

## HEALTH AND HOPE REPORT ON FLOODS CRISIS IN BURMA, AUGUST 2015

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### Summary of crisis

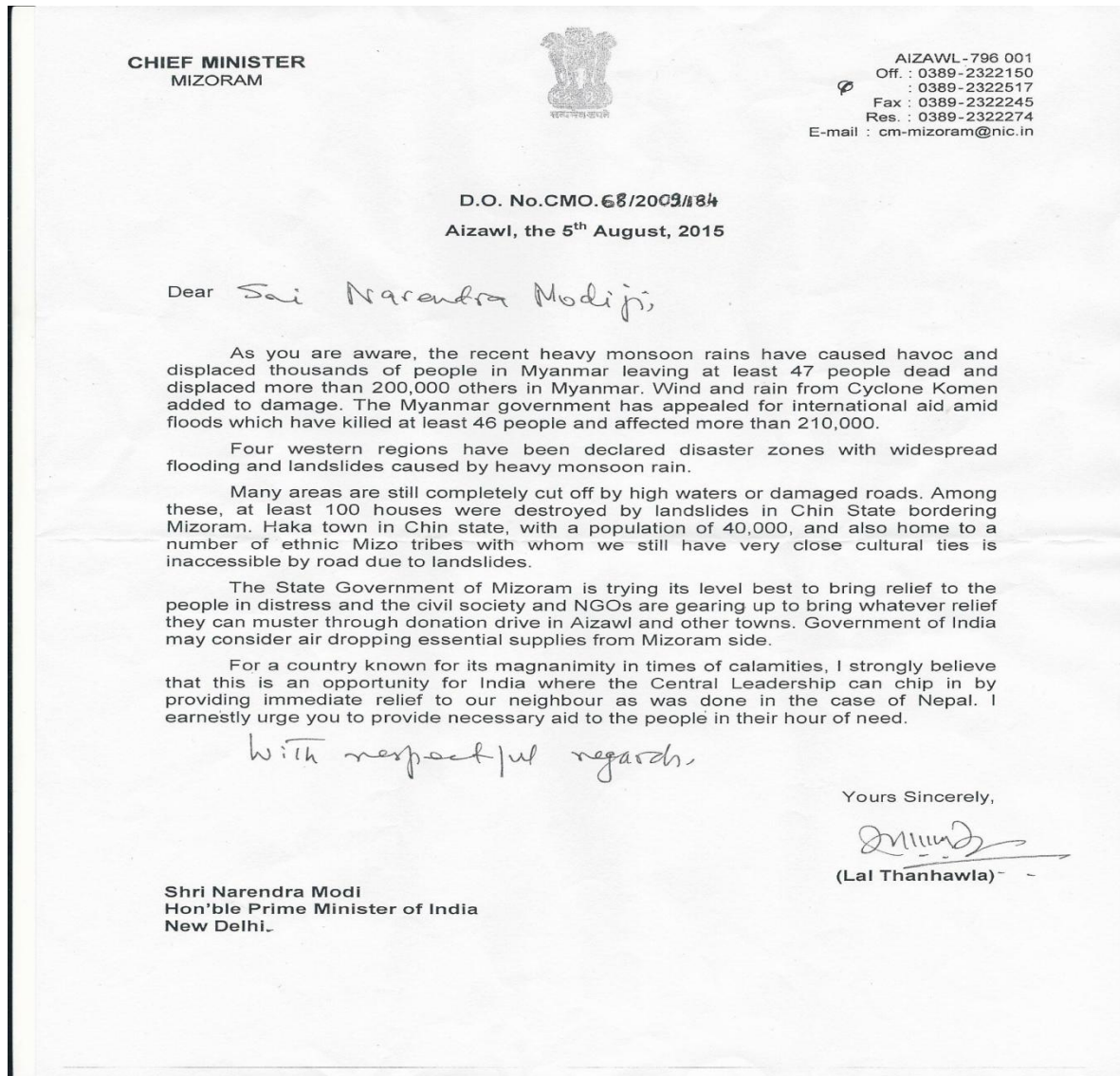
- As of 5<sup>th</sup> August, 73 people have now been confirmed dead, the number of death is to increase.
- As of 5<sup>th</sup> August, 300000 people have been affected by this flood and landslides, the affected people can only be reach by air as all the roads have been damaged by landslides and floods.
- As of 5<sup>th</sup> August, The Government of Burma has admitted inadequate response to this disastrous and asking relief aids from international communities.
- As of 5<sup>th</sup> August, 12 States of Burma have been swept by this flood out of 14 States in total.
- As of 5<sup>th</sup> August, one million acres of farmland being effected by floods and half million acres of farmland are being damage which mean no harvest is expected from this half million acres.
- As of 5<sup>th</sup> August, in Chin State alone 1000 houses have been destroyed, 12000 people are taking refuge at Churches and Schools.
- As of 5<sup>th</sup> of August, most of the bridges and road have been damaged in five most devastated States in Burma; these make relief works very difficult.



