## ICRC RESPONSE TO COVID-19 IN ASEAN MEMBER STATES

**SEPTEMBER 2020** 



### **INTRODUCTION**



The world continues to reel from the impact of novel coronavirus that has put unprecedented stress on the most advanced health-care systems and extreme strain on major economies and financial markets. As many as 500,000 people have lost their lives to COVID-19 worldwide and the confirmed cases have surpassed 10 million, as per the latest figures. With the Asia-Pacific region being home to 60 per cent of the world's population – i.e. some 4.3 billion people – an uncontrolled outbreak could be devastating.

To contain the spread of COVID-19, the countries in the Asia-Pacific are grappling with some hard choices between carefully reopening the economies and addressing the public health concerns, especially since the fear of a second wave looms large. Unlike a few countries outside the region that have been able to control the spread of COVID-19, those in South Asia continue to face a worrying situation. Some of them have an already compromised public health-care system, overcrowded detention facilities, densely populated camps of displaced populations and informal settlements, adding layers of vulnerability for populations already facing immense challenges. Additionally, the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19 on populations has been massive and appears likely to worsen over time.

With a well-coordinated and well-resourced response mechanism involving national and international actors,

the impact can be contained. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is appealing for USD 1.24 billion to support its global response to COVID-19 and its immediate and long-term impact.

#### Our response

Like elsewhere, in the Asia-Pacific region, the ICRC has joined the massive efforts being carried out by governments, international community and humanitarian organizations to fight the spread of novel coronavirus. We have massively adjusted, and where relevant, launched new initiatives to support national authorities, health-care facilities, places of detention and local Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to respond to the pandemic.

Our operational response to COVID-19 in the region focuses on four main areas:

- Public health response
- Infection-control in detention facilities
- Humanitarian forensics (management of the dead)
- Support to National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

In the following pages, you will see a country-wise overview of the ICRC operational response so far to COVID-19 in the ASEAN Member States.

**Cover image:** A child receives a face mask from an ICRC staff during the registration of beneficiaries for an EcoSec cash transfer programme in Maguindanao, Philippines. The community here consists of both conflict-affected population and IDPs from nearby barangays.

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### ASEAN MEMBER STATES 484,978 361,464 11,695

TOTAL RECOVERED

\*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 4 September 2020



TOTAL CASES

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE**

- 44 PRP centres supported
- 52 Hospitals supported
- 8 Prison hospitals supported
- 8 IPD camp supported

• 274.003 Beneficiaries

• 204 Prisons supported

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• 36 Police stations supported

• 17,451 PPE kits distributed

**INFECTION-CONTROL** 

• 25 Immigration Detention Centres supported

• 9 COVID-19 isolation facilities supported

**IN DETENTION FACILITIES** 



#### **HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

We are working with the government authorities, funerary services, forensic experts and NGOs to devise specific protocols related to COVID-19. This includes dignified management of the bodies and material support, including body bags. Over 3,570 body bags have been distributed as part of the assistance.



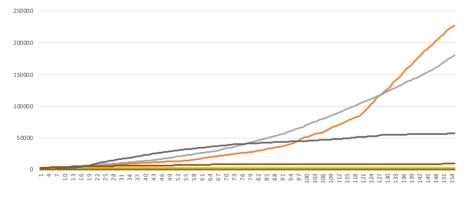
#### PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

In the ASEAN Member States, 10 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies along with thousands of volunteers have been working tirelessly to extend the required support to multitudes of people at the grassroots. Apart from helping build capacities of the staff and volunteers, we are extending financial and material support to these National Societies.

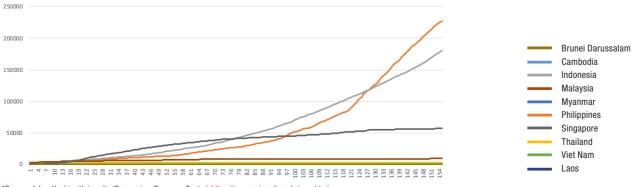
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#### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) STATISTICS ON COVID-19 FOR THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES SINCE 1 APRIL 2020



#### NUMBER OF CONFIRMED DEATHS LINKED TO COVID-19 IN THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES SINCE 1 APRIL 2020



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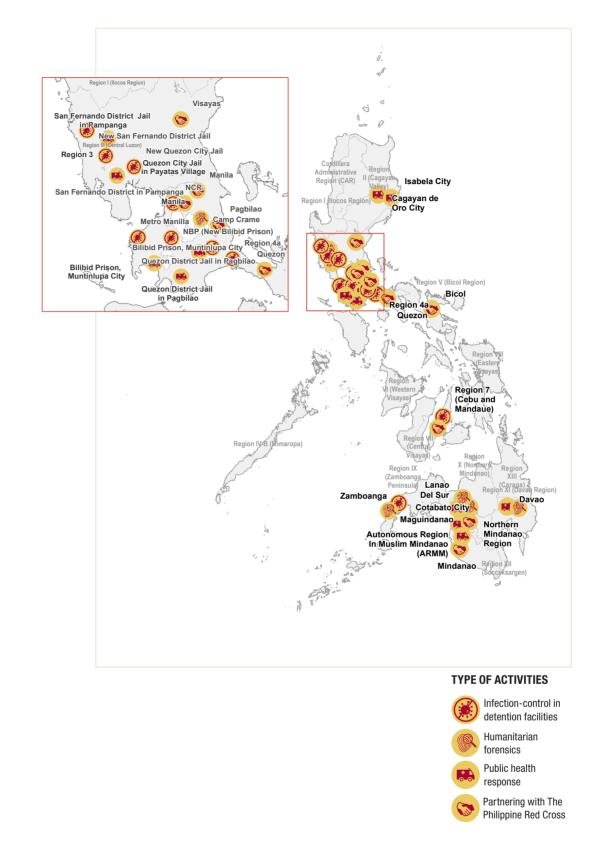
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TOTAL DEATHS

