

Acute Famine Conditions in Rakhine

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The <u>United Nations Development Program (UNDP)</u> has warned that <u>Myanmar's Rakhine state</u>, home to the <u>Rohingya minority</u>, is on the brink of an <u>acute famine</u> due to a combination of internal conflicts, economic collapse, and <u>natural disasters</u>.

- **Key factors for Acute Famine:** Blockades restricting goods, hyperinflation, lack of income, reduced food production, absence of essential services.
 - Predictions suggest domestic food production will cover only 20% of Rakhine's needs by March-April 2025. Over 2 million people are at risk of starvation by March-April 2025 due to declining domestic food production.
 - The military-led government has limited humanitarian aid access, further exacerbating the crisis.
- Rakhine, the westernmost state in Myanmar, is one of the poorest regions, facing ongoing conflict, displacement, and poverty.
 - For decades, the Rohingya, a Muslim ethnic minority in Myanmar, have faced discrimination and exclusionary citizenship laws, leading to hundreds of thousands fleeing persecution.
 - In 2017, India signed a development program to help Myanmar build housing infrastructure for displaced persons in Rakhine State.
- UNDP was established in 1965 by the <u>United Nations</u>, aims to eliminate <u>poverty</u> and promote <u>sustainable development</u>, democratic governance, and climate resilience.



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