



## Information sharing on novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

MRCS's response supported by the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement partners in Myanmar



Awareness raising in Mandalay region



Internal information session at MRCS HQ

#COVID19



Health screening and providing hand sanitizer in northern Shan



Sharing information in Kachin

Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) has been in close coordination with the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) at national, regional, and township levels and has mobilized a large number of Red Cross Volunteers (RCVs) and staff to support the MoHS responses in awareness raising, health education, screening of migrant people and community-based surveillance activities. MRCS launched procurement personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitizers, and masks and distributed information materials in communities and through social media. MRCS continues to lead the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) Task Force which convenes twice a week to effectively and timely respond to the fast-evolving situation and to show solidarity as the Movement partners in Myanmar. To see more activities, please visit [here](#).

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) in Myanmar as of 8pm, Mon 17 February 2020

Total PUI / Suspected	PUI	Suspected	Confirmed	Lab Negative	Lab Pending
37	35	2	0	28	8

PUI means Person under Investigation. 11 were discharged. Source: [Surveillance Dashboard](#). For global figures, please visit [here](#).

## Highlights of MRCS Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) lastly updated on 13 February 2020

**Priority:** MRCS will focus on community-based epidemic prevention activities and surveillance activities in close coordination with MoHS. The three priority areas of the MRCS's intervention to tackle COVID-19 in current condition are as below:

- Risk communication, community engagement and health promotion.
- Services in support of government screening and community-based surveillance.
- Psychosocial support

**Expected timeframe:** 10 months

**Required Amount:** CHF 1,226,730

**Provinces/Regions targeted:** This operation will focus on supporting five regions – Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyarwady, Northern Shan and Kachin. MRCS plans to directly cover about 200,000 people at risk and the indirect coverage will be much larger. Locations may change depending on the epidemic situation but some activities such as awareness raising and health education will be implemented nationwide.

**Current Contributions:**

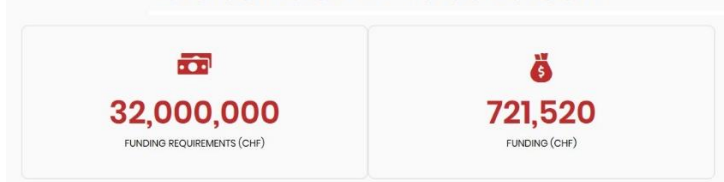
- MRCS Emergency Management Fund (EMF) supported CHF 4,000
- IFRC Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) supported CHF 20,000

ICRC and Partner National Societies (PNSs) have shown great interest and may contribute for this operation.

### IFRC revised emergency appeal highlights

On 11 February 2020, IFRC launched its revised emergency appeal for COVID-19 outbreak response. This Emergency Appeal seeks a revised total of 32 million Swiss francs to enable the IFRC to support its membership to deliver assistance and support to communities affected or at risk of being affected by COVID-19. Assistance will be tailored to each country depending on its epidemic preparedness and response, as well as the vulnerability of particular groups of people in the community. Currently 721,520 CHF is received.

### Global: COVID-19 outbreak



### Resources and contact information

[Daily MoHS update on 2019-nCoV](#)

[Daily MIMU update on 2019-nCoV](#)

[IFRC Go – COVID-19 emergency appeal](#)

[Guidance note: Risk communication and CEA](#)

MRCS social media ([Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#))



**Rotes Kreuz / DRK** @roteskreuz\_de · Feb 12  
#Coronavirus-Prävention in Myanmar. Das @MyanmarRedCross u. Emilio Teijeira, Leiter des #DRK-Landesbüros, unterstützen die Regierung. Myanmar hat noch keine Fälle registriert, aber Prävention hat Priorität! Beispiel: Ein [Bild] wurde vorsorglich zur Quarantänestation umgebaut.



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German Red Cross shared one of the MRCS COVID-19 response activities of 8 February 2020 through its global twitter channel. For the original link, please click [here](#).

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