# **PHILIPPINES**

#### **PHILIPPINES COVID-19 RESPONSE**

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### PHILIPPINES 228,403 | 159,475

**3,688** 

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#### PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE



TOTAL CASES

#### Donation of PPE kits

Beneficiaries – **507** staff members

- 300 to Davao Jubilee Foundation Rehabilitation Centre (Davao City)
- 300 to Sulu Provincial Hospital (Jolo City)

TOTAL RECOVERED

- 200 to Basilan General Hospital (Isabela City)
- 1,200 to Southern Philippines Medical Center (Davao)
- 1,200 to Amai Pakpak Medical Center (Marawi City)
- 1,200 to Northern Mindanao Medical Center (Cagayan de Oro City)
- 1,200 to Davao Regional Medical Center
- 1,200 to Zamboanga City Medical Center
- 1,200 to Cotabato Regional Medical Center (third round)

#### **Donation of medical supplies**

- Camp Navarro General Hospital
- Camp Siongco Station Hospital
   Cotabato Regional Medical Center (third round)

Setting up of an isolation facility, including latrines / shower, handwashing stations and four air coolers, with the National Society and donation of medical supplies to Cotabato Regional Medical Center

#### Sagonsongan Community Quarantine Facility (Marawi City):



 Four tents donated by the ICRC and installed by the Integrated Provincial Health Office, benefiting around 150 patients transiting daily



through the screening facility. **Financial support** for the training of health-care workers and support staff on infection prevention and control (IPC) and proper waste management



#### MHPSS support

Training sessions for 165 staff

members and front-line workers in ten different institutions in Mindanao island, one in NCR:

- Maguindanao Provincial Hospital
- Integrated Provincial Health Office (Maguindanao)
- Ministry of Health (Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao - BARMM)
- Cotabato City Health Office
- SPMC-IPBM Hospital (Davao City)
- New Quezon City Jail COVID-19 Isolation Centre (National Capital Region)
- Davao Region Mental Health Hotline
- Marawi City Health Office
- Marantao Rural Health Unit, Lanao del Sur
- Northern Mindanao Medical Center
- Amai Pakpak Medical Center



Four sessions on self-care provided to staff of Davao Jubilee Foundation (DJF); **16 participants in six sessions**  ۲



Online mental health training session organized for the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology staff; **12 participants** 

#### **Technical assistance**

Meetings with management and staff of ICRC-assisted hospitals in Mindanao to assess their situation in their ongoing response to COVID-19, particularly following additional requests for material and technical assistance

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INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

#### **PLACES OF DETENTION**

53 Facilities supported; 35,869 Beneficiaries

• Donation of:



to ICRC-supported isolation centres in New Bilibid Prison, Correctional Institute for Women, San Pedro City Jail, BJMP National Capital Region, BJMP Region 3, BJMP Region 4a, Cebu City Jail and Mandaue City Jail. Besides these, medical items and disinfection material was also provided to Zamboanga City Jail

Coordination meetings, monitoring and assessment visits to <u>ICRC-assisted places of detention and COVID-19</u>
 isolation centers. The multidisciplinary detention team provided technical advice on contact tracing, case management and transportation of those testing positive from places of detention to the COVID-19 isolation facility

**"Training the Trainers Programme"** in infection prevention and control and isolation centre management for BJMP personnel, which resulted in graduation of 17 new trainers across BJMP offices in the National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute



Providing detention facilities with **info-as-aid posters and audio recordings** in Tagalog for the benefit of detainees in 430 operational jails (BJMP) and seven Bureau of Corrections facilities across the country



Supervised and evaluated the first training programme in MoTD that was delivered by the newly trained BJMP trainers for infection prevention and control in detention places; total participants: **202 jail officers** 



A training module was conducted for the Bureau of Immigration detention nurses on infection prevention and control and contact tracing; 15 participants

#### **POLICE STATIONS**

22 Facilities supported; 3,500 Beneficiaries

 Type of support: Donation of hygiene supplies & cleaning material and training of staff

#### **ISOLATION AREAS IN PLACES OF DETENTION**

8 Facilities supported; 1,134 Beds

- Type of support
  - Infrastructure support to build screening / triage /



**Donation of 2,300 PPE kits,** medical equipment, cleaning / disinfecting / waste management materials, hygiene supplies like soap, towels, dental hygiene material & buckets and furniture (for the isolation centres)

#### Technical advice

(Training sessions, guidelines, capacity-building of staff)

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**Facilitate coordination** between LGUs, CHOs and DOH in terms of testing, contact tracing and mobilization

#### **1 IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRE (NCR)**

- Donation of hygiene material and cleaning supplies

- **Screening** of those with symptoms
- Technical advice on creating an isolation quarter



#### **HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF BODY BAGS**

(NCR, Davao Region, Northern Mindanao Region)

