MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (11 March 2020, 8:00PM) (Link) (Unofficial translation by OCHA)

- 1. The Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) has been working on monitoring and preventive measures of the COVID-19, which has been spreading globally, at international entrances/gates, at public hospitals and among communities, as well as in cooperation with private hospitals.
- 2. In doing so, the following patients have been treated and isolated as Persons Under Investigations (PUI) at designated hospitals. Nasal swab samples taken from them will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon.
- (a) A 48-year-old man, who lives in Myaing Township of Magway Region, returned from Yunnan Province of China to Muse Town in northern Shan State on 20 February 2020. When leaving from Muse for Ruili Town of China on 10 March 2020, he was found having a high body temperature at the Muse Border Gate. As he started suffering from fever and coughing since 8 March 2020, he has been treated and isolated at Muse General Hospital.
- (b) A 25-year-old woman, who lives in Kamma Township of Magway Region, returned from Hunan Province of China on 7 March 2020 and started suffering from fever, coughing and sore throat since 9 March 2020. She has been treated and isolated at Gyobin Station Hospital [in Kamma Township] since 11 March 2020.
- (c) A 35-year-old man who lives in Bangkok City of Thailand arrived Myanmar on 11 March 2020. On his arrival at the Yangon International Airport, he was found having high body temperature, so he has been sent and treated in an isolation room at Weibargi Hospital. [Laboratory test result for him is stated under 3(f)]
- (d) A 23-year-old woman, who lives in Pyigyitagon Township of Mandalay Region, returned from Ruili Town of China about two weeks ago and started suffering from coughing and obstructive breathing since 9 March 2020. Hence, she has been treated and isolated at Mandalay 300 Bedded Teaching Hospital since 11 March 2020.
- (e) A 37-year-old woman of Japan citizen, who lives in Mayangone Township of Yangon Region, returned from Malaysia to Myanmar 9 March 2020. As she started suffering from fever, sore throat and fatigue since 11 March 2020, she arrived at the Yangon General Hospital and has been treated and isolated.
- 3. According to the results of the NHL in Yangon in the evening of 10 March 2020, the following patients tested negative for COVID-19.
- (a) A 26-year-old woman, who lives in Taikkyi Township of Yangon Region, being treated as a PUI in Insein General Hospital.
- (b) A 17-year-old woman, who lives in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region, being treated as a PUI in Insein General Hospital.
- (c) A 39-year-old man, who lives in Pauk Township of Magway Region, being treated as a PUI in Pakokku General Hospital.
- (d) A 23-year-old man, who lives in Pindaya Township of southern Shan State, being treated as a PUI in Pindaya General Hospital.
- (e) A 34-year-old man, who lives in Danuphyu Township of Ayeyarwady Region, being treated as a PUI in Weibargi Hospital.
- (f) A 35-year-old man, who lives in Bangkok City of Thailand, being treated as a PUI in Weibargi Hospital.

- 4. The MoHS has announced that, from the flights from the Republic of Korea to Yangon International Airport, the people from North Gyeongsang (Gyeongsangbuk-do), including the hotspot Daegu City, and South Gyeongsang (Gyeongsangnam-do) Provinces, in the Republic of Korea will be quarantined in hospitals, and the people from other provinces will be quarantined at homes or hotels. Of 69 passengers of a flight that landed in Yangon International Airport at 5:30 on 11 March 2020, six Myanmar citizens, who flew from the hotspot areas of Daegu, Chengwon, Miyann and Gimhae, have been quarantined at South Okkalapa Women and Children Hospital and the remaining 63 who flew from other areas have been quarantined either at homes or hospitals, with all of them to be monitored for 14 days.
- 5. As of 11 March 2020, 4:00 PM, six patients were being treated and monitored at designated hospitals.
- 6. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring although there were no laboratory-confirmed cases as of 11 March 2020. The MoHS calls on people to exactly follow the MoHS health guidelines as the COVID-19 has been spreading in China and other 110 countries in the world, including neighboring countries.

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