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## Our responses to this floods crisis

- We are very small team but have set up relief team based in India-Burma border where affected areas are most likely to be accessible in few weeks time.
- Our relief teams have been collaborating with the local team, local authorities and have been transporting 37500 KG of food items from Assam State to Mizoram State of India and then to the border Town of Saiha, which is the capital of Mara Autonomous region which border with Chin State of Burma.
- The Chief Executives and Executives Members of Mara Autonomous region which border with Chin State of Burma have been collaborating the relief efforts with us by sending the teams for repairing and rebuilding the road which connect Saiha, the Capital of Mara Autonomous region to Hakha, capital of Chin State. This Saiha-Hakha road (100km) is to allow passage of food relief aids to floods victims in Chin State.
- Our team in Aizawl, the capital City of Mizoram State of India have been actively engaging with the Government of Mizoram in relief efforts, and the Chief Minister of Mizoram State Government has send request letter to the Prime Minister of India requesting relief response by India Centre Government and air dropping of emergency food aids to the floods victims in Chin State of Burma from Mizoram side of India.



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## **Recommendation and Request**

- Within Burma, The Governmental agencies, UN agencies, WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR and CBO, NGOs and INGOs have admitted the difficulties to reach out to these 300000 affected people by road, its only by air dropping which remain inadequate to the urgent need, therefore we recommend border cross routes for emergency food relief aids.
- For the flood victims in Chin State, India Burma border cross aids is strongly recommended; for instance:- Saiha, the Capital of Mara Autonomous region, Mizoram state of India which border with Chin State of Burma to Hakha, the capital of Chin State is only 67 km distance by air and only 100km distance by land, therefore we strongly recommend in helping rebuild and repair this routes so that these urgent need of food aides can pass through.
- The border cross aids have been strongly supported by Chin State of Burma neighboring the Mizoram State of India, the Chief Minister of Mizoram State, the Chief Executive, and senior Executive members of Mara Autonomous Governing body of India, therefore we recommend that India-Burma border cross route is use to deliver food aids to floods victims.
- We have local net working groups- Health and Hope India is active in Mizoram India, Health and Hope Burma is active in Burma especially in Chin State and Rakhine State where we have partners with 450 villages and 1003 CHWs and TBAs, our international partners organizations are HART-USA in United State, Health &Hope-UK and HART-UK in United Kingdom, and HART-Australasia in Australia, therefore we request all our supporters and friends to please consider to donate for these emergency food relief aids for floods victims, one rice bag of 50 KG cost is 32 \$ (US dollar), there is urgent in need of 120000 food (rice) bags for emergency food relief aids. Please visit us at [www.healthandhope.org](http://www.healthandhope.org) .

## **NEWSLINKS**

### **BBC**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-33745840>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-33769567>

### **CNN**

<http://edition.cnn.com/videos/tv/2015/08/02/myanmar-flooding-mann-chinchar-sot.cnn>

<http://edition.cnn.com/2012/08/27/world/asia/myanmar-floods/index.html>

### **The Guardian**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/02/burma-flood-toll-will-increase-as-monsoon-rains-lash-region-warns-un>

### **ABCNews**

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-08-02/severe-flooding-in-myanmar-kills-27-hampers-rescue-effort/6665922>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-08-04/myanmar-admits-weak-flood-response-as-disaster-spreads/6672172>

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