



# Information sharing on novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

MRCS's activities supported by its nation-wide branches & community-based Red Cross volunteers

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



Mon state – temperature screening and registering of returning migrants from Thailand

## Our life-saving journey continues...

and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world, including Myanmar Red Cross Society, are stepping up COVID-19 response across **three urgent areas of concern**:

*First, to ensure that the most vulnerable people have access to health, water and hygiene services.*

*Second, to mitigate the social and economic impacts of the pandemic on communities.*

*Third, to make sure our staff and volunteers are well supported and protected to continue this important work.*

Learn more about our [historical revised Emergency Appeal](#) issued on 28 May 2020 with the appeal amount of 1.9B CHF.

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) as of 7:00am, 2 June 2020

Total Person Under Investigation (PUI) – 4,993

Confirmed - 228  
Death – 6  
Recovered – 138

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

Now, more than ever, we see the importance of strong Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies as crucial, local humanitarian responders.



Kayah state



Sagaing region

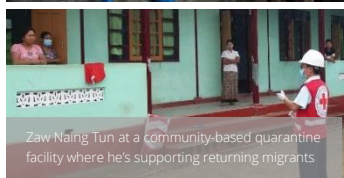


Mon state



Bago region

Thanks to our community-based volunteers, we can act quickly, despite physical movement restrictions, and serve the local communities.



Zaw Naing Tun at a community-based quarantine facility where he's supporting returning migrants

### Red Cross voices from the field

Addressing most dire needs in quarantine facilities

**“** Most of the people in this quarantine facility are returning migrants from China, but also from big cities like Yangon and Mandalay. Their jobs are all either gone or suspended due to COVID-19. People here rely on their family to provide food, but some families live far or cannot afford to bring food. The Red Cross volunteers in our branches are raising funds from local donors and also from our own pockets to bring food and purified water, which are the biggest needs here. We also brought soap and distributed two handmade masks per person as well which one can wash and re-use.

I do different activities in the facility including disinfection and even initiated an exercise time as people do not really have physical activities during their time here. To make this time more useful, I also did some mine risk and first aid knowledge session. And you know what happened? Four people, three female and one male, who have been quarantined here for three weeks, came to the local Red Cross branch after they are discharged and said they want to become a Red Cross volunteer. They are now part of our team!”

Zaw Naing Tun, Red Cross volunteer, Mohyin township, Kachin state

Humanity gallery: Making a Difference

Title: Behind story of your mask | Sittwe, Rakhine state



Title: Virus-free bag | Kawthaung, Tanintharyi region



Do you have inspiring photos of Myanmar Red Cross volunteers working on combatting COVID-19? Please message us via [MRCS Facebook](#).



Rakhine state

**Risk Comm. & Community Engagement**

12,396+ activities in 235 townships conducting outdoor awareness raising sessions and disseminating preventive information



Magway region

**Services in support of government**

27,831+ activities in 281 townships providing temperature screening at border & communities, disinfection, quarantine services.



Kachin state

**Psychosocial support**

2,061+ activities in 80 townships addressing psychosocial needs of COVID-19 affected population in quarantine facilities and communities.



Ayeyarwady region

**Increased access to basic needs**

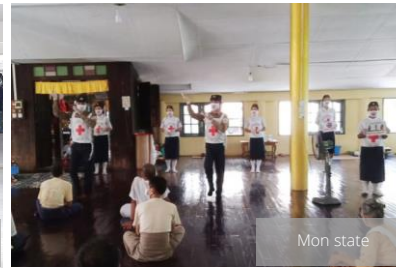
Food and cooking ingredients distribution to vulnerable population to ensure basic needs are met and people enjoy nutritious food.



Bago region



Kayin state



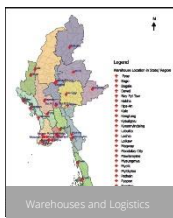
Mon state



Mandalay region

**Preparing for 2020 Monsoon season**

MRCS Secretary General Prof. Dr. Htin Zaw Soe presented during a Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meeting on 29 May 2020, about MRCS's preparedness measures put in place ahead of the monsoon season within the challenges posed by the COVID-19. The presentation, prepared jointly with IFRC, can be found in [here](#).



**Dengue prevention**

In addition to the COVID-19 community activities and in preparation for the coming monsoon season when dengue cases tend to increase in Myanmar, MRCS branches around the country have disseminated Dengue prevention messages, such as getting rid of stagnant water around the house. Fumigation with insecticide is also taking place.



Mon.state

**Vaccinations for children**

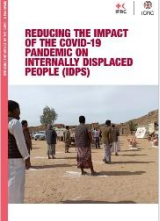
The MRCS branch in Myo Thit Township, Magway region, supported by Danish Red Cross, is assisting in creating handmade face shields for children, which is the pre-condition for children to access life-saving vaccination in the midst of COVID-19. The MRCS branch is planning to make 2,500 face shields to cover all children in the township.



Magway region



Helpful guidance note



These recommendations guide the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in protecting and supporting internally displaced people, who are particularly vulnerable to both the virus and its secondary impact. Download [here](#)



This guidance note proposes a series of actions that practitioners and young people can take to ensure that COVID-19 preparedness, response plans and actions, are youth-inclusive and youth-focused - with and for young people. Download [here](#)



This document recommends the practice of physical and social distancing through various tools, in particular, the guidance on risk assessment for mass gatherings during COVID-19. Download [here](#)

**CHF 1.9+ Billion**  
IFRC-wide Requirements

**CHF450 Million**  
Emergency Appeal Requirements

Appeal launched: 31 January 2020  
Revision n°3 issued on 28 May 2020  
Appeal ends: 31 December 2021

**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](#))

**IFRC revised emergency appeal highlights**

IFRC is appealing for 1.9 billion Swiss francs (1.95 billion US dollars) to support National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in providing health care, water and sanitation, and mitigation against the socio-economic impacts for the most vulnerable people, as well as strengthening National Societies' capacities and safety of staff and volunteers. Out of the 1.9 billion Swiss francs, 450 million Swiss francs will be raised through the IFRC Secretariat in support of National Societies. Currently CHF 140,896,427 is received. (see [IFRC Go](#))



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