



## News Release

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### **Feed The Hungry responding to devastating cyclone in Myanmar**

Tropical cyclone Nargis has claimed some 22,000 lives and an estimated 60,000 people are dead or missing, prompting a full-scale response by international aid organization, Feed The Hungry.

Stefan Radelich, Executive Director of Feed The Hungry states, "The reports from our contacts on the ground describing the devastation brings me back to the Tsunami in 2005. The scope and depth of the destruction is beyond what words or pictures can convey."

FTH Logistics Director, Bob Boucek departed South Bend, IN for Washington, D.C. today to solicit expedited Visas from The Embassy of the Union of Myanmar Consul and clearances to bring relief supplies over the Thailand border.

Radelich states that over a million people, already living in poor conditions, have likely been displaced by the cyclone. "There is no power, no running water and people are looting stores to survive. Our contacts estimate it will be at least a month before utilities can be restored. Our main contact's facility in Yangon, Myanmar has a generator to provide power, so it can be utilized as a relief center, but they have no supplies to help the overwhelming number of survivors,"

"Our plan is to send a team next week from Thailand with relief supplies, such as water and/or purification tablets, food, blankets, tarps and chainsaws to our center in Yangon. There are trees down everywhere and teams are being organized now to clear roads and pathways but they are ill-equipped with machetes," Radelich said.

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