

**Delivery update: 26 June 2008**

# of Villages receiving rice seed/tillers/diesel: **318**

# of townships: **8**

Rice seed delivered: **3,038 metric tons**

# of tillers delivered: **53**

Diesel delivered (for tillers): **2,000 gallons**

Total Farm Households helped to date: **19,470**

The post-cyclone remains of a farmstead in Kawhmu Township.



A farmer rows past his farmstead; he is rebuilding his house (house frame on left).

A paddy farmer wastes no time in broadcasting his rice seed after receiving his allotment from IDE.



U Soe Thein, a paddy farmer from Kawhmu Township in Yangon Division lost all of his seed stock to the cyclone. He has no idea whatsoever where he will be able to get seed this season. Rice seed markets do not exist as most paddy farmers save their own seed after each harvest.

A village elder stands in front of what was once the village's large school building for elementary children. Only the building cement foundation blocks remain.





U Lin Lin from Ma Win village in Kawhmu Township showed us a muddy clump of rice seed in his hands. His entire rice seed stock was soggy, mud-soaked and unusable.

U Thein Win shows a sample of his water damaged, blackened rice seed which cannot be eaten or grown.



IDE teams deliver rice seed by boat directly to villages

A village elder announces and calls out the names of farmers receiving seed provided by IDE. Each household received a coupon in advance indicating the household name, number of acres owned, and amount of rice seed due.



Women came to collect their family's rice seed while their husbands prepared their fields.

Farmers carry their new rice seed stock back to their homes.





A girl sits on her family's new rice seed stock on distribution day.

IDE is providing power tillers to farm households – one tiller will be managed jointly and shared among 20 households.



Ko Lin Lin and Ma Thandar (above) stand in front of what was once their rice barn (photo on left). They had bought a small plot of land (5 acres) for \$250. After 2 years they had just finished paying off their debt and were proud to have saved a year's supply of rice stock when the cyclone hit and took it all away. With rice seed from IDE, they are able to plant all five of their acres again. Ko Lin Lin has already plowed his land with the help of his parents' oxen. He and Ma Thandar proudly state that they can and will do all the work by themselves and manage the five acres this season.