

Relief Operation by the Government and its Associates

This short report lists some observations regarding the relief activities the government and its close associates. The list is compiled by a private volunteer who has been participating in relief operations in different areas.

1. Nga Khu Chaung Village, Bogale (May 15)

On May 15, 2008 Htoo Foundation, a large company owned by Tan Shwe's son-in-law, delivered the following items to the village. There was also a medical team that delivered medicine (paracetamol, Betadine, etc.). The visit by the medical team as well as the delivery of medicine happened only once.

Item	Number	Item	Number
Rice	100 bags	Women's clothes	350 pieces
Beans	10 bags	Women's pants	50 pairs
Dried cake	10 bags	Clothes for children	100 pairs
Men's longyi	100 pieces	Monk's habits	6 pieces
Men's pants	42 pairs	Blankets	600 each
Men's jacket	130 items	Mosquito nets	130 each
Women's longyi	300 pieces		

2. Nga Khu Chaung Village, Bogale (May 27)

On May 27, 2008 a military helicopter (see *Photo 1*) dropped off the items on the list. People from the village saw the drop-off and distributed the materials.

Item	Number
T-Shirt	48
Longyi	100
Bottled Water (small bottle)	30
Dried Noodles (Pack of 24)	1
C-Plus (energy drink)	1



Photo 2: People from the village observe the assistance by the military.



Photo 1: A military helicopter dropped off some items at Nga Khu Chaung in Bogale on May 27.

3. Dedaye, Dedaye Township (May 29)

There were many trucks, cranes, and other construction equipment bearing the sign of Asia World Co. Ltd., a construction company closely associated with the government. The company is based in Kohmu Township. It appears that the company got a contract to rebuild after the cyclone.

4. Pyapon, Pyapon Township (June 1)

There were many police checkpoints near the town of Pyapon. Military trucks (see **Photo 3**) with cows and buffalos (some of them had 10 cows or 6 buffalos) passed through one checkpoint. One truck had the sign (Dedaye) attached to the front, possibly indicating the destination of the truck.



Photo 3: Military trucks carrying livestock march through Pyapon.