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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.

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### 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](mailto: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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