

Country Report: Floods and Flood Forecasting System in Myanmar

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Floods in Myanmar

- Widespread Floods, Flash Floods

Widespread/Riverine Floods

-mostly occur in the large and medium rivers and caused by the heaving rainfall striking at the head water region for considerable period (1-3 days), the flood wave forming at the head water started to move downward and causing flood along the river up to the deltaic area.

- Severe riverine floods occurred in 1974, 1997, 2004, 2015, 2016







Causes of River Floods in Myanmar

- occurs in SW Monsoon period (June-Oct)

Ayeyarwady and Chindwin Rivers

- Intense heavy rain due to pronounced monsoon trough persisting for at least 3 days over Northern Myanmar areas
- Strong to vigorous monsoon in Andaman Sea, Bay of Bengal and along the Myanmar coast
- Heavy rainfall due to cyclonic storm crossing Myanmar and Bangladesh coasts during pre-monsoon and post-monsoon

Thanlwin, Sittaung, Bago, Shwegyin , Dokehtawady and Ngawun Rivers

- Strong to vigorous monsoon in Andaman Sea, Bay of Bengal and along the Myanmar coast
- Mostly due to rainfall associated with low pressure waves (the remnants of typhoons and tropical storms of South China Sea) moving from east to west across the country

Flash Floods

-usually occur in small rivers and tributaries of large rivers and in streams in mountainous regions

-Due to heavy rainfall during short time and flood wave move downward swiftly

- -Flash Floods in Myanmar
- Manchaung Flash Flood (at Shwe Settaw Pagoda) in 1987

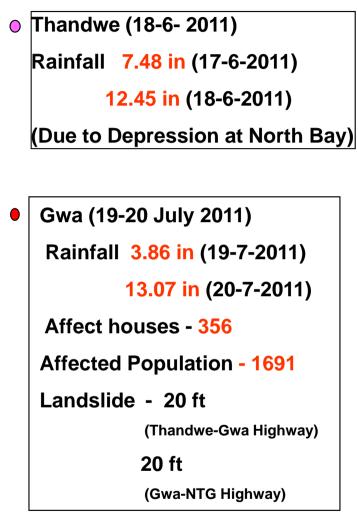
Shwegin Flash Flood	in	1997
Wundwin Flash Flood	in	2001
Kyangin Flash Flood	in	2006
Shwechaung Flash Flood	in	2011



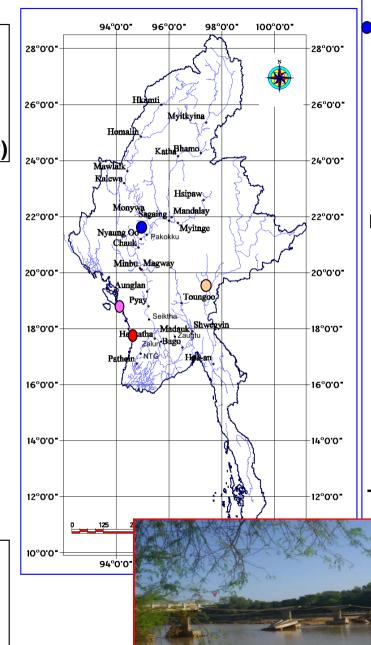




2011 Flash Flood



- Bawlakhe (Nanpon Stream)
 - Rainfall 1.54 in (3 Oct 2011)
 - Some Streets were inundated
 - Some houses were inundated



Pakokku	Dist	trict (19-2	0 Oct 2	011)
Rainfal	I (18	-20 Oct 2	011)	
Pakokl	ku	6.65 in		
Ganga	w	5.95 in		
Nyaun	g Oo	9.34 in		
Affect	Villa	ges/wards	5	102
Death t Livesto		sses	:	161 3384
Damag	ed H	ouses	2	2535
Damage	ed G	ov. Buildi	ngs	15
Damage	ed re	eligious B	uilding	33
Damage	ed cı	roplands ((acres)	5378
Damage	ed B	ridges		7
Affecte	d Ho	uses	9	9523
Affecte	d Po	pulation	:	29751
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Severe Flood Years (Since 1966)

River	Highest Water Level Recorded at	Year	Total Stations above Danger Level
Chindwin	Homalin	1968	14 stations
Ayeyarwady	Chauk, Minbu, Aunglan, Pyay	1974	20 stations
Chindwin	Mawlaik	1976	18 stations
Ayeyarwady	Myitkyina, Katha	1979	14 stations
Chindwin	Hkamti	1991	16 stations
Sittoung	Madauk	1997	19 stations
Shwegyin	Shwegyin		
Chindwin	Kalewa, Monywa	2002	15 stations
Thanlwin	Hpa-an		
Ayeyarwady	Bhamo, Sagaing, Mandalay,	2004	21 stations
	Nyaung Oo, Magway		
Chindwin	Monywa	2015	23 stations
Ayeyarwady/ Ngawun	Nyang Oo, Zalun, Pathein	2016	29 stations

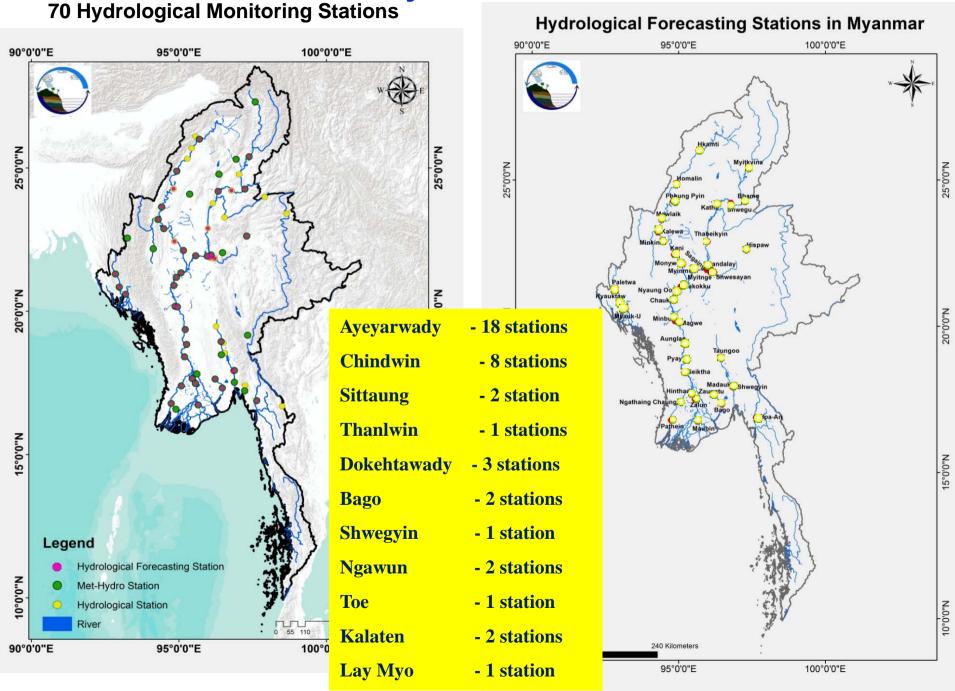
Occurrence of Flood Percentage in Months and Flood Frequency along Ayeyarwady River

