



# Burmese Cyclone Victims Appeal

12 May 2008

*Dear friends,*

We have all been overwhelmed and horrified by the magnitude and ferocity of Cyclone Nargis, which struck Burma last weekend leaving a trail of death and massive destruction. The death toll has now reached 100,000, and appears to be increasing.

Responding to the disaster, the Burmese Doctors' Group in Australia (the Burmese Medical Association of Australia), has sprung into action, immediately helping channel some funds to Burma to the local grassroots communities.

It also happened that renowned Emeritus Professor of Medicine U Hla Myint (still practicing as a physician in his retirement) was visiting Sydney from Rangoon at the time of the disaster and, having witnessed the extent of the tragedy and

the helplessness of the victims through the media coverage, he decided to spearhead his Relief Mission at the community level as soon as he arrived back in Burma on 11 May.

## The aim of his Mission is to provide :

1. Immediate Medical care and treatment to all victims
2. Prevention of Infectious diseases
3. Debriefing to Disaster Relief Workers
4. Psychological assessment and counselling to trauma victims and families

Professor Hla Myint has been leading his volunteer teams on field trips to remote areas of Burma,

involving specialists from various medical and surgical disciplines, to attend to sick and needy people since long before the cyclone. The Professor has a vision in which groups of retired physicians and surgeons continue to make a contribution to the community by visiting isolated areas on a regular basis. Having led many such groups, the Professor knows the remote parts of Burma very well. Before his retirement he also envisioned the need for a Disaster Response Team and established it.

The Burmese Medical Association of Australia (BMAA) has decided to fully support Professor Hla Myint's relief mission, and we are hereby appealing for generous donations

from the Australian and wider communities who wish to help the Burmese cyclone victims, through the Myanmar Cyclone Relief Fund (MCRF), although it has not yet been granted tax-deductible status. We have ensured that 100 per cent of the funds donated to the MCRF will reach the victims without any of it being consumed in administration or red tape.

We hope you will give generously to the cyclone victims through Professor U Hla Myint's mission. By this means we can get help to those in need as quickly as possible, delivered by dedicated Burmese doctors who offer their services voluntarily.



Donations can be made as per the followings:

## Direct Transfers

**Bank: St George Bank**  
**Name: Myanmar Cyclone Relief Fund**  
**BSB: 112 879**  
**Account No: 057 723 322**

## Cheques

**Cheques: Myanmar Cyclone Relief Fund**  
**Mail to: ABCD Network Inc**  
**PO Box 41**  
**Lidcombe NSW 1825**  
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