**MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (23 March 2020, 8:00PM) (**[**Link**](https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar/posts/3270706242958658?__tn__=-R)**)**

***(Unofficial translation by OCHA)***

1. A 36-year-old Myanmar citizen holding a Green Card in the USA, who lives in Tedim Town of Chin State, flew back from the USA to Myanmar on 13 March 2020. As he suffered from the fever on 19 March 2020, he visited Population Services International. Then, he was transferred to Tedim Township General Hospital on 21 March 2020 and has been treated as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) in an isolation room. He has no cough and other symptoms of respiratory diseases.

Nasal swab was taken from him on 22 March 2020 and sent to the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. According to the NHL’s result released on 23 March 2020, **he tested positive for COVID-19**. As of 23 March 2020, at 11 PM, the patient was in good health, having no fever and no other symptoms of respiratory diseases.

1. A 26-year-old Myanmar citizen, who flew back to Myanmar on 22 March 2020, has been quarantined and monitored at a facility in Hlegu Township. Since his arrival in Myanmar, the man has no fever and no other symptoms of respiratory diseases, but his nasal swab sample was sent to the NHL and **he tested positive for COVID-19** on 23 March 2020. The man has been transferred to Weibargi Hospital and isolated on the night of 23 March 2020.
2. The NHL in Yangon has tested the two men systematically in accord with four protocols.
3. According to the WHO’s procedures, nasal swab samples taken from the two men will also be sent to the WHO-designated laboratory on 24 March 2020, for confirmation.
4. All people contacted with the two men will be found out and quarantined and monitored.

**Table 1**

**MoHS Statement on PUIs and Suspected Patients of COVID-19 (23 March 2020, 11:45PM)**

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| **No** | **Age** | **Gender** | **Travel history within 14 days** | **Hospital** | **Arrival at Hospital** | **Lab Result** |
| 1 | 36 | Male | USA | Tedim Township General Hospital, Chin State | 21.3.2020 | **Positive** |
| 2 | 26 | Male | UK | Weibargi Hospital, Yangon Region | 23.3.2020 | **Positive** |