



Information sharing on novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

MRCSS'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



Yangon region



Chin state



Sagaing region



Bago region



Eastern Shan state

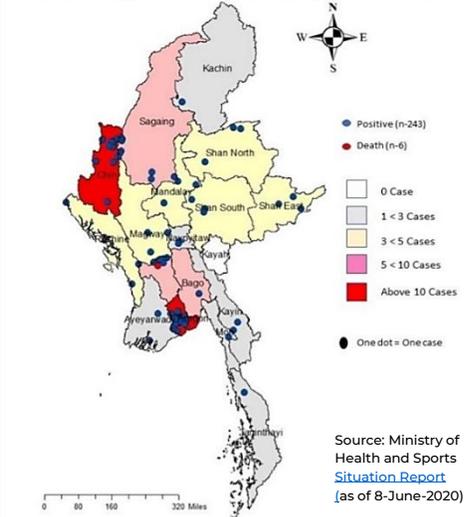


Mandalay region



Southern Shan state

Map showing COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases



No.	State/Region	COVID-19 Confirmed case	Recovered	Deaths
1.	Yangon	189 (2 New)	124 (3 New)	5
2.	Chin	10	3	-
3.	Sagaing	9	7	-
4.	Bago	8	6	1
5.	Shan(East)	3	3	-
6.	Mandalay	3	3	-
7.	Shan(South)	3	2	-
8.	Shan(North)	3	2	-
9.	Rakhine	3	-	-
10.	Magway	3 (1 New)	2	-
11.	Naypyitaw	2	2	-
12.	Kayin	2	1	-
13.	Ayeyarwaddy	2	1	-
14.	Mon	1	1	-
15.	Kachin	1	1	-
16.	Thantharyi	1	1	-
17.	Kayah	-	-	-
Total		243 (3 new)	159 (3 New)	6



Everywhere for everyone.

The status of the MRCSS as an **auxiliary to the government** in humanitarian work is articulated in the **Myanmar Red Cross Law**, last revised in August 2015. As an auxiliary to the government and as a **principled humanitarian organization** with 44,000 community-based volunteers in 330 branches, MRCSS is present in all 17 states & regions for humanitarian actions including COVID-19 response.



Northern Shan state



Rakhine state



Magway region



Naypyitaw



Kayin state



Ayeyarwady region



Mon state



Kachin state



Thantharyi region



Kayah state

Everywhere for everyone.

Risk Comm. & Community Engagement
16,045+ activities in 238 townships

Services in support of government
38,313+ activities in 284 townships

Psychosocial support
3,093+ activities in 82 townships

Increased access to basic needs
Supporting basic humanitarian needs of vulnerable communities



Khin Myint Htay (middle) at Maungdaw hospital gate doing awareness raising, giving hand sanitizers, and providing temperature screening.



Myanmar Red Cross volunteers in Rakhine actively supporting communities to protect themselves and stay safe from COVID-19.

Red Cross voices from the field

Supporting highly vulnerable communities in Rakhine

“After the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Maungdaw [on 4th of June 2020], I've been doing awareness raising sessions and temperature screening at the Maungdaw hospital gate. The people who come to the hospital are visiting their families who are under investigation [PUI: Person Under Investigation], as one of the buildings in the hospital is being used as a quarantine facility. They mostly bring food.

People here are aware that the COVID-19 situation in Bangladesh is serious including Rakhine-Bangladesh border. They are worried that there will be more cases soon. I am also worried about infection, but I continue my work and for everyone. I am an ethnic minority myself and this helps me to be open to everyone.”

Ma Khin Myint Htay, Red Cross volunteer, Maungdaw township, Rakhine state

Humanity gallery: Making a Difference

Title: One night during quarantine Myitkyina township, Kachin state



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

Caring for the environment

MRCS is adapting its working modalities under COVID-19 to be environment-friendly. These include using electronic needs assessment & monitoring forms and minimizing use of plastic during food distribution. Besides, MRCS is promoting how to dispose large quantities of used-masks which MRCS volunteers practice when collecting garbage in quarantine facilities and public places. In Myanmar, people usually plant trees in June, however the activities have been delayed this year due to COVID-19. MRCS's regular climate change adaptation programme is planning to initiate its field activities again in July 2020.



Bago region



Mon state



Naypitaw

First Aid & Safety

MRCS provided three one-day Psychological First Aid, Basic Life Support, Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) Trainings to 67 Myanmar Red Cross volunteers (38 male and 29 female) with a focus on COVID-19. The training is based on IFRC global tools and related to the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. The participants will apply their new knowledge and skills during their COVID-19 activities.



Yangon region

Blood Donation

Myanmar Red Cross volunteers throughout the country continue to donate their blood to support the National Blood Bank Myanmar as the number of blood donors dropped in the recent months due to COVID-19.



Northern Shan state

Helpful guidance note



This guidance suggests how humanitarian can adapt its delivery modalities to localisation in response to COVID-19, consistent with existing commitments on localisation of aid & strengthening partnerships with local and national actors. Download [here](#)



This factsheet provides a quick reference on how the COVID-19 global pandemic may place communities at increased risk of trafficking, how it may impact trafficked persons and provide advice on practical actions to respond and mitigate risks. Download [here](#)



This guidance note introduces how to consider "Protection, gender and inclusion" (PGI) and address violence, discrimination or exclusion related to COVID-19. Download [here](#)

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 144,234,473 is received. (see [IFRC Go](#))

Global: COVID-19 outbreak

450,000,000
FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (CHF)

144,234,473
FUNDED (CHF)



Why do we need 'People's vaccine' against COVID-19? Find out [here](#).

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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