

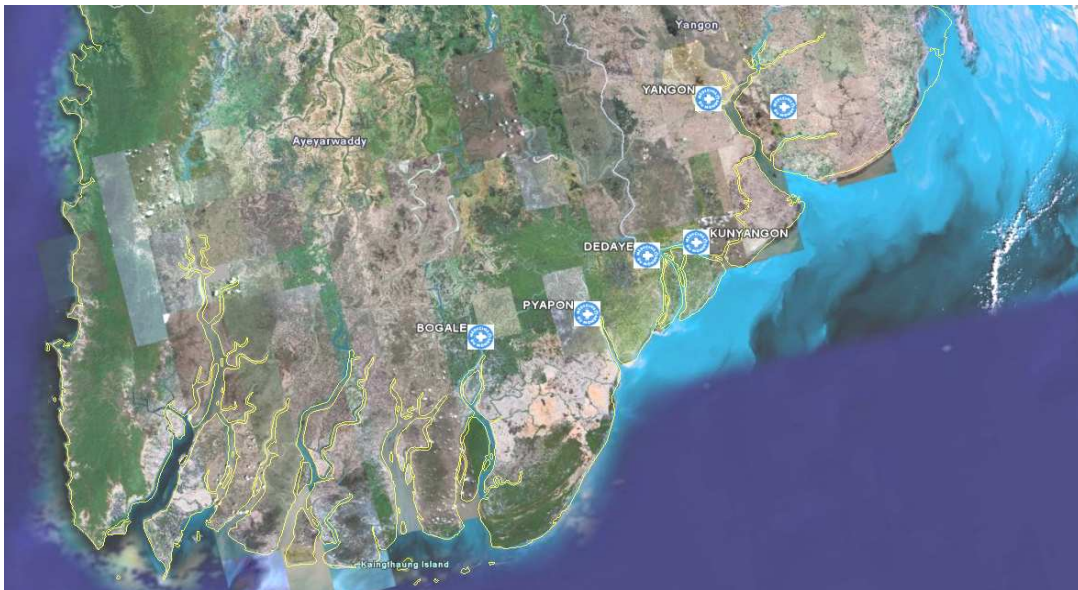


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Update on Action

Despite the Burmese government's promise to the UN Secretary General on the 22nd of May to accept the unconditional access of all the humanitarian workers to all the affected zones, no visible change on-site is yet to be seen.

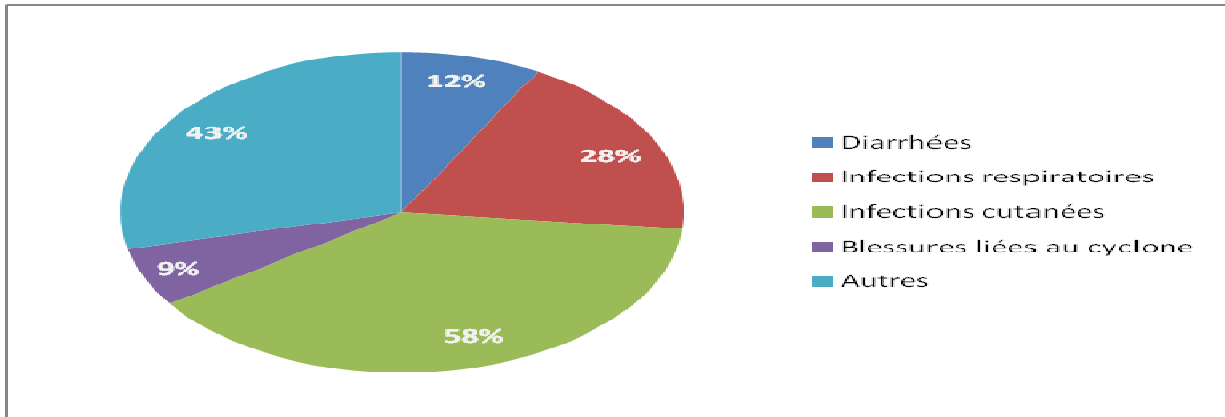
However, thanks to the strong reliance on intensively trained Médecins du Monde Burmese doctors and nurses in coordination with expatriate medical staff concrete medical action on the ground is still possible. Our on-going priority is to restore access to primary health care as well as access to water for the populations around the outskirts of Rangoon, Kunyangon, Pyapon, Didaye and Bogale.



Map to illustrate where MdM's staff has reached

There are 139 members of staff currently present in Burma, actively involved in setting up mobile structures for primary health care, providing free consultations, nutritional monitoring of children under five, nursing care, alongside the distribution of essential drugs, medical material, consumable goods and drinking water to the victims.

18% of the patients seen so far have been children and the main pathologies encountered are the following:



In addition to the valuable medical aid, we have been able to distribute 30 tons of material, medical kits, water and sanitation kits, tents, plastic covers and generators. Arriving directly after the cyclone, Médecins du Monde was the first NGO to charter a plane which succeeded in obtaining the authorisations of landing on Rangoon, bringing significant aid in medical and non-medical material.

However, it is still absolutely necessary that Médecins du Monde's expatriate coordinators should have access to the areas hit by the cyclone in order to organise and sustain the coherence and quality of the medical action and support for the national teams, something which is urgently required.