



Dear Friends,

From all of us at IDE, thank you for donating to IDE's Myanmar relief effort. Your generous donation has helped those affected by the disaster in their hour of greatest need. Here's an update on the relief effort, along with some information about how you can support IDE's continuing work in other developing countries.

Myanmar Relief Update



We are [continuing to collect donations on behalf of IDE Myanmar](#), which was one of the first organizations on the ground delivering urgent aid in response to the cyclone. In the first 125 days after the disaster, we were able to quickly distribute clean water systems and emergency shelter materials. We also distributed financial assistance to families through the existing system of Buddhist monasteries, which have traditionally been the first line in relief efforts in that country. As of June 30:

- 572 villages have been reached by our teams
- 54,384 households (300,000 people) have received shelter tarps
- 4,004 clean water baskets have been installed, benefiting approximately 400,000 people

Beginning in late May, the program began the second phase of relief activities, which is designed to help small farmers get crops planted in time for the growing season. We are distributing rice seed, fertilizer, and paddy pumps to 25,000 small plot farm families whose livelihoods were destroyed by the cyclone. As of June 30:

- 30,273 farm households received rice seed/tiller machinery help in 541 villages
- 5,222 metric tons of paddy seed have been delivered to households
- 73 power tillers have been deployed
- 2,235 gallons of diesel for tillers has been delivered

Take the Initiative!



We've heard from many of you that you're interested in learning more about the projects your donations are supporting. So we have created three new funding initiatives that let you get more involved. The **Small Farm Support Initiative** supports projects that connect small farm families with technology and training; the **Affordable Technologies Initiative** will help us develop the next wave of affordable, income enhancing technologies; and the **Creative Alliance Initiative** offers ways for your company or group to get involved in a bigger way. When you support one of these initiatives, we will keep you informed about the projects you're helping to fund through quarterly updates that let you see the direct impact of your donation. [Click here to learn more about IDE's new initiatives.](#)