



# Information sharing on novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

#COVID19 Helping the most vulnerable people through the most local action in Myanmar and globally



Kayin state



Kachin state



Yangon region

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) as of 00:15am, 14 April 2020

Total Person Under Investigation (PUI) – 1,271

Confirmed - 62  
Death - 4  
Recovered - 2

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

Myanmar Red Cross volunteers are providing low-income families with bags of food from the government. This year's Thingyan holidays are unusually quiet with no water-throwing due to COVID-19. However, **our volunteers' visits brighten up people's day and help all stay home and stay safe during this challenging time.** Find out more activities on MRCS social media ([Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#))



Eastern Shan state



## Red Cross Voices from the field



Since 10 April, I've visited more than 100 families in my township to deliver food items from the government. There are 2,000 families in my township expecting to receive the food. This is an unusual occasion only for this year – usually people would make some money out of selling things in the market during Thingyan and this year, it is not possible due to COVID-19. During the distribution, people thanked me very warmly. I was quite sad when they asked me if I have masks too, as I could not help them. Masks are difficult to find and very expensive to buy. After each distribution, we did awareness raising session in ethnic language on proper handwashing and how to protect themselves. In fact, I've been supporting MoHS for almost two months on COVID-19 and have done awareness raising sessions in different parts of my township including some mosques. We go everywhere and help everyone who needs us."

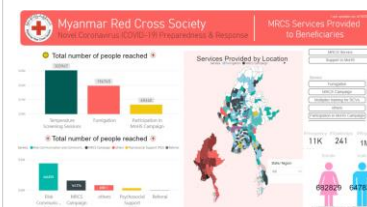
U Yan Naing Tun, Red Cross volunteer  
Keng Tung township, Eastern Shan state

## Leaving No One Behind

**Webinar:** Community Engagement and Participation during the response to COVID-19 in camps and camp-like settings organized by CCCM Global Cluster, inviting IFRC Asia-Pacific Regional CEA Coordinator.

[Presentation](#) | [Webinar recording](#)

## MRCS COVID-19 Dashboard



For access to dashboard, click [here](#).

The dashboard is based on the latest reported data from Red Cross volunteers and managed by MRCS Information Management department with the support of MRCS Health department, Canadian Red Cross and American Red Cross.

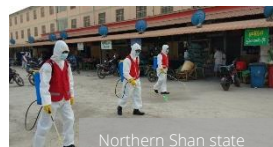




Tanintharyi region



Ayeyarwady region



Northern Shan state



Rakhine state

### Highlights of MRCS Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) as of 9 April 2020

#### Priority areas:

- Risk communication, community engagement (RCCE)
- Services in support of government screening, community-based surveillance
- Psychosocial support
- Increased access to basic needs for displaced and restricted movement population

# of people to be directly assisted: 1.2 million people (50 percent women and girls), 5 million people through social media campaigns.

Timeframe: 12 months (1 Mar 2020 – 28 Feb 2021)

Total budget: MMK 4,688,213,500 (approx. USD 3,280,000)

Funding gap: MMK 3,145,093,500 (approx. USD 2,364,000)

Provinces/Regions targeted: All 17 States and Regions

MRCS field operations support: 751 MRCS staff and at least 4,000 volunteers out of 44,000 active Red Cross volunteers will support COVID-19 operations under this EPoA through 330 MRCS branches throughout the country.

This EPoA is subject to further revision to reflect developing situations

### One Day Rapid Training on Risk Communication & Community Engagement (RCCE)



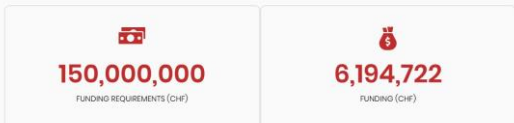
This one-day Rapid Training produced by IFRC aims to support humanitarian organizations and volunteers to achieve basic knowledge on what is RCCE, how to effectively set up community engagement activities during COVID-19 preparation and response, as well as how to collect and respond to feedback and rumors using new social distancing approaches.

[Presentation](#) | [Suggested agenda](#)

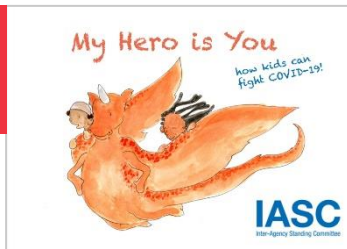
### IFRC revised emergency appeal highlights

On 26 March 2020, IFRC [launched](#) its revised emergency appeal for COVID-19 outbreak response. This Emergency Appeal seeks a revised total of CHF 150 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. Currently CHF 6,194,772 is received. ([IFRC Go](#))

#### Global: COVID-19 outbreak



Storybook



[My Hero is You](#) is a storybook for children on COVID-19 developed based on feedbacks from 1,700 children, parents, caregivers and teachers worldwide coping with COVID-19, available in 12 languages.

### MRCS's COVID-19 intervention in Rakhine



In the week leading up to Thingyan, around 300 staff and volunteers continued to undertake Risk Communications and Community Engagement (RCCE) and psychosocial support, as well as government support activities for COVID-19 in the areas of fever screening at check points, quarantine facility services, and fumigation. MRCS activities are reaching across 10 townships in northern, central and southern Rakhine.

For an example of MRCS's COVID-19 intervention in Rakhine, please see [recent RCCE activities](#) in Maungdaw township, Rakhine.

### Resources and contact information

- [Daily MoHS update on COVID-19](#)
- [WHO global webpage on COVID-19](#)
- [Daily MIMU update on COVID-19](#)
- [INGO Forum COVID-19 resource collection](#)
- [IFRC Asia Pacific COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- MRCS social media ([Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#))

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