

Impact of the Earthquake (7.7 magnitude) in Mandalay Region March 28, 2025

Mandalay Archdiocese's Latest Update: April 5, 2025

On March 28, two strong earthquakes hit central Myanmar, with epicenters located near the cities of Mandalay and Sagaing. Several aftershocks have been recorded since then. Both cities are located in Mandalay Archdiocese. The strongest tremors in the Mandalay region impacted these townships the most: Amarapura, Aungmyaythazan, Chanayethazan, Chanmyathazi, Kyaukse, Madaya, Maha Aungmyay, Ngazun, Myittha, Patheingyi, Pyigyitagong, Pyinoolwin, Singu, Sintgaing, Tada-U, Thazi, and Wundwin.¹ According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), more than 3,000 people have lost their lives, nearly 5,000 have been injured, and over 370 remain missing nationwide.²

As of now, the most urgent needs are humanitarian assistance, including food, medicine, temporary shelter, hygiene kits, and dignity kits. In the future, financial assistance will be essential for rebuilding the community.

Under the guidance of Archbishop Marco, the archdiocese of Mandalay has established “Mandalay Catholic Emergency Rescue Team” to provide humanitarian assistance to those affected by the powerful earthquake.

Contact information of the emergency rescue team are provided here.

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You can visit our website: <http://www.mandalayarchdiocese.com/index.php>

We will continue updating our reports, images, and documentation.

¹ Reliefweb, “ACAPS Briefing Note - Myanmar Earthquake: Mandalay pre-crisis profile (29 March 2025),” <https://reliefweb.int/report/myanmar/acaps-briefing-note-myanmar-earthquake-mandalay-pre-crisis-profile-29-march-2025>.

² OCHA, “Myanmar Earthquake: Flash Update #3,” April 3, 2025, <https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/myanmar/myanmar-earthquake-flash-update-3-3-april-2025>.

The following images show severe damages impacted on buildings in the city of Mandalay.















The roads in Mandalay are also severely damaged, making it difficult for people to travel even within the city.







Due to the severe damage to houses and buildings in Mandalay, people are unable to stay in their homes and are forced to move to the streets, where they live in poor temporary shelters.







Archbishop Marco, along with the priests and all the staff working at the Cathedral compound, have had to leave their usual residences and are now sleeping on the ground. The compound grounds have become their sleeping area.

Archbishop Marco's sleeping place



Fr. Henry's sleeping place



Fr. Peter Kyi Maung's sleeping place



Working Staff's sleeping place



Cathedral Compound becomes a refuge for the earthquake victims, including Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus.



