WFP Myanmar
COVID-19 Situation Report #05
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Photo: The first of the aid flights launched by WFP in Myanmar successfully landed in Yangon on 10 May, bringing 10,000 UNICEF COVID-19 test kits to Myanmar. ©WFP/Htet Oo Linn

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Highlights

- On behalf of the United Nations, WFP organized the first two aid flights linking Yangon and Kuala Lumpur to bring in humanitarian cargo and personnel.
- WFP has provided food and nutrition assistance to 12,740 people under quarantine in Kayin, Mon, Shan and Yangon, as requested by the authorities.
- WFP is supporting the Government of Myanmar in distributing a cash assistance top up for pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-23 months in internally displaced persons camps in Kachin and Shan states.

Situation

- According to the Ministry of Health and Sports, there are 199 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 21 May, including six fatalities. Two confirmed cases were recently reported in Rakhine State.
- To curb the spread of COVID-19, the Government of Myanmar has extended restrictions including the prohibition of gatherings of five and more people, the closure of preschools and the suspension of international commercial flights until 31 May.

WFP Operations

- WFP is supporting the Department of Social Welfare in distributing cash top-up for pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-23 months in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps in Kachin and Shan states.
- WFP is also seeking to ramp up the Government's maternal and child cash transfers programme beyond IDP camps, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- Starting this month, WFP is shifting its remote market monitoring from a monthly to a bi-weekly basis to better track food prices in all WFP's operational areas. WFP will adjust the value of cash-based transfer (CBT) entitlements if prices change substantially.

🌾 Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP continues its emergency food and nutrition assistance for 12,740 people in, or in transit to, quarantine sites in Kayin, Mon and Shan states and Yangon Region, as requested by the authorities.
- Meanwhile, WFP is planning to provide food and nutrition assistance to 5,300 migrant returnees in Kachin State. The current plan is to support at least 50,000 migrant returnees in quarantine facilities up to the end of June.
- WFP, in collaboration with UNICEF, is planning to scale up the treatment for acute malnutrition cases in Yangon peri-urban areas.

Common Services Support

✈🚌 Supply Chain and Logistics Coordination

- WFP has been awarded USD 1 million from the Myanmar Humanitarian Fund to coordinate the joint procurement of key hygiene and personal protection equipment for use by its staff and six NGO partners.
- WFP plans to expand the storage capacity in its Sittwe warehouse to accommodate up to 1,000 metric tonnes of food commodities. The warehouse will support WFP's own operational requirement and may extend storage capacity of 500 m^2 for partners for the COVID-19 response, if needed.

✈ Aviation Service Support

- On 10 May, WFP, on behalf of the United Nations, launched a series of aid flights linking Yangon and Kuala Lumpur to bring in humanitarian cargo and personnel, including 10,000 COVID-19 test kits for UNICEF. The second flight successfully landed on 17 May, bringing in additional COVID-19 supplies and other medical equipment.
- An additional flight on 24 May is scheduled. Effective 31 May, WFP will transition from the current service (funded by the European Union and Switzerland) to a regional air service funded through the Global Humanitarian Response Plan, in which partners will utilize WFP's global humanitarian flight booking hub.

Resourcing Situation

- WFP requires approximately US$ 4.1 million to provide food and nutrition assistance for up to 50,000 quarantined migrant returnees, as reflected in the Humanitarian Response Plan Addendum.
- WFP requires US$ 2.8 million for logistics/ common services support.

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (June 2020 – November 2020)	
Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)	**USD 29.6 million**

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