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## UNDAC at HNPW 2025: Showcasing Rapid Response, Innovation, and Strategic Vision

During the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW) 2025, UNDAC hosted three key public sessions that brought together global partners, national focal points, and humanitarian responders to exchange insights, reflect on recent missions, and chart the future of international emergency coordination.

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Vanuatu EQ Response Session  
/Credit : UNDAC



Field assessment in Sagaing  
/Credit : OCHA

## UNDAC Deployment to Myanmar Earthquake Response

On 28 March 2025, a powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar at approximately 12:50 PM local time, with a shallow epicentre near Mandalay and Sagaing. The tremors, followed minutes later by a 6.4 magnitude quake further south, caused widespread devastation across the country.

## UNDAC'S Deployment

In light of the situation, OCHA alerted the UNDAC system on 28 March to identify a team to deploy in support of the OCHA Myanmar Country Office in the coordination of the response in the affected areas. A 31-member UNDAC team was deployed, arriving in Myanmar by 5 April. The team includes 15 UNDAC personnel (11 from OCHA), six associated partners (including WHO-EMT, WFP-GLC and SDC Environmental Experts), and 10 operational support partners (TSF, MapAction and Atlas Logistique). The team has been supporting the response under the leadership of OCHA Myanmar, working alongside national and international humanitarian actors.



Structural damage in Mandalay/Credit : OCHA

Homes, schools, hospitals, and vital infrastructure collapsed, leaving millions displaced and essential services on the brink of collapse. Over 17 million people live in the affected regions, with more than 9.1 million in the hardest-hit areas. At least 6.7 million people are now in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection—a sharp rise from pre-earthquake figures.