



Cape Negrais Committee Members: *(in key alphabetical order)*

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- ✚ First Myanmar Investment Co., Ltd.
- ✚ Serge Pun & Associates (Myanmar) Ltd.
- ✚ Shwe Than Lwin Co., Ltd.
- ✚ Tet Lann Co. Ltd.
- ✚ Moe Thauk Kyel Company Ltd.

Overall Background¹

Cyclone Nargis made landfall in the Union of Myanmar in Ayeyarwady Division at Hainggyi Island on May 2nd 2008 around 18:30 hrs at a wind speed of 121 m.p.h. Cyclone Nargis continued its path through Labutta, Bogale, Kyaiklat, Yangon, and Thanatbin until May 3rd. 2008, when at 13:30 hrs its windspeed had diminished to an estimated 58 m.p.h.

Affected areas include the Ayeyawady Division; the Bago East Division; the Bago West Division; the Kayin State; the Mon State, and the Yangon Division. Estimated total area affected by the resulting floodwaters is believed to be an area of 9,748 square kilometers.

Total population affected may total in the millions, however no firm estimates of affected population numbers are available as yet. As of 6th May the Myanmar Government announced a death toll of 30,000+, with 40,000+ missing. International agencies report a figure they estimate at three times higher.²

There are no estimates reported on infrastructure damage; agricultural losses; livestock losses, or agricultural equipment lost at this time.

¹ All information is sourced from national and international press releases and data available at the time of this report

² For the benefit of all parties concerned, this report includes official Myanmar Government statistics of the dead and missing and also statistic of international agencies' estimates.





Devastation Report

The Myanmar Government and International agencies report that following the devastation that has occurred in the affected areas, the immediate emergency needs are for water; readily consumable food; temporary safety shelter, and medical supplies.

Due to contamination of seawater in many of these affected areas, it is foreseen that the Nargis devastation will affect the whole area and its people for a long period to come. Rebuilding and reconstruction works may also take a number of years to effect.

Relief Effort

Myanmar Government has been providing limited relief to the needed areas since the second day of Nargis devastation. International agencies have also been mobilized to provide relief supplies. It is understood that many tons comprising a wide range of relief items have arrived at their destinations in certain affected areas. It is also understood that many additional tons of various relief items are still awaiting to be 'shipped' to their designated afflicted area destinations.

Myanmar Government has activated private associations, organizations and companies to provide needed assistance in these relief efforts. This committee has been assigned the two hardest hit areas in the Ayeyarwaddy Division, namely Ngaputaw Township and Hainggyi Island on the tip of the Delta at Pagoda Point on Cape Negrais. This area covers an estimated 700 square kilometers.

Committee Members

It is agreed by all committee members that the relief effort is a Good Corporate and Citizen responsibility and every effort will be made to save as many lives as the members' efforts can achieve in an immediate timeframe. A meeting was held by all representatives from each corporation on Tuesday 13th May at the Grand Meeyahta Suite Apartment 309 in Yangon Downtown to discuss the details for the combined relief effort.

It is also agreed by each member that this relief effort will be a long term commitment. All members additionally agreed to employ all necessary resources to support these relief efforts.





Overall Objectives

Phase I (30 days)

- To provide the emergency requirements of water; ready consumable food, and medicine to accessible areas. The initial goal is to provide various level of relief effort for up to 20,000 of the designated area.
- To work with all available national and Governmental ministries, UN Agencies, international private agencies and NGOs'.
- To utilise all resources to receive approval for emergency goods to arrive in Yangon airport and if possible Pathien airport
- To utilize all resources to transport all received emergency goods to area that has been designated.
- To utilize all resources to receive approval for emergency relief expert personal to arrive in Yangon and start a training program.
- It has been agreed to combine all resources to comply a detail need information data to be able to provide a more accurate.
- To produce an initial reporting system for all donors.

Phase II (60 days)

- To combine all resources and issue a Protocol on the continuing efforts for the relief in the designated area
- To combine all resources and issue a manageable relief program to activate and train large numbers of volunteers to support this relief program
- To provide a financial budget to achieve a sustainable relief program
- To combine all resources and to compile a detailed summary of the information and data available to be able to provide a workable program for the rebuilding effort. This rebuilding proposal will also include estimated financial requirements for the reconstruction program.





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Phase III (5-18 months)

- To implement a program and start the rebuilding process. Detailed plans would be provided as stated in Phase II
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Yoma Strategic Holdings, SPA Myanmar and First Myanmar Investment Company together with Dawn Construction Company, Shwe Than Lwin Company, Tet Lann Construction Company and Moe Thauk Kyel Company have taken over responsibility for Cyclone Nargis relief support for two of the hardest hit areas in the Irrawaddy Delta, Ngaputaw Township and Hainggyi Island on the tip of the Delta on Pagoda Point at Cape Negrais.

Initially we envisage supporting 20,000 people in these two Delta towns. Our initial assessment team returned to Yangon early this morning from the Delta to report on the situation at the affected areas enabling us to have a better grasp of the situation and to better plan our emergency relief activities accordingly. We have established our Relief Command Centre in Yangon at the Grand Meeyahta Suite Apartment 309 to coordinate the effort.

One of the first actions taken is the setting up of a mobile hospital right at Hainggyi Island where medical services are currently non-existent. The Irrawaddy Floatation Company has generously donated the river cruise ship Pandaw II together with its crew to be utilised as a medical facility. The Pandaw II will be moored at Ngapudaw, the furthest south this large multi-decked river-boat can be safely deployed with its shallow draft in the strong winds prevailing in the Delta. A combined medical team from Save the Children, the Pun Hlaing International Hospital, and other volunteer doctors and nurses have been organised to crew this mobile hospital.