Monthly Flood Occurrenc					rence	%		ods	
River/ Station	June	July	Aug		Oct		Flood Frequency	Flood Years	Duration(Total Year)
Ayeyarwady River									
Myitkyina	14	57	0	14	14	0	7	7	1967-2016(50 yrs)
Bhamo	10	60	10	15	5	0	20	15	1968-2016(49 yrs)
Katha	11	58	17	9	6	0	36	25	1966-2016(51yrs)
Mandalay	0	41	29	12	18	0	14	14	1968-2016(49yrs)
Sagaing	0	23	35	31	12	0	26	21	1966-2016(51yrs)
Pakokku	0	20	40	40	0	0	10	7	1998-2016(19yrs)
Nyaung Oo	0	29	35	25	10	0	51	32	1966-2016 (51 yrs)
Chauk	0	27	45	18	9	0	11	11	1973-2016(44yrs)
Minbu	0	23	41	27	9	0	44	29	1966-2016(51yrs)
Magway	0	33	33	24	10	0	21	12	1990-2016 (27 yrs)
Aunglan	0	19	44	38	0	0	16	13	1973-2016(44yrs)
Руау	0	32	26	37	5	0	19	17	1966-2016 (51yrs)
Seiktha	0	13	56	25	6	0	16	9	1989-2016 (28yrs)
Henzada	0	24	47	24	5	0	58	32	1966-2016(51yrs)
Zalun	0	15	44	32	9	0	34	18	1985-2016 (32yrs)

Occurrence of Flood Percentage in Months and Flood Frequency along Chindwin and other Rivers

	Monthly Flood Occ						Floods			
River/Station	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Flood Frequenc V	Flood Years	Duration(Total Year)	
			I		Chii	ndwin				
Hkamti	6	56	25	13	0	0	48	31	1967-2016 (50yrs)	
Homalin	6	50	27	13	3	0	62	37	1968-2016(49yrs)	
Mawlaik	2	41	33	16	8	0	63	35	1965-2016(52yrs)	
Kalewa	2	44	31	18	5	0	61	36	1967-2016(50yrs)	
Monywa	0	38	35	21	6	0	48	32	1966-2016 (51yrs)	
		II	ļ	I	Dokeł	ntawady				
Hsipaw	0	0	100	0	0	0	1	1	1967-2016 (50yrs)	
Myitnge	1	21	37	28	12	1	68	35	1972-2016 (45yrs)	
			L		Sitt	oung	· · ·			
Toungoo	0	12	59	21	7	1	76	38	1966-2016(52yrs)	
Madauk	2	29	56	11	2	0	98	45	1966-2016(51yrs)	
					Shw	vegyin				
Shwegyin	2	29	67	2	0	0	49	29	1966-2016 (51yrs)	
					B	ago			- 1	
Zangtu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1987-2016 (30yrs)	
Bago	6	29	65	0	0	0	17	14	1965-2016 (52yrs)	
					Tha	nlwin				
Hpa-an	2	32	50	14	2	0	103	43	1966-2016 (51yrs)	
 			Г		Nga	awun				
NTG	0	31	37	22	10		5 1	29	1985-2016 (32yrs)	
Pathein	0	0	80	20	0) 5	3	2005-2016(12yrs)	

Responsibility of DMH for Flood Forecasting System in Myanmar



DMH's Water Level Observation System

Manual Observation system (Most stations/ still using)

Telemetry Water Level Monitoring System (starting to upgrade some stations by Gov. Budget/ Projects)















Install the telemetry system with Funded by Norway Gov.



Flood Forecasting Methods



River Stage Correlation Method
 Multiple Linear Regression Method
 Integrated Flood Analysis System-IFAS (research)
 HBV model (testing for Chindwin)
 HEC HMS Model for Ayeyarwady, Chindwin and Sittoung river (testing)

Based on flood characteristic occurred in Analogue years

Based on seasonal weather forecast

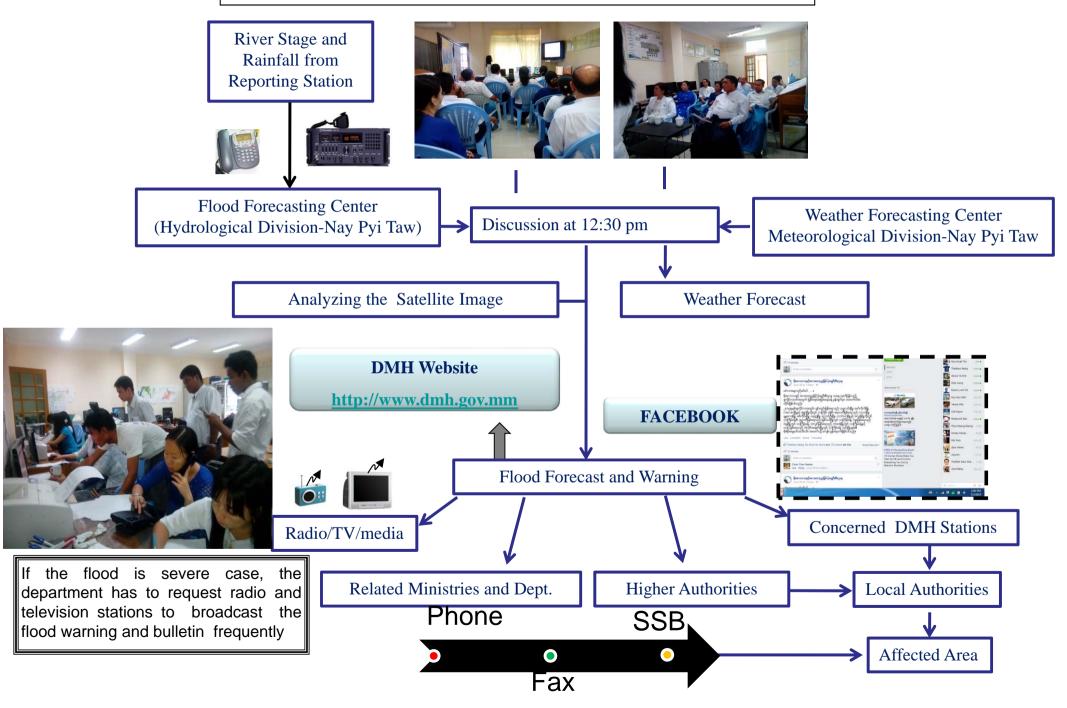
Based on comparison of current flow with the individual hydrograph for the last (10) years

- Based on the average flow of the last (10) years
- Based on Flood frequency analysis
- Based on ENSO forecast

Seasonal water level

forecast

Flood Forecasting and Warning System and Dissemination



Types of Forecast

Types of Forecast	Time of Issuance	Forecast Validity
General Long Range Water Level Forecast	April 28	Monsoon season(Early, Mid and Late)
Seasonal Water Level Forecast	April 28 June 28 August 28 October 28	Early Monsoon(May- June) Mid Monsoon (July-Aug) Late Monsoon(Sep-Oct) Winter Monsoon(Nov-Feb)
Monthly Water Level Forecast	28 th of every month	1 month
10 Days Water Level Forecast	8 th , 18 th , 28 th of every month	10 days
Daily Water Level Forecast	Daily	1 Day