- Medicolegal departments in NCR, Davao Region, Northern Mindanao Region
- Isolation centres in National Capital Region

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT** ð (NCR)

• Technical support to government authorities to craft forensic policy and guidelines

#### **GUIDELINES**

#### (Zamboanga, NCR)

Guidelines to ensure safe and dignified funerary and burial customs for COVID-19 patients (SOPs, training sessions, capacity-building):

- NGOs (religious and community leaders) COVID-19 guidelines on the management of dead for Christian burials prepared and distributed among various organizations. The guidelines summarize information based on references compiled from the authorities, international agencies, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines and the recommendations from the ICRC forensic unit
- Prison staff in five isolation facilities

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#### **INFO-AS-AID SUPPORT**

(Lanao Del Sur, BARMM, Zamboanga, NCR)

Posters on management of dead bodies, translated in four languages and distributed among:

- Government authorities
- Medicolegal departments
- **Dissemination of inter-agency guidelines** (ICRC, IFRC, WHO, CDC) on management of the dead to Davao Del Norte Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office
- As COVID-19 related deaths increased in Zamboanga city, we provided basic health and hygiene material, including PPE and body bags, to Mahir Foundation and other Ulama groups in Zamboanga City, who perform the burials of Muslims who lost their lives to the disease

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#### PARTNERING WITH THE PHILIPPINE RED CROSS



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Volunteer welfare assistance worth Sfr 70,000



Molecular laboratory equipment for COVID-19 testing



Hygiene kits in Mindanao

#### **OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

 The past month has been characterized by a gradual transition from emergency COVID-19 response to resumption of protection and assistance activities in the conflict-affected areas of the country. The difficulties being experienced by people in conflict-affected areas are compounded by COVID-19 health concerns. In key areas of operation in Mindanao, the ICRC (in many instances, in coordination with authorities who have the main responsibility to provide assistance) strives to look into and alleviate the situation of people affected, as may be gleaned from the range of activities in this report.

#### **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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Davao, Zamboanga, Cotabato and Iligan: To support their livelihood, cash amounting to 24,000 Swiss francs (Sfr) was transferred to 116 families of missing people and 198 families with people with disabilities (in partnership with the Davao Jubilee Foundation).

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- Protection of civilian population: Continuous dialogue with parties to the armed conflict on the health situation
  and relevant provisions of IHL applicable to COVID-19 pandemic has been on. To promote compliance with IHL and
  humanitarian norms, we have sent 11 letters with recommendations to parties to the conflict. We are regularly
  monitoring the conflict-affected areas to assess the situation with regards the safety of civilians and healthcare workers. We are also observing the situation with respect to the conflict-affected populations to determine if they
  have received government assistance such as cash and relief food items, and if they have access to farms and markets.
- Regular liaison with the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and their Civil-Military Operations Control Centre (CMOCC). Contacts, information and advice / recommendations shared as needed, ICRC movements notified in enhanced community quarantine areas and channels to CMOCC kept open in case use of military (air) assets as a last resort are needed for the ICRC activities.
- Re-establishing family links to help detainees stay connected with their families; 68 tablets devices with prepaid data distributed in 15 detention facilities and seven isolation centres.
- Completed the registration and pay-out to 1,032 households of UCG project for conflict-affected communities in the municipalities of Ampatuan and Datu Hoffer, Maguindanao. Each household received approximately Sfr 94 to help cover their immediate needs.
- Donated sets of half-month food ration to 115 IDPs in two villages in Gingoog City, with PRC-Gingoog Chapter, Misamis Oriental.
- Delivered corn mill spare parts to Barangay Diatagon, Lianga, Surigao Del Sur, to allow the mill's full operation, which will also benefit nine neighboring sub-villages repeatedly displaced by armed conflict.

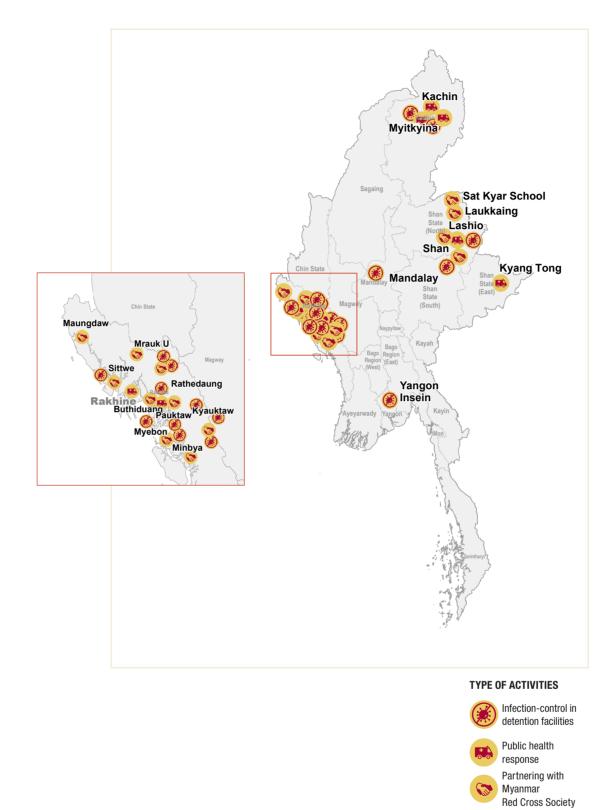
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- Donated 992 sets of half-month food ration to PRC-Kidapawan Chapter for distribution to households that continue to be displaced from conflict-affected communities in Pikit, North Cotabato.
- Donated two-month chlorine and fuel supply to Marawi City Water District to cater to 8,000 residents and 10,500 displaced people living in Marawi.
- Awareness-generation messages spread via SMS in five languages and social media posts, reaching over 200,550 people.
- **Community engagement:** Reaching out to past and planned beneficiaries of food, household items and cash grants, reassuring that though postponed, the projects have not been shelved.
- Promoting mental health: Info-as-aid messages in Tagalog promoting mental health awareness disseminated via social and audio-visual media.
- Constant dialogue with police authorities, coordinating donation of items in overcrowded police stations. So far, 20 police stations have received ICRC support.
- Our unit in charge of relations with weapon bearers in the Philippines are working on the long-term plan to assist the
  Philippine military with their modernization, which includes integrating IHL into military processes Transformation
  Roadmap set for completion by 2028.
- A webinar on "Management of the dead and Islamic burial at times of COVID-19" was jointly organized by the BARMM, Institute of Islamic Studies of University of the Philippines and the ICRC. As many as 65 participants, including health and other government officials from BARMM, scholars, religious leaders and humanitarian workers, shared their insights on the topic.
- Translation of COVID-19 information posters: Info-as-aid posters were translated for detainees into the following languages - Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Vietnamese. These serve the informational needs of over 300 foreign detainees in the Bureau of Immigration (BI).