A team from SPA Motors is already coordinating support using their network of dealers in the Irrawaddy Division Delta Region, and the director returned last night after visiting relief centres in Pathein. Five centres, each sheltering 1,500 displaced persons, have been set up in High Schools. The immediate requirement



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is the relief of severe dehydration for these people, most of whom reached the Pathien centres alone and psychologically disoriented after losing their families. Last night our SPA Motors staff distributed to the centres Ks. 6.5 million of instant noodles, and today has procured stocks of dehydration pills in Yangon to send down.

SPA as an organisation will commit to the relief efforts. This is not a short term, one-time sort of effort, but a firm commitment to do whatever is needed and within our ability. As such we will be mobilizing volunteers from the company wide entities to do whatever is appropriate. Following this lead, all other members of the Committee companies have also mobilized volunteers within their respective companies and we now have close to 1,000 volunteers ready to proceed to the affected areas. A training program will be initiated starting tomorrow by relief experts associated with Save the Children for these volunteers.

Save the Children (SC) is a recognised NGO fully registered in the US, UK, Japan and 25 other countries. Unfortunately they are not registered either in Singapore or Hong Kong. They have been working in the Pathien area amongst others since the disaster broke out. We will be working alongside them and have chosen several areas to commence work together.

We are trying to lease as many boats as we can find, along with boats for Save the Children. Transportation of goods to areas most affected is the key obstacle. Boat transportation is the sole means of achieving the required distribution of vitally important food and water within the Delta on a massive scale.

Save the Children have three planeloads of supplies waiting to be shipped in. We are trying to procure the permit under our flag or under the UN flag (*whichever will work*) at the earliest possible opportunity.

For donors who only wish to donate to recognised charities, we recommend donating to Save the Children Cyclone Relief Appeal. This will ensure that the donations come directly here and will be used only for the Myanmar disaster.

We are now publishing Bulletins on the Relief Operations as frequently as practical, giving the latest news of the Team's relief efforts. These are posted on the Yoma Strategic Holdings website at www.yomastrategic.com.





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Onsite Reports: Ngaputaw to Hainggyi Island and Purian Point

Our initial field team on the ground, led Dr. Ye Moe Myint from Pun Hlaing International Hospital, returned last night after four days and nights travelling by boat from Patheingyi all the way south to Hainggyi Island off Pagoda Point at Cape Negrais.

They went through Ngaputaw, and on down through the Delta on the Andaman Sea Inland Waterways via Hainggyi and Chaungoo to Hainggyi Island. Severe damage to hospitals, schools and police stations in both towns, and village homes destroyed. Refugees sheltering under make-shift awnings, often in the ruins of their home, and without proper medical or emergency relief aid.

Hainggyi Island's hospital, schools and police station wiped out by cyclonic winds, and the villages totally devastated.

From Hainggyi the team crossed the mouth of the Andaman Sea estuary to Purian Point Island, where more than eleven Delta villages are located on either side of the Island along the southernmost coast, directly exposed to the open sea. They received the full brunt of Cyclone Nargis, with the largest village near the point, Kauk Kalat, having its 700 pupil Kauk Kalat School destroyed, this being the only brick structure on the island, and the island's only school.

Relief Effort

Phase I (*first 30 days*)

- The first Rotation Volunteer Team are being given specialist emergency relief training prior to moving down into the Delta.
- Medical Batch No. 1 Training at Pun Hlaing International Hospital
22 Burmese doctors and 10 nurses have received two days of training at the Pun Hlaing International Hospital. Given by specialist doctors from Save the Children, Mercy Malaysia and Pun Hlaing International Hospital (PHIH) doctors, the training is in both Emergency First Aid and in Psycho-social trauma, both for victims, and for themselves.





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The teams, led by 3 doctors and 5 nurses from PHIH will be sent out in batches to ground zero by road to Patheingyi and disbursed into the Delta progressively as we set up bases. The first team will depart Yangon tomorrow morning, and will rotate with back-up teams every two weeks.

Medical supplies are being sourced locally by NGO's Save the Children, Mercy Malaysia, the WHO and UNICEF. Specific medicines needed for the relief efforts are proving very hard to locate in Yangon in the quantities required by the teams.

Dr. James Kong will return to Pun Hlaing International Hospital immediately from Hong Kong to head up the Relief Teams. He is aiming to bring with him overseas doctors of Burmese origin who will be permitted to go into the Delta Region disaster zone.

→ Appeal for Overseas Burmese Doctors:

We are in urgent need of overseas Burmese doctors who are interested and willing to participate in the relief efforts in the Delta. Any doctors so interested, please contact Mark Tippetts on tippetts@spa.com.mm

→ Appeal for High Protein Foodstuffs for the Relief Effort:

The most important requirement of the teams who are going down into the Delta is for foodstuffs such as high protein, high vitamin biscuits, dried rice-based foods, and other dried foods, Donors should contact us at the above e-mail.

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Map of the Ayeyarwady Delta Area from Ngaputaw to Hainggyi

The Cape Negrais Committee has taken responsibility for the emergency relief, immediate needs of providing water, food, medical assistance and shelter. The sustained relief effort of the Cape Negrais Committee will include the rebuilding of homes, schools, hospitals, and other destroyed building in the area.