Warning, Bulletin and Forecast

Warning	Bulletin	Forecast
		Daily W/L Forecast
• Flood Warning	 Flood Bulletin 	Dekad W/L Forecast
Minimum Alert	 Significant 	Monthly W/L & Flood Forecast
Water Level	Water Level Bulletin	Seasonal W/L & Flood Forecast
	• Low Flow Bulletin	 Genera Long Range W/L & Flood Forecast

Daily Water Level Forecasts for (41)Stations at (11) Major Rivers

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Daily Water Level Forecast

						13-10-2016
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	RDBOR	1150	710	+46	740	
	SUMMERIA	930	533	+32	568	
	Katha	1040	582	+61	617	
	JDEBELKAR	1480	687	+54	757	
	Mandalay	1260	690	+13	725	
	Relayed	1150	598	+9	623	
	MARCON	1150	581	φ.	596	
	Ealselder	2150	1595	+5	1615	
	Nysuos Ss.	2120	1571	-15	1586	
	SDBUK	1450	798	-16	793	
	Motel	1700	979	-20	969	
	Magwax	1700	949	-17	939	
	BUDGIAR	2550	1786	-23	1766	
	EXEX	2900	2239	-20	2224	
	Selitize	1200	598	-34	578	
	Highada,	1342	900	-21	880	
	Celux	1160	713	-24	693	
Dollatendy	Halpava	600	211	+10	206	
	SUMERICAN	1050	341	+1	336	
	CM0006	870	383	0	398	
Chindein	Head	1360	840	+71	890	
	Herrelle	2900	2584	+78	2629	
	Ebenes Exta	1325	782	+39	832	
	Mawfalk	1230	692	+30	747	
	Kelster	1550	865	+68	915	
	Minala,	1350	790	+50	835	
	680	1130	646	+44	686	
	Macuwa,	1000	563	+53	628	

Rivers	Sictions	Danger Level (cm)	Water Level at (12:30)[tr (em)	Water level Changes during last (24) (tg(cm)	Water Level Perecest of not: 24	Danger Levela Condition
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	Madaub	1070	881	-6	876	
Shucale	Sharada	700	478	-19	463	
Ba go	Zeuceu	900	219	-8	209	
	8898	880	420	-20	405	
Thanks	Hesso,	750	408	-20	393	
Norsee	Nesthelog - Steuce	1130	934	-16	919	
	Eathelo	350	279	+15	304	
Toe	Mauble	720	507	-5	502	
Kalata	Ealesva,	1600	505	+51	515	
	KARLINERS,	550	353	+12	368	
Lay 899	Mauku	980	558	+6	568	

Ayeyarwady	- 18 stations
Chindwin	- 8 stations
Sittaung	- 2 station
Thanlwin	- 1 stations
Dokehtawady	- 3 stations
Bago	- 2 stations
Shwegyin	- 1 station
Ngawun	- 2 stations
Тое	- 1 station
Kalaten	- 2 stations
Lay Myo	- 1 station

<u>Significant Water Level Bulletin</u> (Issued at 11:00 hr M.S.T on 23-2-2016)

According to the (22:30) hrs M.S.T observations on 2016, February 22nd, the water levels of Ayeyarwady River at Myitkyina is (503) cm, and the rise of water level is about (12) feet within 16 hrs. It may rise about (7) to (8) feet above the present water level at Bhamo and Katha during the next (1) to (3) days and about (5) to (6) feet above the present water level at Mandalay, Sagaing, Myinmu, Pakokku and Nyaung Oo during the next (3) to (5) days and about (4) to (5) feet above the present water level at Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Aunglan, Pyay, Seiktha, Hinthada and Zalun during the next (6) to (11) days.

It is advised that the vessels running along the river and those who made plantations on sandbank during low flow period should make precausion measures for the sharp rise of water level.

Flood Warning

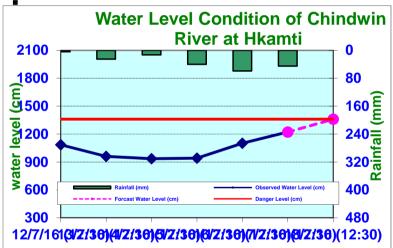
(Issued at 13:00 hr M.S.T on 17-7-2016)

According to the (12:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is observed as about $(1\frac{1}{2})$ feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (1) Day.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river bank and low

lying areas in Hkamti Township, to take precaution measure.

Flood Bulletin



(Issued at 13:00 hr M.S.T on 18-7-2016)

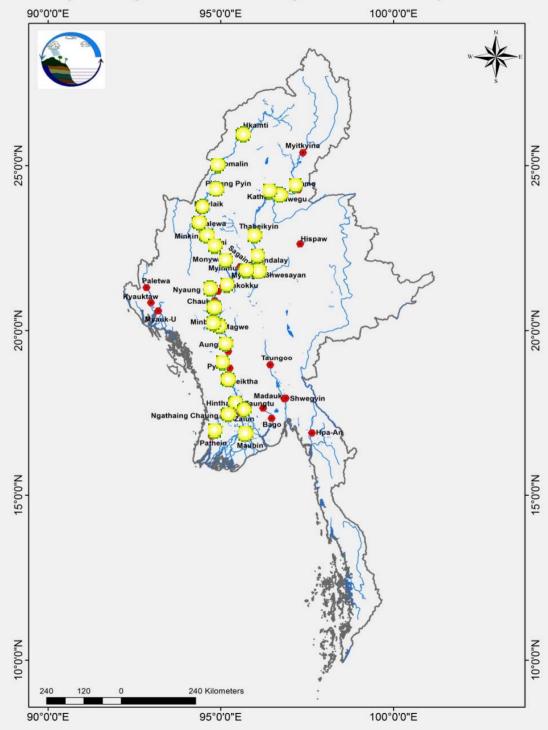
According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level has exceeded by about (2) feet above its danger level, its may continue to rise about (1½) feet during the next (1) day and may remain above its danger level. It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river bank and low lying

areas along the Chindwin River, to take precaution measure.

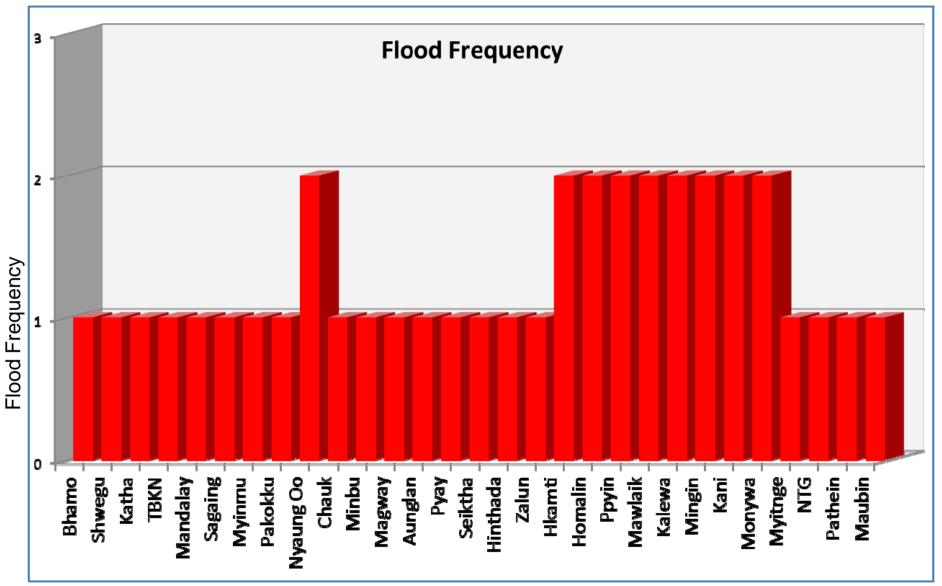
Flood Conditions during Monsoon Season 2016

