



## Acute Famine Conditions in Rakhine

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

- **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 [United Nations](#), aims to eliminate [poverty](#) and promote [sustainable development](#), democratic governance, and climate resilience.



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