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# **MYANMAR**

#### **MYANMAR COVID-19 RESPONSE**



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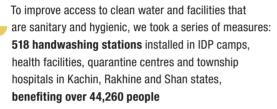
**Nineteen people** benefited from the **transportation** provided by the ICRC after they were suspected for or confirmed with COVID-19

#### **KACHIN, RAKHINE, SHAN STATES**

**44 Health structures supported** with PPE, infection prevention and control activities and information, education and communication materials



PPE items supplied to health facilities, quarantine centres and IDP camps: 51,000



Approximately **95,000 bars of soap donated** to the authorities for distribution at IDP camps and hospitals in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states

Up to 400 staff from Ministry of Health and Sports and 20 community health workers or auxiliary midwives trained in infection prevention and control in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states

**Close to 24,100 COVID-19 pamphlets** and **10 billboards** used to spread prevention information in communities, and **20 tents donated** to health facilities in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states

**51,000 items of COVID-19 protective equipment** and sanitation items (face shields, surgical masks, protective googles, latex gloves, contactless thermometers, hand gel disinfectant, soaps, etc.) supplied to **39 health facilities**, including township and general hospitals, or administrative entities and civil society organizations in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states



**36 emergency latrines constructed** with the Myanmar Red Cross Society for quarantine centres hosting returning migrants in Shan, Kachin and Rakhine states



**194 staff from Ministry of Health and Sports** (including RCVs) and **30 community health volunteers financially supported** to conduct COVID-19 screenings for migrants returning from China at three border gates in Shan state and five screening points in Kachin state

#### SHAN, KACHIN STATES



**232 quarantine centres** run by the township, district and state authorities supported with **COVID-19 prevention items**, including **soap and protective equipment**, in Myitkyina and Lashio (Kachin and Shan states), among other places

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#### SHAN, STATE



**10 tents donated** directly to MoSWRR for isolation of suspected COVID-19 cases



#### **INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

- Standard Operating Procedures for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in places of detention shared with the Prisons Departments and technical advice extended to the prison authorities for management of detainees in context of COVID-19
- Five training sessions on disinfection organized in prisons, 989 posters distributed
- 882 released detainees supported with food, blankets, hygiene material and other essentials in 16 quarantine sites in Rakhine state. This included 31 cases of family reunification
- Bars of soap donated to Insein, Monhyin and Mandalay, benefiting 30,000 people

- Disinfection work was carried out in six prisons (Insein, Mandalay, Lashio, Myitkyina, Sittwe and Maungdaw), benefiting close to **294,000 detainees**
- 60,000 COVID-19 posters from Ministry of Health and Sports delivered to the Prisons Department for distribution in prisons
- 30 solar kits donated to 25 health facilities and quarantine centres run by the Ministry of Health and Sports in northern areas of Rakhine state
- 5,766 people reached through technical and material upgrades of eight quarantine centres run by township, district and state authorities in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine states
- Materials for 50,000 cloth masks donated to prisons in Insein, Mandalay, Sittwe and Lashio

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#### PARTNERING WITH MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY



**6,000 Red Cross identification aprons** produced by MRCS with support from the ICRC for use with personal COVID-19 protective equipment and to reduce potential contamination of uniforms



5,000 volunteers provided with waistcoats and protective helmets



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**3,600 MRCS staff and volunteers provided with COVID-19 insurance coverage** and specialized training on the use of COVID-19 PPE and masks



In three states (Kachin, Rakhine and Shan), MRCS local branches were supported with face shields, surgical masks, protective goggles, latex gloves, contactless thermometers, hand gel disinfectant for the staff and volunteers working in community prevention, quarantine centres or involved in COVID-19 screening



Seven National Red Cross Societies including American, Danish, Finnish, German, Norwegian, Swedish and Turkish Red Crescent, together with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the ICRC, mobilized to support the MRCS' COVID-19 response

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#### **OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

- We have adapted our humanitarian response across the country to the new realities of COVID-19 while keeping our robust operations for victims of different armed conflicts and other situations of violence.
- We are maintaining essential operations in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states, while maximizing prevention efforts for COVID-19 together with the Myanmar Red Cross Society and to support the Ministry of Health and Sports.

