

# After the Storm:

## Voices from the Delta



A Report by EAT and JHU CPHHR  
on human rights violations in the wake of Cyclone Nargis

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An independent, community-based assessment of health and human rights in the Cyclone Nargis response

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**After the Storm: Voices from the Delta** is dedicated to the survivors of Cyclone Nargis and to the tireless individuals who put themselves at risk to assist their neighbors. We extend our deep appreciation to those relief workers and survivors who took the time to share their experiences for this report. We would also like to thank Global Health Access Program (GHAP) and Karen Human Rights Group (KHRG) for the technical assistance they contributed to the project, and Thein Phyo Hein and John Kraemer for their research contribution. Many other individuals helped make this possible; we are, however, unable to name them for reasons of security, and look forward to the day when this will no longer be the case.

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The Emergency Assistance Team (EAT-BURMA), established on May 6, 2008, is a grassroots organization dedicated to providing aid and assistance to the people affected by Cyclone Nargis, especially in the Irrawaddy and Rangoon Divisions. EAT was formed through the collaboration of several Burmese community-based organizations on the Thai-Burma border and works through networks of local organizations in Burma to deliver food, water, shelter, clothing, health services and rehabilitation to those most in need, and to build the capacity of local organizations to conduct relief work.



The Center for Public Health and Human Rights at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, founded in April 2004, uses population-based methods to measure their effects of population-level violations of human dignity and the right to health and utilizes innovative public health approaches to minimize the consequences of such violations. The Center partners with grassroots organizations, human rights groups, and public health researchers and practitioners to identify and address the needs of the underserved and to investigate public health and human rights interactions.

**Front and back cover photo:** Image captured by “accidental relief workers,” students from Dagon University who organized to provide food, shelter, and education support for cyclone-affected villages. The photo was taken of the bridge to Twantay on Sunday, May 25th – weekends were the biggest days for relief trips out of Rangoon. Government officials who were attempting to limit public donations to survivors began to block cars at 6am, resulting in the long line seen in the image. The authorities were later arresting individuals who had spent the day in the Delta, passing back through here on the way home.



















