



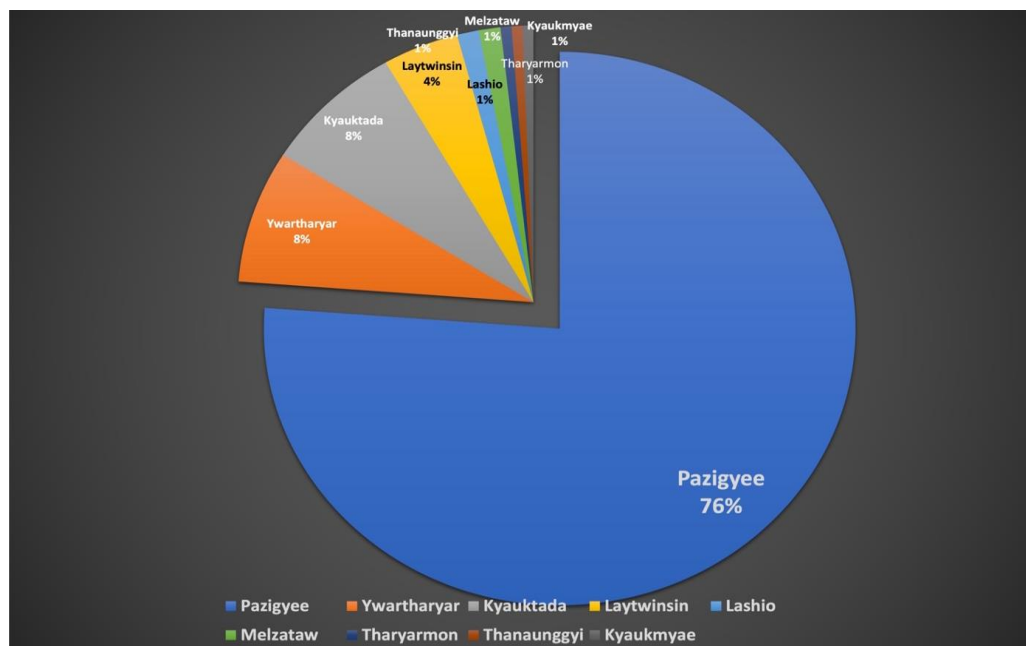
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## Military's Inhumane Aerial Bombing in Kantbalu Township, Sagaing Region

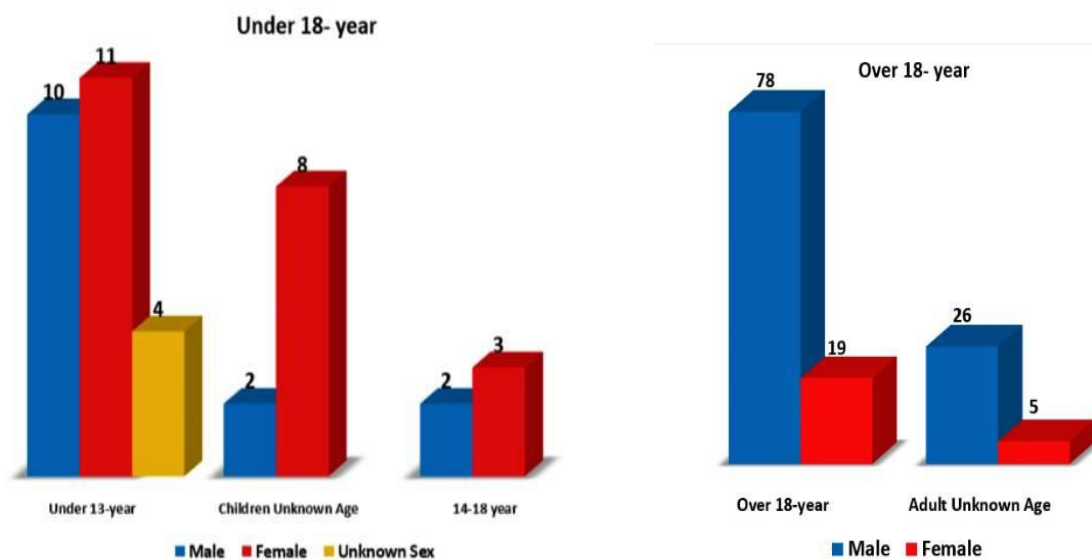
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Military's airstrikes on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 claimed lives of (128) villagers from Pazigyee Village, and (40) villagers from (5) Villages near Pazigyee and (3) different places
- (40) casualties were under (18) years old children
- As of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the number of displaced populations has risen by 7,000 from (8) Villages including Pazigyee
- Difficulties in delivery of relief aid persist since the villagers in great fear are hiding in the valley and jungle
- Problems encountered in relation to arrange traditional ritual and religious activities for the people who passed away in the attack