- Ayeyarwady River -17 Stations (Two times at Nyaung Oo)
- Chindwin River 8 Stations (Two times at all stations)
- Dokehtawady River 1 Station
- > Ngawun River 2 Stations
- Toe River 1 Station

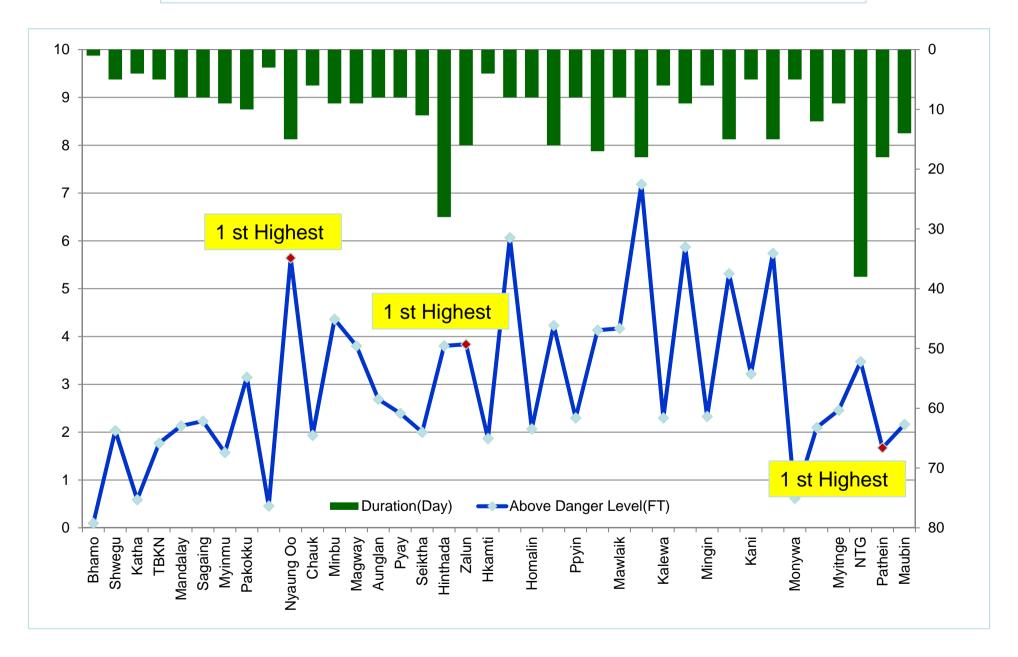
Hydrological Forecasting Stations in Myanmar



Floods Occurrences in 2016



Floods Occurrences during 2016



2016 Floods Photos









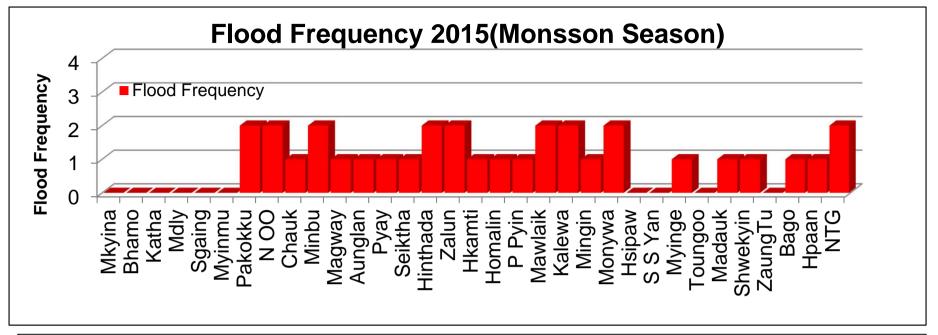
Issuing Flood Warnings and Bulletins during 2016

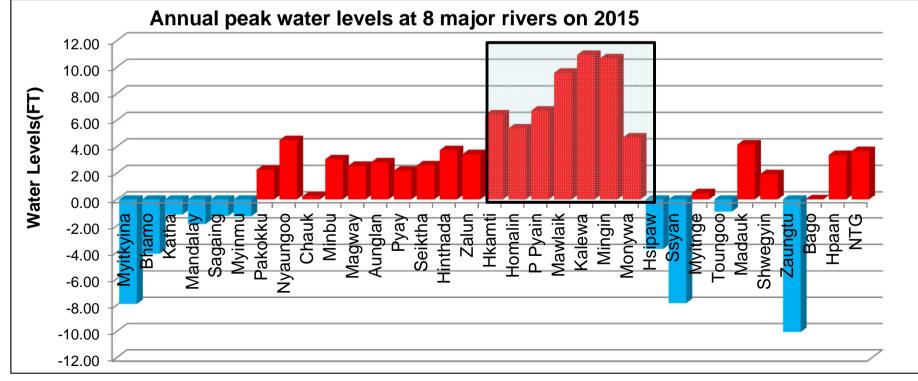
Divers	Types of News					
Rivers	SWLB	FW	FB			
1.Ayeyarwady		10	25			
2.Chindwin	1	8	31			
3.Sittoung		-	-			
4.Shwegyin		-	-			
5.Bago		2	-			
6.Thanlwin		2	-			
7.Ngawun		1	37			
8.Dokehtawady		2	7			
9.Kalaten(start date 1.8.16)		-	-			
10.Toe(start date 1.6.16)		-	6			
11.Lay Myo <mark>(start date 1.8.16)</mark>		-	-			
Total	24	25	116			

SWLB Significant Water Level Bulletin

- FW Flood Warning
- **FB** Flood Bulletin

Review on the occurrences of floods in 2015





Review on the occurrences of floods in 2015

Divoro	Types of News							
Rivers	SWI	B	FV	V	FE	3		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Ayeyarwady	2	1	3	12	4	25		
Chindwin	-		7	8	5	23		
Sittoung	-		1	2	9	7		
Shwegyin	-		1	1	-	6		
Bago	-		2	1	2	-		
Thanlwin	-		4	1	8	6		
Ngawun	-		2	3	8	40		
Dokehtawady	-		1	1	-	-		
Total	2	1	21	29	36	107		

SWLB Significant Water Level Bulletin

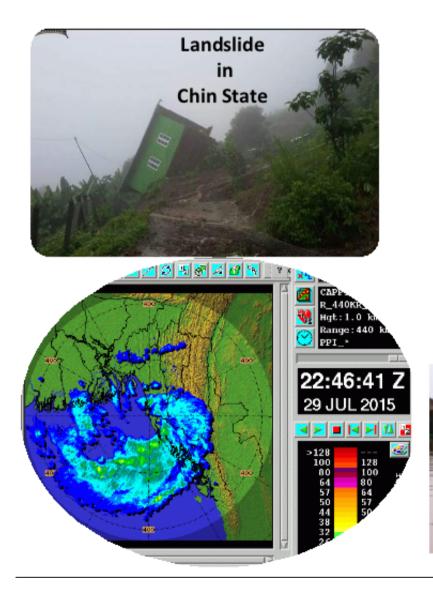
- **FW** Flood Warning
- **FB** Flood Bulletin

