Alert Type: Spike in protracted crisis
Alert Title: Sittwe on the Brink: Escalating Conflict, Civilian Displacement and Deteriorating Humanitarian Access in Rakhine State

Alerting Organisation(s): Danish People's Aid
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By: DERF Fund Management

Crisis country and location(s): Myanmar – Sittwe and surrounding townships, Rakhine State

Decision: Not to activate the DERF to respond to Escalating Conflict, Civilian Displacement and Deteriorating Humanitarian Access in Rakhine State

Reason:

DERF recognises the severity of the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State and the serious consequences of the ongoing conflict for civilian populations, particularly displaced communities and other vulnerable groups.

Rakhine State has experienced prolonged and severe armed conflict. The conflict has been characterised by repeated military offensives, civilian casualties, large-scale displacement and severe restrictions on humanitarian access. The increasing military pressure on Sittwe is also part of a longer-running conflict dynamic.

While hostilities have intensified around Sittwe during September and October 2026, including attacks affecting civilians and further disruptions to humanitarian operations, these developments must be considered in the context of the already severe and volatile situation in Rakhine State.

Based on the available information, DERF acknowledges the recent deterioration but does not assess that it represents a sufficiently distinct and significant spike in the scale or severity of the humanitarian crisis compared to the preceding period.

Consequently, DERF has decided not to activate the fund at this stage.