



# Information sharing on novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

MRCs's activities supported by the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement partners in Myanmar

## #COVID19 Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies around the world



China



Italy



Australia



Learn more - Why did we educate mothers?

Myanmar



Germany



South Korea



United Kingdom



Indonesia

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) as of 8pm 2 March 2020

Total PUI /Suspected - 50

Confirmed - 0

Lab Negative - 45

Lab Pending - 5

Discharged - 42

Source: [Surveillance Dashboard](#). Global figures [here](#).

## #COVID19 #MRCS



[Awareness raising in Southern Shan state](#)



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[Health screening in border areas with China](#)



[Distribution of MoHS posters in Yangon](#)



### Why did we educate mothers?

**NORTHERN SHAN STATE** - "We came to the Muse township in northern Shan state bordering China to do awareness raising sessions with mothers, using information materials from the Ministry of Health and Sports. The mothers learned about proper handwash tips and other preventive measures against COVID-19. Why did we educate mothers? Because in Myanmar culture, mothers spend much more time with children than fathers do. So once you educate mothers, they will educate their children and also their husbands. And this way, we educate more people in the village."

**Nan Mwe Hlaing, Muse township, Red Cross Volunteer (in red vest)**

Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), in close coordination with the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) at national, regional and township level, has mobilized a large number of Red Cross volunteers to support the MoHS response to COVID-19 with main focus of awareness raising and information sharing through social media and health education at the community level. Additionally, MRCS has been supporting MoHS in screening people in migration entry & exit points as well as in community-based surveillance measures. MRCS also distributed sanitizers and masks, as well as procured PPE to be well prepared for possible outbreak and its impact to its frontline health volunteers working in communities. MRCS continues to lead the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement Task Force which convenes once a week to effectively and timely respond to the fast-evolving situation. On 13 Feb 2020, MRCS launched the emergency plan of action (Required Amount: CHF 1,226,730) supported by the Movement partners. To learn more about MRCS's activities on COVID-19, please see [interactive mapping of resources and trained volunteers](#) developed by MRCS information management department supported by American Red Cross or MRCS social media ([Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#)).

**Tackling social stigma on COVID-19:** How we communicate about COVID-19 is critical in supporting people to take effective action to help combat the disease and to avoid fueling fear and stigma. An environment needs to be created in which the disease and its impact can be discussed and addressed openly, honestly and effectively.

Learn more about [how to prevent and address social stigma](#)

For previous versions of this weekly COVID-19 update by MRCS and Red Cross & Red Cross Movement partners, please visit [here](#).

### 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 CHF 32 million** 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 CHF 3,010,009 is received.** (Source: [IFRC Go](#))

### Video messages from IFRC President on responding to COVID-19



*"Investing now means saving lives tomorrow. Let's not waste any time and work together to stop this new coronavirus."*

Watch the full version [here](#).

### Resources and contact information

- [Daily MoHS update on COVID-19](#)
- [Daily MIMU update on COVID-19](#)
- [IFRC COVID-19 outbreak operations update](#)
- [Guidance note: Risk communication and CEA](#)

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