Comparison of One Week Observed Rainfall and July Normal Rainfall (Due to Cyclone "Komen")

Regions and States	Stations	2015 July (25-31) Rainfall(inches)	July Normal Rainfall(inches)
	Mawlaik	11.30	10.16
	Kalaywa	11.14	10.24
Sagaing	Kalay	12.36	11.89
	Shwebo	7.05	5.83
	Monywa	4.69	2.87
	Chauk	3.82	1.93
	Minbu	6.18	4.33
Magway	Magway	6.93	3.58
	Aunglan	6.85	6.97
	Gangaw	8.46	6.10
	Sinphyugyun	7.56	2.28
	Mindat	15.51	7.99
Chin	Hakha	31.42	18.19
	Paletwa	42.52	33.19
	Falam	17.83	10.16
	Kyauktaw	50.55	39.06
	Sittwe	36.06	45.67
Rakhine	Kyaukpyu	35.20	47.01
	Thandwe	24.80	57.24
	Gwa	21.34	36.61
	Myauk U	29.84	38.98

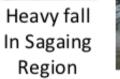
Disasters due to Cyclone "Komen" in Myanmar (2015)

Images from Cyclone "KOMEN"

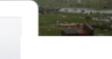










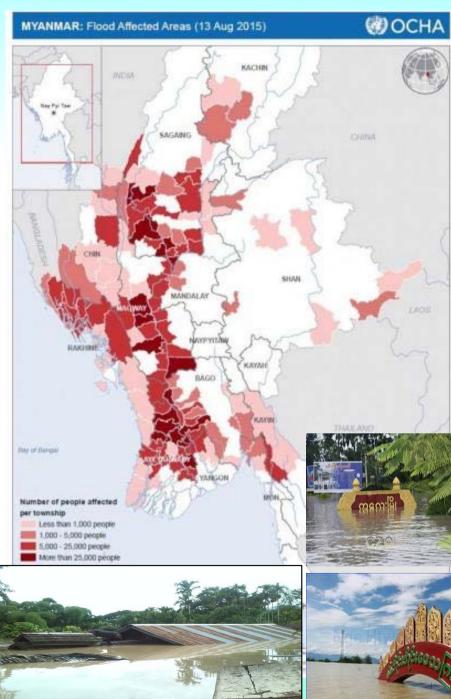


Flood affected areas and affected people(July, 2015)

















2015 Severe flood in Myanmar

- Cause severe flood and landslide by unusually heavy rainfall and also cyclone Komen
- Period 20 July 2015 to August
- Affected areas 12 States and Regions except from Kayah and Thanintharyi
- H.E President, in line with the section 11 of Natural Disaster Management Law, declared Chin State, Sagaing Region, Magway Region and Rakhine State as the worst disasteraffected areas on July 31.

Damages by flood (2015)

NO	States/ Regions	Damaged houses	Affected households	Affected people	Death toll
1	Sagaing	1963	96401	473329	46
2	Kachin	69	1485	7454	1
3	Shan	128	1032	5329	9
4	Mandalay	256	4693	18977	12
5	Chin	2951	3448	17924	12
6	Mon	45	1515	6632	-
7	Magway	414	63693	303694	2
8	Yangon	-	15674	63576	1
9	Rakhine	14130	18203	109707	62
10	Kayin	1	1471	7714	
11	Bago	281	87957	177315	5
12	Ayeyarwaddy	19118	126970	498759	1
13	Thanintharyi	3	137	587	-
14	Kayah	60	529	1840	22
	Total	39,419	423,208	1,692,837	173

Replanting in the Flooded Area (2015)

No.	Regions/	Flooded	Affected	Damaged	Replanting
	States	Acre	Acre	Acre	Acre
1	Nay Pyi Taw	23	-	-	-
2	Kachin	33552	15944	12959	8804
3	Kayar	146	104	68	6
4	Kayin	1162	648	106	74
5	Chin	5801	5801	3267	372
6	Sagaing	223855	184691	143937	72641
7	Pago	376446	229989	152847	106330
8	Magway	96846	96846	65912	15339
9	Mandalay	3583	262	28	5
10	Mon	13010	2294	-	-
11	Rakaing	291219	273154	217246	215792
12	Yangon	116894	76941	56486	23646
13	Shan	13491	3932	2704	469
14	Ayeyawaddy	318843	255408	214780	41449
	Total	1494871	1146014	870340	484927

Contribution of humanitarian assistances(2015)



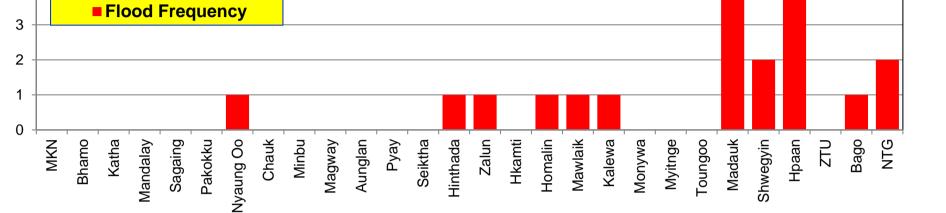
Receiving Donation for flood (2015)