#### **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

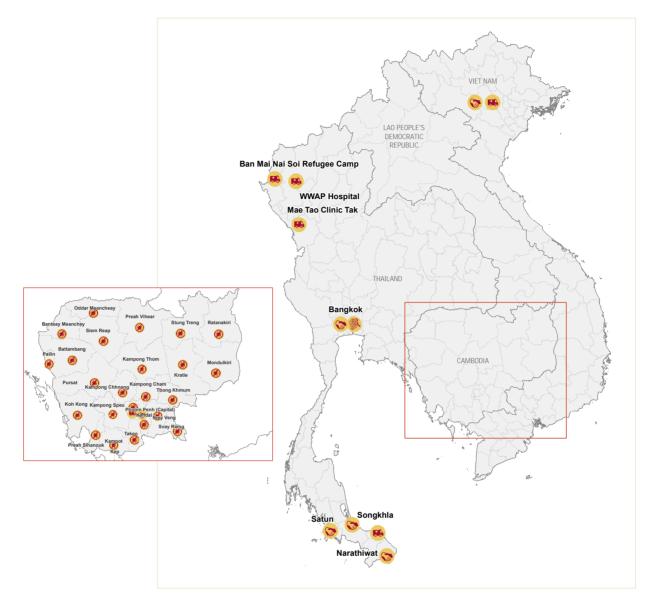
- At least **2,500 people** across Myanmar supported by the "Safe Return Home" programme after release from detention under the annual Presidential Pardon. They also received information on ways to prevent COVID-19.
- 53,650 people from Kachin and Rakhine states assisted with non-surgical masks in respose to COVID-19.
- 287 tailors in IDP camps at Kachin and Rakhine benefited from payments for production of non-surgical masks.
- As many as 600 people in quarantine facilities in Myitkyina, Kachin state and Rakhine state received phone cards to stay in touch with family members and loved ones during their quarantine period.
- Over 26,500 Facebook users reached with an #InfoAsAid digital messaging focusing on hygiene promotion and COVID-19 prevention.
- Containing information approved by the Ministry of Health and Sport, 65,000 posters shared with communities in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states.
- An advocacy note on "IHL and COVID-19" shared with civilian and military authorities, ethnic armed organizations and other stakeholders.
- ICRC guidelines on dead body management in context of COVID-19 prepared for armed and security forces of Myanmar.
- Recommendation on risk and prevention measures related to law enforcement operations were shared with Myanmar Police Force.

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### **BANGKOK REGIONAL DELEGATION** (THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIET NAM, LAOS)

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#### BANGKOK REGIONAL DELEGATION (THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIET NAM, LAOS) COVID-19 RESPONSE

**TYPE OF ACTIVITIES** 

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#### **BANGKOK REGIONAL DELEGATION** (THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIET NAM, LAOS)

93

#### 4.769 TOTAL CASES

#### TOTAL RECOVERED TOTAL DEATHS

\*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 4 September 2020



#### **NORTH OF THAILAND**

Supported community health organizations to be trained and equipped to carry out COVID-19 prevention and screening activities in their communities along the border

Distributed hygiene items to two Immigration Detention Centres in Mae Sai of Chiang Rai and Mae Sot of Tak as well as to Thai Military Task Forces in Tak, Chiang Mai and Mae Hong Son

- Supported Mae Sam Laep and Sala Chiang Tong Sub-district Health Promotion Hospitals in Mae Hong Son province with soaps, sanitizers, disinfectant, disposable gowns, non-contact thermometers and cotton towels
- Supported Border Ranger Unit 36 and 17th Infantry Regiment Task Force in Mae Hong Son Province with protective equipment like face shields, masks, latex gloves, disposable gowns, sanitizer, etc. The items were further distributed at its check points along the border.
- Protective equipment, soap, disinfectant, etc, provided to Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) and community based-organization (CBO)
- · Soaps, sanitizers, disinfectant and non-touch thermometers provided to:
  - Thai sub-district health promotion hospitals at the borders catering to the health needs of 88,000 people
  - Thai sub-district municipality offices for migrant communities under their care
- Hand-wash facilities provided at Mae Tao Clinic

#### **SOUTH THAILAND**

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• In South Thailand, protective equipment and hygiene material were delivered to MoJ Pattani Provincial Office. This included posters on RFL services, 45 boxes of alcohol wipes, three bottles of alcohol disinfectant, three bottles of hand sanitisers, ten face shields and two boxes of disposable face masks

#### VIET NAM

Support extended to Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Hospital in **Ho Chi Minh City** 

#### **CAMBODIA**

#### Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital

- Coveralls for ambulance drivers and first-aid teams: 1,800
- Technical advice, guidelines, PPE, sanitation and hygiene materials to:





Physical Physiotherapy departments Rehabilitation in the Provincial Referral Centres Hospitals

Online training sessions for clinical staff

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- Hygiene and sanitation materials like chemical spray sets (including protective clothing), chlorine, hand gel, soaps, electric hand dryers and cleaning alcohol
- 1,000 surgical face masks, 1,000 surgical gloves, two washbasins (including installation)
- · Supported two ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Centres (PRC) and five Ministry of Social Affairs PRCs (180 staff and 4,000 service users) by providing:



