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

Facts and figures of MRCS COVID-19 response recorded as of 13 April 2020
(source: MRCS)

4970+ services at community quarantine facilities
3812+ temperature screening at checkpoints & communities
3540+ Risk Communications and Community Engagement sessions
756+ psychosocial support for general & vulnerable population

7 fundamental principles guiding MRCS’s work on COVID-19 and all times

- Humanity
- Impartiality
- Neutrality
- Independence
- Voluntary service
- Unity
- Universality

Through its life-saving and life-changing work, MRCS promotes and adhere to the Red Cross and Red Crescent Fundamental Principles at all times, while adopting the culture of mutual respect and understanding in every intervention.

Learn more here.

One month after the first confirmed case in Myanmar on 23 March 2020

MRCS staff and volunteers have been preparing the communities on potential outbreak since January and quickly shifted to emergency response mode through:

- Opening of the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) on 24 March and immediately mobilizing thousands of community-based Red Cross volunteers
- Drastically expanding services in community quarantine facilities, checkpoints, and communities, as well as psychosocial support for general public and vulnerable population
- Increasing support for returning migrants and internally displaced people which will only expand reflecting rapidly developing situation

Leaving No Returning Migrants Behind

Red Cross & Red Crescent societies around the globe, including Myanmar Red Cross Society, have been supporting migrants and displaced populations under the most pressing circumstances. MRCS and Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement partners in Myanmar continue to work with the most vulnerable during the COVID-19 outbreak, including 65,000+ returning migrants from China and Thailand.

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) as of 11:00pm, 20 April 2020

Total Person Under Investigation (PUI) - 2,089

Confirmed - 119

Death - 5

Recovered - 7

Source: Surveillance Dashboard Global figures here.

796+ psychosocial support for general & vulnerable population

Dash inclusive of community outreach and education sessions

Red Cross Voices from the field

Recently I started to hear about the family members of our neighbors coming back from China. Many businesses in China closed due to COVID-19 and some cities still in lock-down. After a couple of days, I found myself assisting the returning migrants with disinfection of their belongings, temperature screening, and registering their names and addresses. I also did awareness raising on proper handwashing. Once they were discharged at the checkpoints, they moved to seven community quarantine facilities in my township. Most of them did not have hygiene products. We wanted to give every one of them hygiene kits which will only expand reflecting rapidly developing situation. With proper protection, we will be able to help better and safer.

Dashi Rai San from photo, Red Cross Volunteer, Momauk township, Kachin State
MRCS’s “Go Away Corona Challenge” aiming to provide psychosocial support to both general & vulnerable population and remind people of preventive measures such as hand washing and coughing on elbows, attracted more than 1.3 million views and over 20,000 shares on social media. Watch [here](#).

**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 35,486,823 is received. (see more at [IFRC Go](#)).

**Private Sector Engagement:**

Nestle Myanmar

On 21 April 2020, Nestle Myanmar donated cash and surgical masks to MRCS. The surgical masks will be provided to frontline workers and Red Cross volunteers on the ground throughout the country who are in dire need of more personal protective equipment (PPE) in the rapidly developing situation in Myanmar. Read more [here](#).