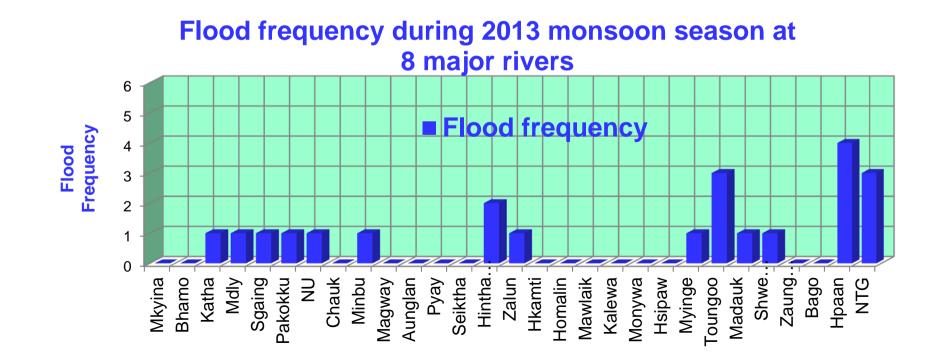


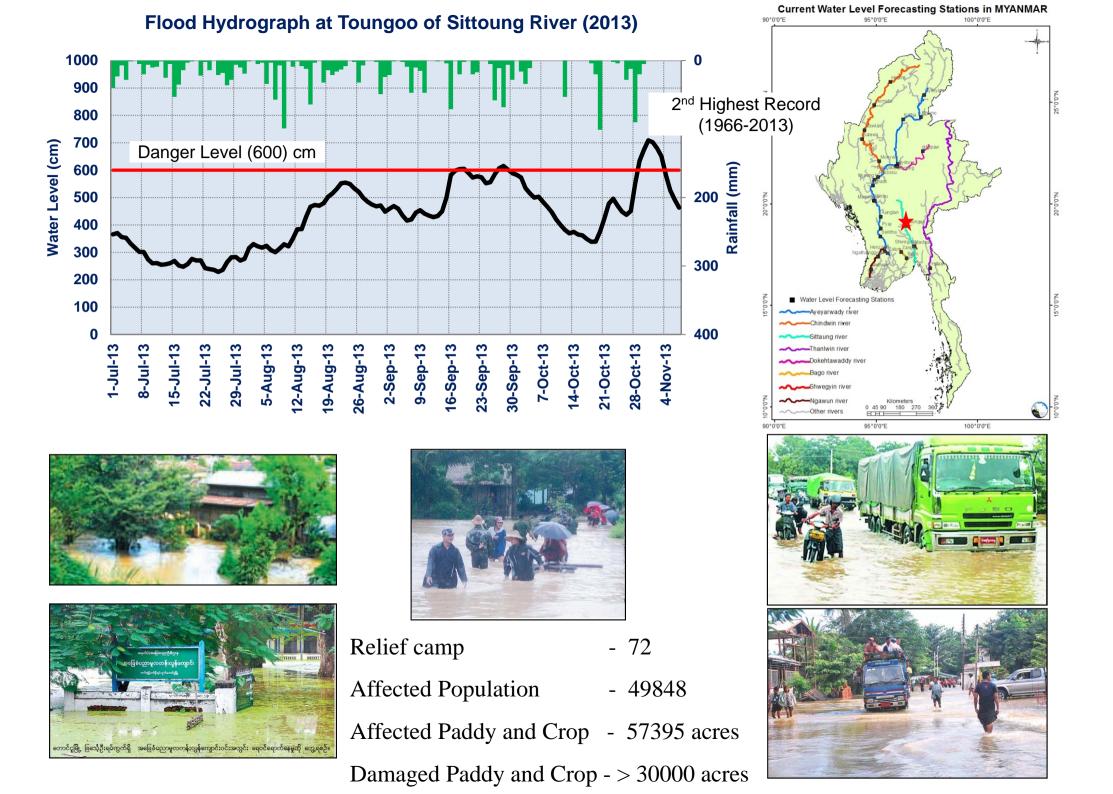


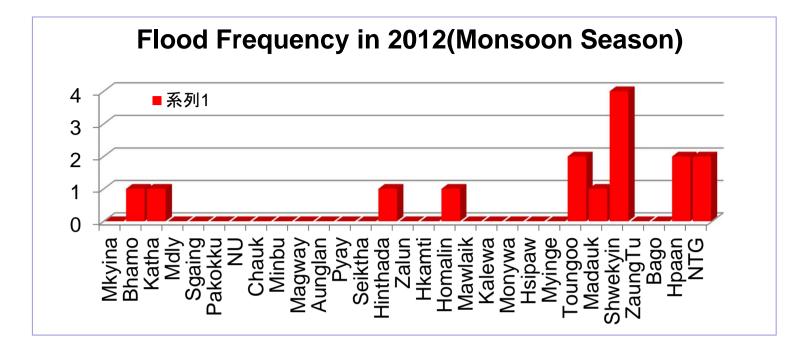


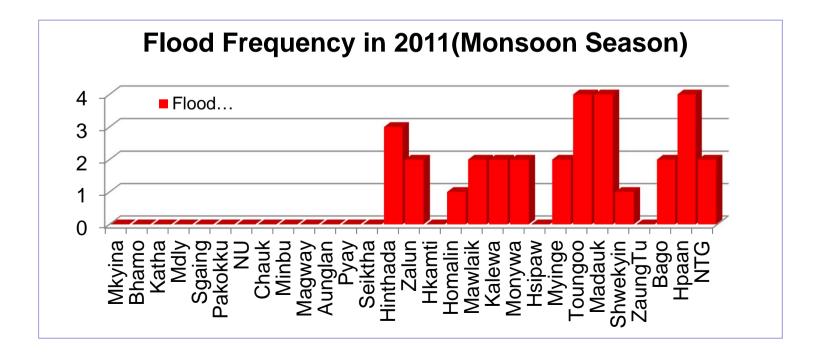
Flood Frequency during 2014 Monsoon Season



