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German Agency to cooperate with UNICEF to provide safe drinking water for displaced population in the cyclone affected areas

Yangon, 06 June 2008 – Today Federal Agency for Technical Relief, Bonn, Germany signed an agreement with UNICEF to provide safe drinking water to displaced population in selected sites where water treatment plants will be installed in Ayeyarwady and Yangon Divisions in Myanmar.

UNICEF in collaboration with Federal Agency for Technical Relief will install nine water treatment plants in designated locations in eight townships with the total capacity to produce 500,000 litres of clean water everyday serving approximately 25,000 to 30,000 people.

The technical team of Federal Agency for Technical Relief will also provide one set of water treatment plant. The team will also provide basic training to local staff in operation and maintenance of the treatment plants. The above operation is expected to be completed in four to six week.

“This programme not only provides safe drinking water but also builds technical capacity of local experts in operation and maintenance of the water treatment plants,” said Ramesh Shrestha, Representative of UNICEF Myanmar.

About UNICEF

UNICEF is on the ground in over 150 countries and territories to help children survive and thrive, from early childhood through adolescence. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.

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