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World Concern response to Myanmar Cyclone Nargis

SEATTLE-Since 1995, World Concern has been working in Myanmar to improve community health, increase access to safe water supply locations, and improve food security through sustainable agriculture development. Due to our twelve year history in Myanmar, World Concern is prepared to provide leadership to a post-cyclone humanitarian response.

World Concern's staff of 200 work in communities throughout the country of Myanmar. All but one of our team there has been accounted for from the Cyclone Nargis that hit over the weekend. Our main office in Yangon suffered damage. Communication is very limited and we do not yet know the extent of any injuries possibly suffered by field staff in this area.

Dave Eller, World Concern's President said today, "The aftermath of this weekend's storm is enormous. Our staff is working around the clock to finish a needs assessment as a part of our overall response. We fully expect our follow-up to include providing food, water, and other basic needs to those whose lives have been turned upside down by the cyclone."

Myanmar is classified as one of the world's least developed countries . Most families in the country live in extreme poverty—with frequent food shortages, diminished economic opportunity, lack of critical infrastructure, poor health and education and rising rates of HIV and trafficking. World Concern is dedicated to quick response humanitarian aid during times of crisis such as this. For more information please contact Kathryn Stenger at 206-289-7946 or kstenger@crista.net.

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