· Fifty spinal cord injury patients were provided with food items, PPE, COVID-19 prevention information and hygiene materials

#### **INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

#### **CAMBODIA**

• 28 Prisons supported; 38,000 Detainees; 4,000 Staff



\*Cleaning kit: Apron, goggles, heavy-duty gloves, boots, jerry can, drum, bucket and sprayer tank

- Capacity-building:
  - Trained prison staff and staff from the General Directorate of Prisons (GDP) in use of chlorine and other hygiene material, benefiting 10,000 detainees at four prisons
  - Trained GDP Rapid Response Unit in infection prevention & control, triaging, case management and dead body management
  - Mobilized & financially supported MoH CDC to provide training to 39 prison health staff on COVID-19 prevention and patient management
- Normative guidance to the General Directorate of Prisons

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#### **HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

#### THAILAND

**Central Institute of Forensic Science** 

#### · Protective equipment handed over:



- · Guidelines on preventive measures shared with Department of Corrections, Ministry of Public Health and Thailand Immigration Bureau
- Guidelines on COVID-19 related measures to be taken for proper management of dead bodies shared with government authorities:
  - The Central Institute of Forensic Science
- The Royal Thai Police

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- Forensic science or forensic medicine departments of a few universities (Rangsit, Prince Songkhla, Mahidol Universities)
- Other than in Thailand, guidelines on COVID-19 related measures shared with the National Institute of Forensic Medicine of Viet Nam and National Institute of Forensic Medicine of Malaysia, and with the Ministry of Health in Lao PDR

#### THAILAND

#### • Prisons

- Guidelines on controlling COVID-19 in detention facilities shared with the Department of Corrections in Thailand
- 50 RFL kits consisting of info-as-aid posters, alcohol wipes, latex gloves and hand sanitizers distributed in nine prisons to help detainees make phone calls
- 6 Immigration Detention Centres
  - Donation of hygiene supplies:





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12 units Alcohol-based disinfectants

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#### **PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES**

#### THAI RED CROSS SOCIETY

- Working with the Thai Red Cross Society (TRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Migrant Working Group (MWG) on promoting awareness and preventive measures related to COVID-19 among the migrant communities in Thailand:
  - Info-as-aid 25,000 posters (10,000 each in Burmese and Khmer and 5,000 in Vietnamese) & 150,000 leaflets (80,000 in Burmese, 50,000 in Khmer and 20,000 in Vietnamese)
  - Dubbing and subtitling of ICRC video on stigmatization into six languages - Thai, Khmer, Burmese, Vietnamese, Laotian and Bahasa Melayu
- Financial support of 12,785 Swiss francs (Sfr) provided to TRC provincial chapters in the South of Thailand:



• Handed over to TRC:

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chapters of the National Society

 A total of 110 TRC posters and 200 brochures in Burmese language on COVID-19 prevention were distributed to Immigration Detention Centre TaK (Mae Sot), Mae Tao Clinic and four Subdistrict Health Promotion Hospitals (Poengkloeng and Phob Phra in Tak and Mae Sam Laep and Sala Chiang Tong in Mae Hong Son)

#### **CAMBODIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY**

- Printing of 20,000 posters and leaflets each
- Printing of 80,000 leaflets on "migration and Restoring Family Links services" to be distributed in quarantine centres and for border crossings
- Reprinted 40,000 copies of flyers on hygiene promotion
- Donation of hygiene items and posters in 25 NS branches, including:



- Capacity-building:
  - Trained 25 provincial staff in carrying out needs assessment
  - Supported 1,300 volunteers carry out awareness sessions on hygiene practices
  - Supported hygiene and disease prevention dissemination activities in 13 branches through Red Cross volunteer network
- Financial support extended to organize awareness sessions for community members. As many as 86,662 people from 478 villages in 13 provinces participated in these sessions

#### LAO RED CROSS

• Donation of protective equipment to NS:





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#### VIET NAM RED CROSS SOCIETY

- Financial support for emergency cash assistance to vulnerable populations:
  - Hanoi 225 beneficiaries got Sfr 41 each
  - Ho Chi Minh City 200 beneficiaries got Sfr 41 each
- Awareness and sensitization: A video produced by the ICRC on "COVID-19 and stigmatization" provided to the National Society in Vietnamese

#### **OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

• Our **multidisciplinary response** aims to address the immediate humanitarian needs as well as long-term structural impacts of COVID-19 crisis, focusing on protection, including detention, health and water activities.

#### **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- In quarantine centres in the South of Thailand (Pattani, Narathiwat, Yala and Songkhla), we distributed relief items worth Sfr 79,082, benefiting 1,950 people. The items included 1,950 bedding sets (mattress, pillow, pillow cover and blanket), basic hygiene material (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, mosquito repellent, etc.), snacks, 50 electric fans and 37 water boilers.
- Under the framework of three ICRC multidisciplinary visits carried out with DGP officials from Health Rapid Response Unit, Construction & Maintenance Office and Operations and Administration Departments, hygiene items were distributed to more than **2,500 juveniles, women and accompanying children** in three places of detention housing more than half of the country's vulnerable detainees among the total 6,000 prison population.
- 1,000 "Safe phone calls" posters (COVID-19 context specific) co-designed by the ICRC and DGP were published and distributed to all places of detention for the benefit of 40,000 detainees and 4,000 prison staff.
- As many as 10,000 pre-printed RCMs / "Family News Form" co-developed with the CRC and printed for future use interchangeably with the RCMs in the framework of ICRC-CRC RFL services in prisons. This is crucial due to re-introduction of the blanket ban on phone services in prisons as of mid-August 2020.

