

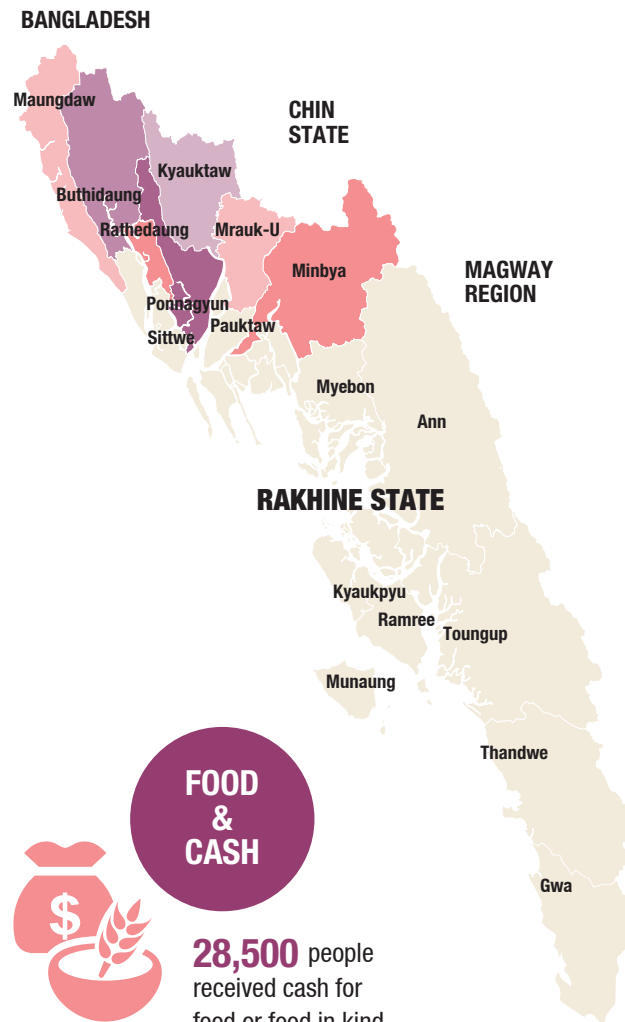
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OPERATIONAL RESPONSE: NEWLY DISPLACED POPULATIONS

In December 2018, conflict escalated in Rakhine State between the Tatmadaw and the Arakan Army (AA). As of 10 May, around 35,000 people have been displaced in Rakhine State, in addition to nearly 3,000 in neighbouring Chin State. Current fighting compounds an already fragile humanitarian situation prevailing since the crisis in August 2017.

Since mid-December 2018, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Myanmar Red Cross Society have visited over 60 locations in Kyauktaw, Buthidaung, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Mrauk-U, Minbya and Maungdaw where displaced as well as host communities reside. In total, more than 32,000 people have been reached. The Myanmar Red Cross Society has also reached communities with pre-positioned stocks of non-food items, supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Red Cross Movement is very concerned about the intensification of fighting in Rakhine and the serious humanitarian consequences for the civilian population. The ICRC continues to monitor the situation of the civilian population, share its observations and recommendations with the relevant parties to the conflict, find ways to reduce the risks to which communities are exposed, and reconnect families that have been separated.



WATER & HABITAT



27,500 people received soap, ceramic filters, plastic buckets, tarpaulins and bamboo to reinforce shelter.

ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS




24,000 people received kitchen sets, hygiene and dignity kits, solar-lamps, jerry-cans, blankets, matting and clothing.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION



29 people with disabilities received crutches, wheelchair or consultation support.

HEALTH



7,000 people received medical care through **12** MoHS mobile clinics supported by ICRC in IDP camps; **60** people benefitted from ICRC-supported emergency transportation; **6** hospitals and other health facilities received medical supplies e.g. emergency health kits, dressing sets; **8** wounded civilians evacuated.

FOOD & CASH



28,500 people received cash for food or food in kind.