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SOS call for Emergency Relief

Dear Friends and Colleagues

As you all are aware Ayeyarwady Division has been badly hit by Cyclone Nargis and Metta has responded with an initial USD 10,000.

Below is the information sent in from our Myaumba office.

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***Hynegy Island (*Pyin Khayaing):** Project site of ***Metta Mangrove Community Forest project, ECCD villages, Community based Income Generation, Mangrove research plots.** Whole island is flooded – 20,000 HH with 93,000 population homeless.

***Pyinsalu Island (Labutta Township):** ***The whole island, washed off flooded by high tide of approximately 15 feet to 28 feet. Of 40,000 populations, it is estimated that only one quarter survived. 80% of Labutta Township has been destroyed. Metta is helping with the temporary settlement of some 1,000 survivors of Kone Gyi and Tan-pin-kone villages of Pyinsalu Island to Latputta at this very moment. We are saddened as two newly re-established primary schools (Oxfam-Novib) have also been destroyed in Kone Gyi and Tan-pin-kone villages.**

***KaingThaung*:** ***We are informed that the whole Island was flooded but most inhabitants have evacuated. Metta's ECCD centre and newly renovated primary school have been destroyed.**

***Additional Note:** ***Many townships are totally destroyed with much loss of lives and infrastructure. (Ngapudaw, Bogalay, Kyaiklat, Pya-pon, Ma-u-bin, Labutta)**

***Fuel and resource scarcity:** ***Despite the need and urgency for emergency relief work, due to electricity cut-off, fuel like diesel, natural gas and petrol are nearby unavailable.**

Drinking water is the pressing need besides food, shelter and medicine. Prices of these and building materials (timber, zinc sheet roof, canvas, plastic sheet, nails of different sizes) have sky rocketed in addition to being very scare. Urgent needs also are clothing.

We would appreciate it if you could let us know how much you would commit to this and we would advance it. Metta Myaumba team is responding to the immediate needs in all the above areas. We would keep you informed of all further development.

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Best regards

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