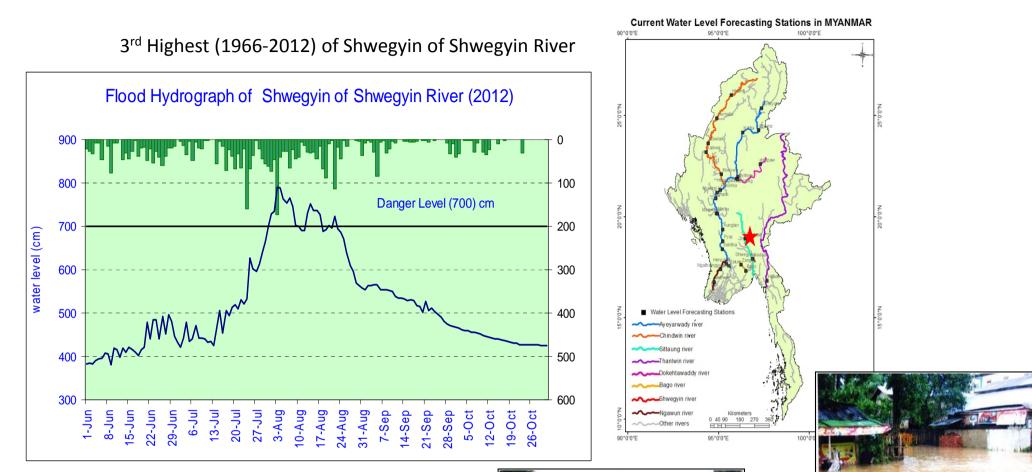








2012 Flood



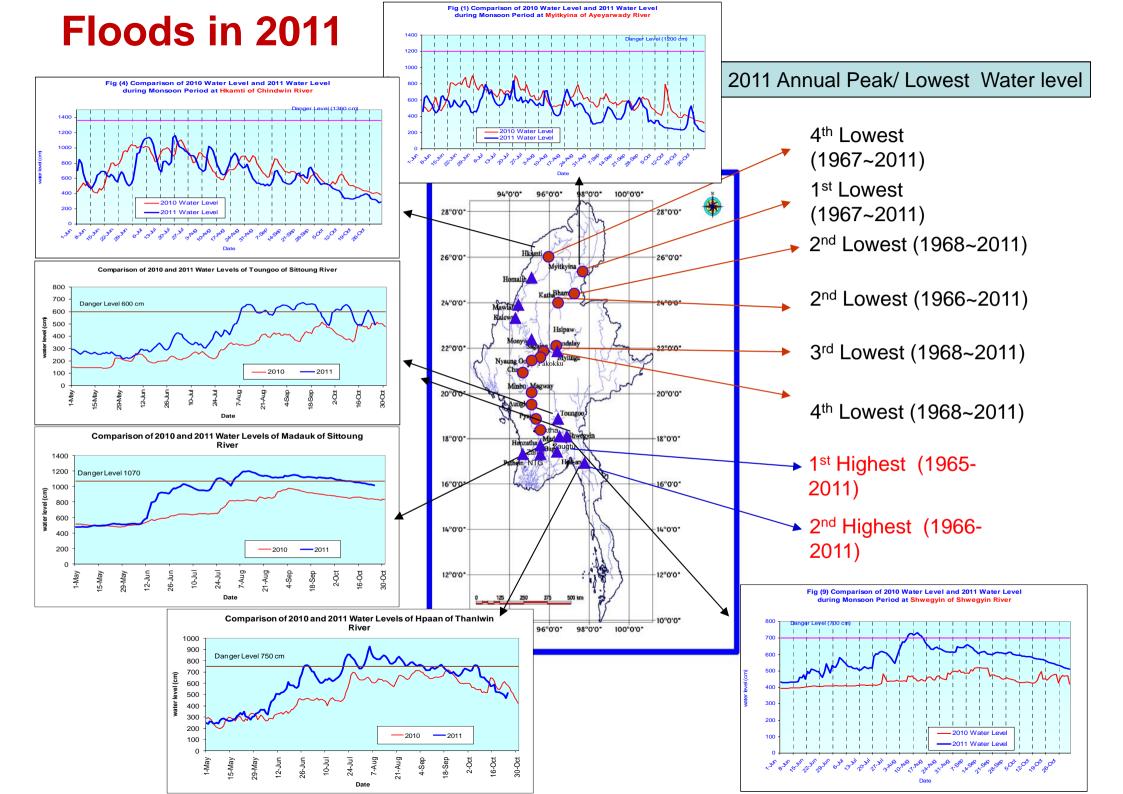
Flood duration is 10 days

- □ Inundated ¾ of the total area
- □ (3 to 4.5) ft flood depth
- 20 wards were inundated
- □ Flood affected population was about 11255



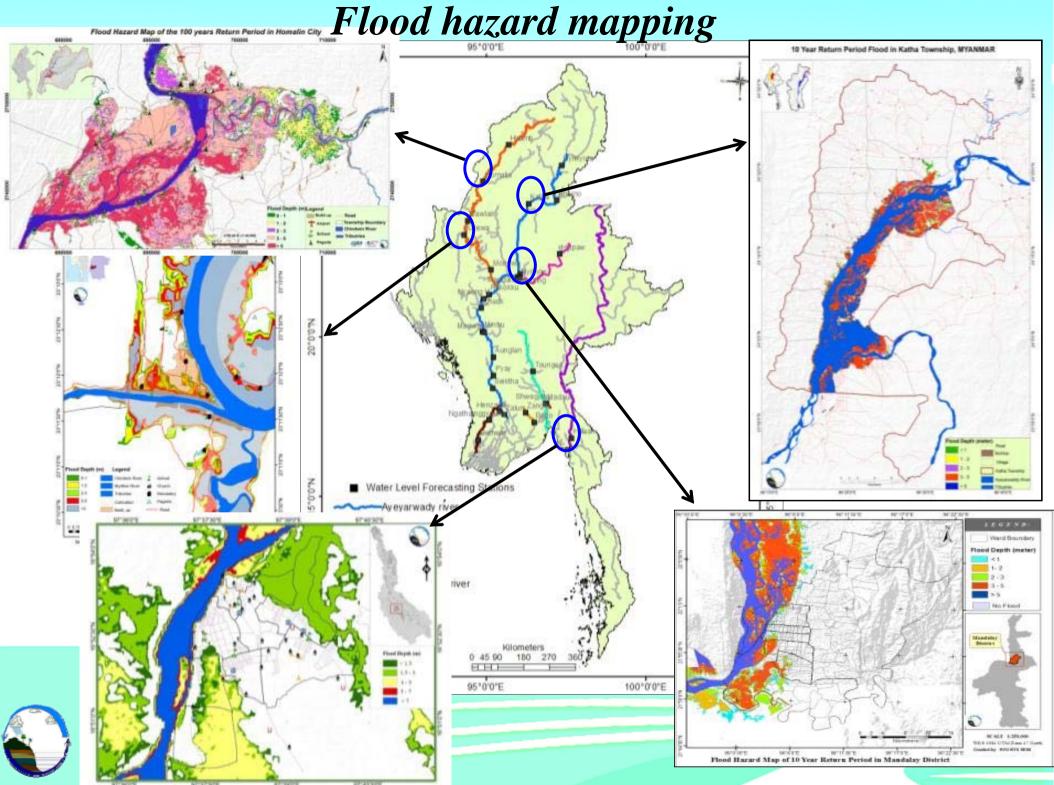






Recorded Floods during 2011 to 2016

Year	River	Station/ Recorded Flood Levels	Total Stations (above DL)
2011	Bago/Thanlwin	Bago (1 st), Paan(2 nd)	13 stations
2012	Shwegyin	Shwegyin (3 rd)	9 stations
2013	Sittoung	Toungoo (2 nd)	14 stations
2014	Bago	Bago (4 th)	11 stations
2015	<i>Chindwin/ Ayeyarwady/ Ngawun</i>	Monywa (1 st), Kalewa(2 nd),Seiktha (2 nd), Zalun(2 nd)	23 stations
		Pakokku(3 rd), Nyang Oo(3 rd), Aunglan(3 rd), Pyay(3 rd), Hinthada(3 rd), Ntg(4 th)	
2016	Ayeyarwady/Ngawun	Nyang Oo (1 st), Zalun(1 st) , Pathein(1 st)	29 stations



TA 8456: TRANSFORMATION OF URBAN MANAGEMENT (PART II: FLOOD MANAGEMENT)

- Flood Mapping
- Funding by ADB/ Technical Support by ICHARM &

CTI, JAPAN

Fig. Flood Inundation Map in Yangon Region (Flood Scale: 100 yr Return Period)

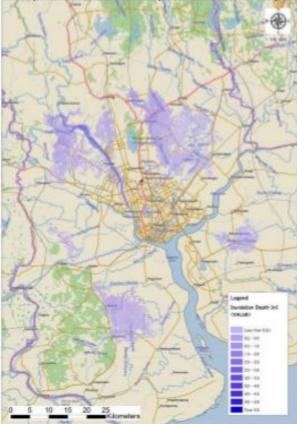
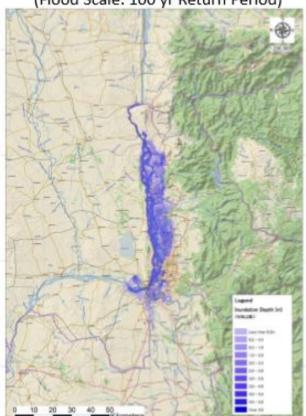


Fig. Flood Inundation Map in Mandalay (Flood Scale: 100 yr Return Period)



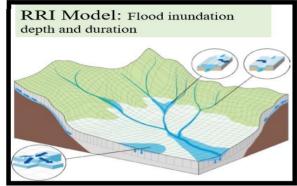
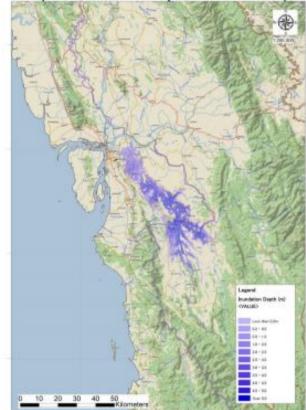


