, life had become very hard. We almost wished the cyclone had wiped us out too. With the food all but gone, I felt such incredible relief when the ward chief told me that our family would be given rice and other emergency items. I could not find any words to express how happy it made me. It means we can survive another three weeks, hopefully until the rains start and crops begin to grow.

