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

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) as of 07:00am, 28 April 2020
Total Person Under Investigation (PUI) – 2,850
Confirmed - 146
Death – 5
Recovered – 16

I got a phone call in the evening of 19 March to come to the Mawlamyine university to disinfect the building. I was told that it will be a quarantine facility to accommodate returning migrants from Thailand. Since then, it received more than 1,000 people.

When people finish their 3-week quarantine, they just can’t wait to go home. When they leave the quarantine facility, a certificate of quarantine completion will be issued. Once arriving home, they need to show the certificate to the local authority. The neighbors, once they know one completed the quarantine, consider the person as “safe.” For the small number of returnees who avoided going through quarantine, it’s a different story. The neighbors monitor this and report them to the local authority.

I get masks and personal protection equipment (PPE) during my work in the quarantine facility, although these are not enough. I feel safer nowadays because I practice safety measures myself. PPE makes you safe, but you have to also follow the guidance to fully protect yourself.

Ye Htet Naing, Red Cross volunteer, Mawlamyine township, Mon state

Our fundamental principles
- Humanity
- Impartiality
- Neutrality
- Independence
- Voluntary service
- Unity
- Universality

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.
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 39,113,471 is received. (see more at IFRC Go)

Global: COVID-19 outbreak

For the World Red Cross & Red Crescent Day (8 May 2020), We will #KeepClapping for healthcare workers, volunteers, essential staff that are risking their health for us all.

Will you join us and #KeepClapping?

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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)

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