

# Myanmar



## Earthquake Relief

**Project: 103592**  
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### Overview

Bible Society Myanmar (BSM) is providing urgent humanitarian aid to 1,000 households affected by the earthquake on 28 March 2025. In collaboration with local Christian councils, Bible Society will provide essential food, blankets, household supplies, and replacement Bibles, to be distributed in support of survivors and to help promote healing.

### The Need

The 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck central Myanmar has left a profound impact on the region, particularly in Mandalay and Sagaing. With widespread destruction of homes and critical infrastructure, thousands are now displaced and struggling to meet basic needs. Many families have lost not only their homes but also their livelihoods, leaving them vulnerable and traumatised. Initial assessments indicate a severe shortage of essential supplies such as food, medical aid, and sanitation products. Additionally, the emotional toll on the community is significant, with many survivors experiencing loss and grief. Mandalay is a cultural centre of Buddhism, with significant Muslim and Christian populations.

Local churches have also been hit hard, with an estimated 100+ church buildings destroyed, along with many other buildings, leaving Christian survivors struggling to meet their basic needs.

# 15 million

people affected nationwide

# 1.6 million

internally displaced people were  
living in the worst hit areas

# 3,600+

casualties from the earthquake,  
5,000+ injured

*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. – John 16:33, NKJV*

## Goals

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Bible Society Myanmar aims to address these urgent needs by providing vital humanitarian aid to survivors, regardless of their religious background. This will include food staples and household supplies for 1,000 households (approximately 5,500 people) across 10 townships such as Pyimanan, Naypyidaw, Mandalay and Sagaing. Alongside this, BSM will replace Bibles lost in the disaster, offering spiritual comfort to the Christian community during this difficult time.

BSM will also provide local churches with Scriptures they can use in their outreach programs. Three groups of Bible Society staff will travel to Naypyidaw, Sagaing and Mandalay to distribute Bibles and humanitarian aid. By collaborating with local Christian councils, the initiative seeks to ensure that aid is delivered effectively and compassionately to those who need it most. The goal of the project is to provide 3,000 copies of the Bible, 10,000 copies of Trauma Healing materials and 20,000 Scripture portions, alongside 1,000 relief packages for families.

## Impact

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This project will have a significant impact on those affected by the earthquake due to the collaborating between BSM and the three local Christian Councils, who have a wealth of experience in disaster response. The Councils will manage the distribution of aid while BSM oversees Bible distribution and offers support and encouragement to the survivors.

Support will be provided to local churches as they mobilise volunteer relief teams, with Council volunteers continuing needs assessments in affected communities.

## Testimony

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*“After the earthquake shortage of electricity and water. If no electricity, we can stay, but if no water, how to survive? When the Bible Society came and distribute the drinking water, we feel so happy, till my tears fall down.” — a man from earthquake area*

*“The Scripture component must be integral to the rebuilding of the churches that were affected by the earthquake.”  
— Methodist Bishop Myat San, Board Chair of the Bible Society of Myanmar*

*“We urgently request assistance, as the earthquake has severely damaged churches, and many people are suffering.”  
— Rev. Sha Moe Aye La, the incoming General Secretary of the Bible Society of Myanmar*

## Prayer Points

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- Pray for healing for those traumatised by the earthquake.
- Pray for safety for rescue teams.
- Pray for strength for all helpers during this difficult time.