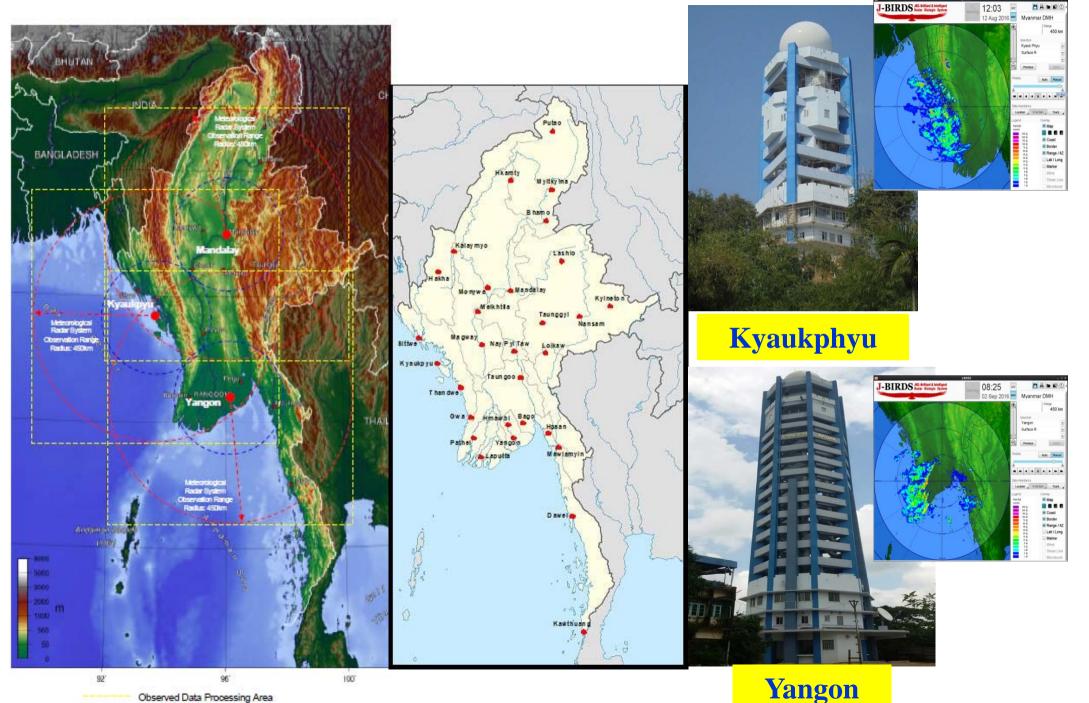
Fig. Flood Inundation Map in Mawlamyine (Flood Scale: 100 yr Return Period)



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

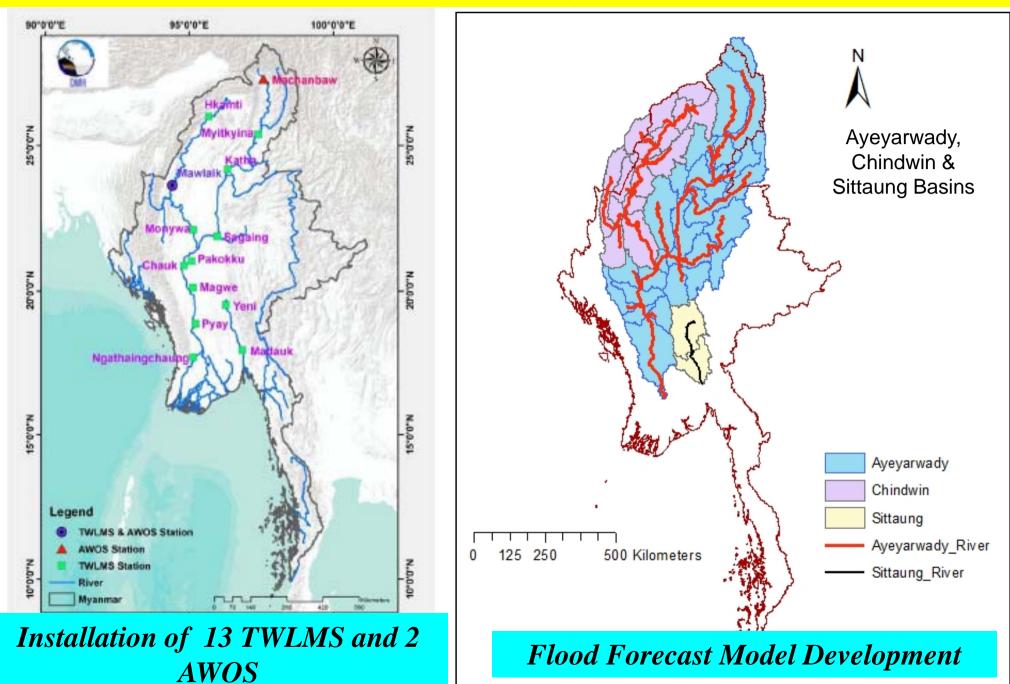
- The project for establishment of disastrous weather monitoring system (3 Radars and 30 AWOS) (JICA Funding) (2014-2017)
- Development and Implementation of User-Relevant End-to-End Flood Forecast Generation for Myanmar(Technical support by RIMES and Indian Gov. Funding) (April 2014 – March 2017)(Installation of 13 TWLMS and 2 AWOS and Flood forecast model development)
- AIRBM Project (Component 2: Hydro met Observation and Information System Modernization (WB Project) (2014 -2020)
- Developing a methodology for flood forecasting for a selected river basin in Myanmar (Hydrological Modelling System) (2015-2017) (Technical support by NVE & ADPC and Norway Gov. Funding) (Hydrological modeling, Develop Flood Hazard Map, Drills and simulations for floods for pilot sites (Kale, Kalewa)
- To install 90 AWOS and 10 (TWLMS) by Gov. Budget (2016-2017 Budget yr)
- Modernization of Forecasting and Warning System for Natural Disaster in Myanmar (2017-2019) (Korea Gov. Funding, KMA and KMIPA) (AWS installation)
- To Develop Flood Early Warning for Thanlwin river basin (DMCD Project, Funding by MLIT, Japan (IDI, CTI, YEC)

Project for establishment of disastrous weather monitoring system (3 Radars and 30 AWOS)



Observed Data Processing Area

Development and Implementation of User-Relevant End-to-End Flood Forecast Generation for Myanmar



Future Plans / Requirements to improve existing flood forecasting system

- To upgrade the observation system (instruments and network)
- To upgrade the Data management system
- To upgrade the Early Warning Dissemination System
- To upgrade the discharge/sediment measurement instruments and also discharge/sediment observations
- To develop the advance and effective flood forecasting techniques
- Capacity Building (Education, Training)
- To establish the flood detection system (such as CCTV monitoring system)
- To establish the flash flood guidance system
- To upgrade the RS and GIS section especially for Flood Hazard Mapping (software, high resolution DEM and satellite images, techniques, CB)
- To improve the Flood Hazard mapping
- To upgrade the long range flood forecast techniques (seasonal and monthly)
- To develop the studying and analysis of climate change impact on floods

CONCLUSION

DMH will cooperate and collaborate with the local and international organizations to upgrade the Flood Forecasting System to reduce the flood risks in Myanmar.

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