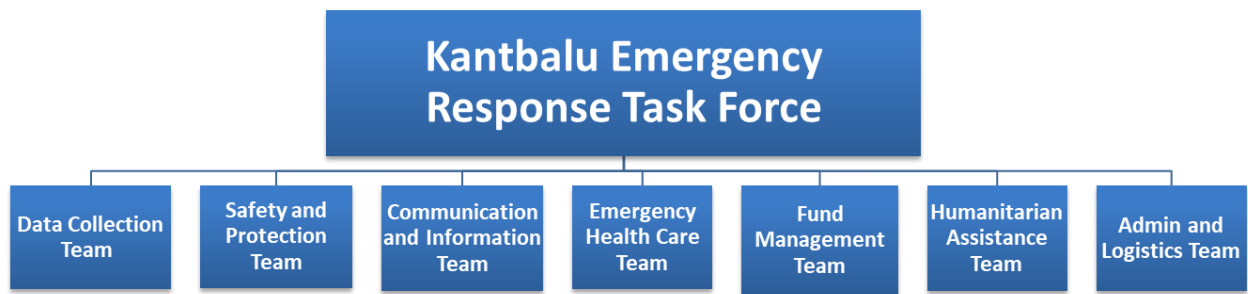
## Emergency Response

Among the 168 fatalities in the airstrike launched by the military junta, a total of 128 villagers were from Pazigyee Village and 40 villagers from the nearby villages and locally named places (Ywar Thar Yar, Lay Twin Sin, Hta Naung Gye, Meizadaw, Thar Yar Mon, Kyauktaga, Kyauk Myae and Lashio). Moreover, this mortality includes 47 women and 40 children who are under 18. As of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the number of displaced populations has risen by 7,000 from (8) Villages including Pazigyee. Among them, about 400 villagers are hiding in the jungle as they fear for their safety to stay in the villages. The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management in collaboration with the local responders are managing to provide food and water supply, and to build temporary shelters for the displaced populations.



To ensure effective implementation on the ground, Kantbalu Emergency Response Task Force was formed, and respective activities have been taken care by the following on-ground teams:

- Data Collection Team
- Safety and Protection Team
- Communication and Information Team
- Emergency Health Care Team
- Fund Management Team
- Humanitarian Assistance Team
- Admin and Logistics Team



Frontline health workers also examine the dead-bodies systematically to identify the common cause of mass casualties. Coordination with the experts is in process to identify the type and explosive power of the weapons used during the air strike by collecting the evidence from the wreckages of the shells and ammunition. Since the children who survived from the incident are experiencing the severe trauma, the Ministry of Education has now been taking necessary actions to provide counselling activities for them. Moreover, Psychosocial Support program for the respective front-line team members and affected communities will also be implemented accordingly.

### Fund Management

Respective Ministries and Bodies of the National Unity Government and local and international donors had made a collective donation of MMK 68,014,600 over the reporting period. Those donations will be systematically managed by the Union Ministries in coordination with Kantbalu Emergency Response Task Force and Fund Management Team formed at the Township level.

### REVIEW & CHALLENGES

It is found that the local people who lost lives by the junta's airstrike are not only from Pazigyee Village but also from the neighboring villages. Furthermore, the figure represents 39% of women and children. Considering this, the military junta has been targeting the civilian purposively. Humanitarian workers are facing difficulties in delivery of relief aid since the villagers in fear are hiding in the valley and jungle to escape from the military's attack. Problems are also encountered in relation to arrange traditional ritual and religious activities for the people who passed away in the airstrike. Delay has occurred to purchase food and construction material to build temporary shelter due to the transportation issues.