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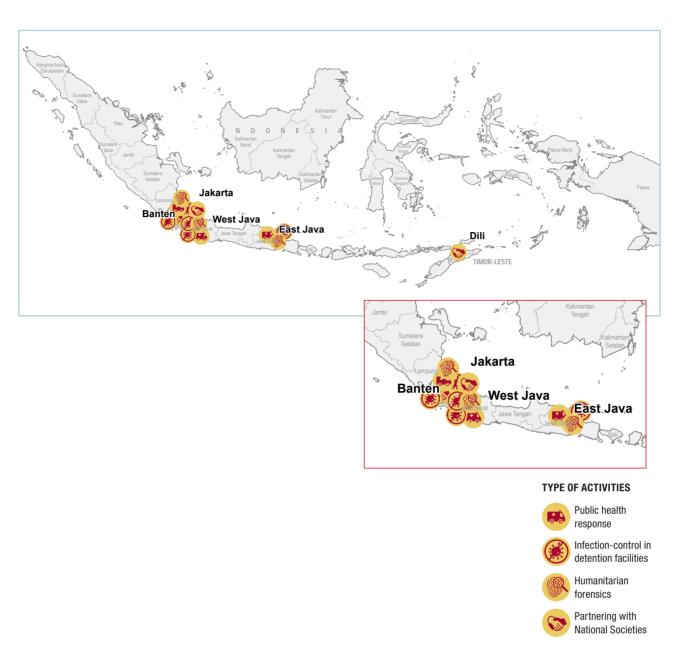
- In five provinces of Viet Nam (Quang Ngai, Da Nang, Bing Dinh, Binh Phuoc and Can Tho), we provided **food** assistance to 500 people with disabilities.
- Communication products, animation videos and campaign were run with partners of the International Movement
  of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to tackle Mental Health and Psychological Support (MHPSS) needs
  of populations as well as to address the issue of stigmatization.
- A media campaign focused on COVID-19 in detention settings, and calling for support to tackle the issue, was launched in Cambodia.
- Donation of **50,000 masks** to the Royal Thai Police for officers involved directly in COVID-19 response operations.
- Analysis of restrictive measures and legal policies in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam.
- Donation of food items and hygiene materials to 44 members of the Battambang and Kampong Speu Wheelchair Basketball teams.
- Presentations on hygiene measures, patient screening and disinfection done for staff of physiotherapy departments
  of five referral hospitals, namely Siem Reap, Svay Rieng, Trorlach, Banteay Meanchey and Korng Pisey.

\*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

### **REGIONAL DELEGATION TO INDONESIA AND TIMOR-LESTE**

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#### **REGIONAL DELEGATION TO INDONESIA AND TIMOR-LESTE COVID-19 RESPONSE**

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### **REGIONAL DELEGATION TO INDONESIA AND TIMOR-LESTE**

**184,268** TOTAL CASES

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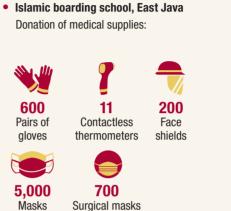
132,055 TOTAL RECOVERED 7,750 TOTAL DEATHS

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#### PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE



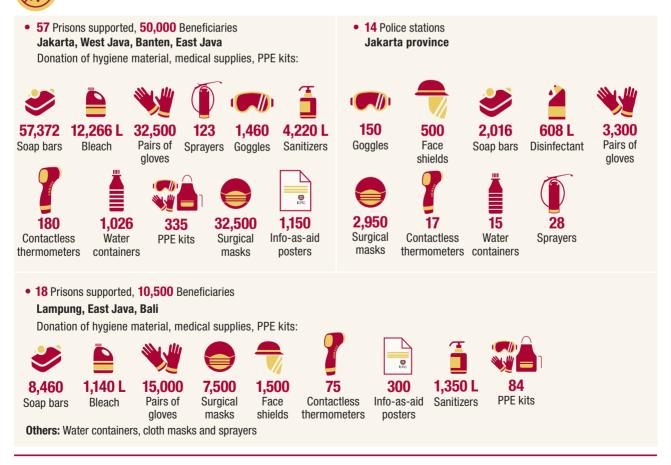
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#### ) INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES



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#### **HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

- Government authorities: Online info-as-aid sessions to spread awareness
- 4 Military Hospitals (Jakarta, West Java, East Java) Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies:



Pairs of gloves

 22 General Hospitals across Indonesia Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies:





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#### PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Sanitizers

• Financial aid and technical advice provided for modification of eight ambulances to prevent infection when transferring COVID-19 patients

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Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies for management of dead bodies and Restoring Family Links services:



• Sharing guidelines and SOPs: Partnering with PMI to develop guidelines to ensure that the dead bodies recovered are identified, and, if not, transferred to the police for scientific process

#### **OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

- Due to the unprecedented challenge created by COVID-19, the Jakarta delegation has reallocated 65% of its budget to pandemic response.
- As the spread of COVID-19 is yet to show any signs of slowing down, we have widened our support to include different Indonesian institutions. While the initial plans were to support prisons in three provinces and 25 hospitals, during the first semester of 2020, we distributed PPE, hygiene and health items to 75 detention centres, 26 hospital facilities, 14 police stations and two Islamic boarding schools in Indonesia. The plan is to keep up the distribution during the coming weeks.

#### **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- We are reaching out to our network of academics, religious and community leaders to pass appropriate messages of prevention that are adapted to specific audiences. We are also approaching various embassies to explore potential collaborations.
- As part of a refresher series, webinars on "management of the dead during pandemics" are being organized for volunteers and first responders from faith-based organizations. The delegation recently participated in a discussion organized by Keluarga Buddhayana Indonesia, a Buddhist community.
- We are working with the PMI on COVID-19 related communication programmes that could reach wider audience through various mediums.

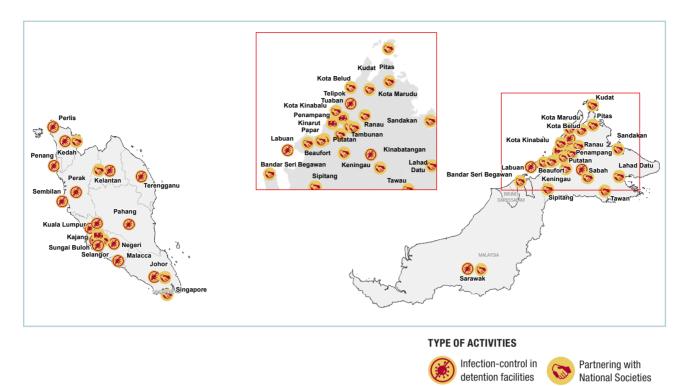
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### **KUALA LUMPUR REGIONAL DELEGATION** (MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)

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#### KUALA LUMPUR REGIONAL DELEGATION (MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & BRUNEI DARUSSALAM) COVID-19 RESPONSE



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### **KUALA LUMPUR REGIONAL DELEGATION**

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(MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)

66,427

65,250 TOTAL RECOVERED

158

TOTAL DEATHS

\*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 4 September 2020

#### PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

#### TELIPOK, KOTA KINABALU, KINARUT, PAPAR

#### Awareness on prevention

- Info-as-aid posters and audio messages translated in local languages and communicated via social media channels
- **30,000** Beneficiaries

#### **KUALA LUMPUR**

#### **Ministry of Health**



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8,000 special masks donated

#### **TELIPOK, KOTA KINABALU**

#### Infection prevention and control

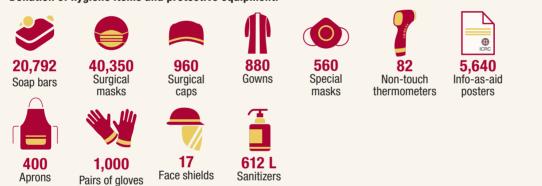
 Together with the MRCS and CHV, supported DHO in polio vaccination campaign in the settlements adapted to new COVID-19 SOPs

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 Beneficiaries: 886 Children (age group of one month to 13 years)

#### ) INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

**42** Prisons in Malaysia; **74,000** Beneficiaries **Donation of hygiene items and protective equipment:** 



Material support for Restoring Family Links (RFL) services:

Webcams and speakers to facilitate video calls between detainees and their family members: 84

#### **Dialogue & persuasion:**

Note related to release of detainees sent to authorities at headquarters

**18** Immigration Detention Centres all over Malaysia; **16,000** Beneficiaries **Donation of hygiene items and protective equipment:** 



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**HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS** 

KUALA LUMPUR Medicolegal departments: 200 body bags donated

### PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

#### **SINGAPORE RED CROSS**

#### **Financial support**

- for setting up screening / triage / isolation facilities
- to meet the urgent needs of the most vulnerable sections of society

#### **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM RED CRESCENT SOCIETY**

Financial support

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#### to aid their COVID-19 response

#### MALAYSIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY



Financial support to aid their COVID-19 response



**Capacity-building** Supported in organizing online training sessions for branches and others



Infection prevention 50,000 masks donated for volunteers and staff



Mobilization Supported MRCS with its state COVID-19 response



#### Preventive measures

**Financial and technical support** to organize COVID-19 training sessions by DHO for NS volunteers on awareness, best practices and PPE standards and procedures

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#### **OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

• **Malaysia:** Extended technical advice on health care in detention to authorities and continued to engage with them in a bilateral dialogue on other areas of support.

#### **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- Continued engagement with other humanitarian organizations via participation in a Risk Communication & Community Engagement Working Group (RCCE-WG). Commissioned by the MoH via the WHO, the RCCE-WG was formed among key humanitarian actors in the country at the peak of the pandemic. It continues to hold bi-weekly meetings and serves as an information exchange and coordination platform to encourage collaboration and remove duplication of efforts.
- Delivered a lecture to the armed forces and police personnel on the "Military Involvement in Security Operations in COVID-19 Response" at the Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College as part of the Command and Staff Diploma Course.
- Successfully organized a three-day Maritime in Security Operation seminar with the Centre for Military and International Humanitarian Law. The theme of the seminar was "COVID-19: Balancing Border Security Needs with Humanitarian Concerns". As many as 58 participants from enforcement agencies, academic institutions and international organizations attended the seminar.
- Playing an advisory role to the Joint HQ Police and Military during the Movement Control Order. Weekly meetings being organized.
- Playing an advisory role to the National Security Council on humanitarian concerns in the development of SOPs. Daily virtual meetings being organized.

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