

MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (25 February 2020, 8:15PM) ([Link](#))
(Unofficial translation by OCHA)

1. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been spreading in 30 countries including China, and the World Health Organization (WHO) updated as below (as of 15:30 Myanmar Standard Time on 24 February 2020).
 - Globally
 - Confirmed cases - 79,331
 - Deaths - 2,618
 - China
 - Confirmed cases - 77,262
 - Deaths - 2,595
 - Countries outside China - 29
 - Laboratory-confirmed cases - 2,069
 - Countries which have more than 30 laboratory-confirmed cases were South Korea, Japan, Italy, Singapore, Iran, United States and Thailand.
 - The 23 deaths outside China were:
 - Philippines 1
 - Japan 1
 - France 1
 - South Korea 7
 - Iran 8
 - Italy 2
 - Diamond Princess Cruise 3

(Note: In Hubei Province of China, the centre of coronavirus outbreak, clinically diagnosed cases in addition to laboratory-confirmed cases were counted.)

2. COVID-19 in Myanmar

No confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 25 February 2020	
On 25 February 2020, a 23-year-old man from Kutkai Town has been treated at Muse Hospital [northern Shan State] as a Person Under Investigation. Nasal swab taken from him would be tested.	

Situation Update (31.01.2020 – 25.02.2020)	
Person Under Investigation (PUI)	39
Suspected patient	2
Total	41

Laboratory Update about PUIs and Suspected Patients (31.01.2020 – 25.02.2020)

Patients tested negative for COVID-19	40 (38 PUIs and 2 suspected patients)
Waiting for test result from a designated laboratory	-
Cases under the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon	1

Cases to be sent to NHL in Yangon	-
Total	41

The 41 PUIs and suspected patients included:

- People who had travelled to China - 37
- People who returned from Singapore - 2
- People who had not travelled to China - 2

3. There were two patients/PUIs left at designated hospitals in relevant Regions/States, who were in good health, although they tested negative for COVID-19, after two patients from Lashio [northern Shan State] and Weibargi [Yangon] hospitals were discharged.
4. Regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and spread in China and other countries, the MoHS has been working on;
 - (a) monitoring and preventive measures at international gates/entrances such as Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, as well as ports and,
 - (b) border gates- especially in Pang War-Chipwi, Waingmaw, Momauk towns in Kachin State and Muse, Namhkan and Laukkaing towns in northern Shan State that border with China's Yunnan Province, where as,
 - ensuring the filling-in of Health Declaration Cards,
 - monitoring suspected cases, investigating and contact tracing by relevant Region/State Health Department, General Administrative Department and other departments concerned, in cooperation with hotels and guest houses;
 - (c) conducting hospital-based surveillance,
 - (d) conducting community-based surveillance,
 - (e) cooperating with private hospitals and
 - (f) cooperating with other ministries concerned.
5. Public/General Hospitals at central level and Region/State levels
 - (a) has prepared Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Isolation Ward medicines and medical equipments as required.
 - (b) has defined the Kandawnadi Hospital in Mandalay City of Mandalay Region as a designated hospital and prepared ICU and Isolation Ward at the hospital in case of epidemic-prone disease.
 - (c) has defined hospitals close to border gates- District General Hospital (Muse Town), General Hospital (Lashio Town), Sao San Tun General Hospital (Taunggyi Town), General Hospital (Myitkyina Town), and General Hospital (Kengtung Town)- as designated hospitals.
6. The MoHS has been conducting public health awareness through State-run media and radio, updating regularly on the MoHS's website (www.mohs.gov.mm) and social media (<https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar> and <https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarCDC>), as well as disseminating leaflets, stickers, posters at public places, especially at schools, hotels and guest houses, pagodas, cinemas, factories and workplaces, bus stops and markets.
7. In each Region/State, the MoHS conducts;
 - (a) active surveillance and contact tracing of suspected patients,
 - (b) prohibition and limiting on travels as quarantine measures,
 - (c) referral of suspected patients and PUI to designated hospitals,

- (d) health education,
- (e) daily and immediate reporting about cases, and
- (f) coordination with relevant ministries and stakeholders.

8. Myanmar has received local and international supports as below.

No	Organization	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	N-95 Mask	Surgical Mask	Hand Gel	Non-Contact Thermometer	Ventilator	Glove	Anti-septic Paper
1	WHO	100	500	-	-	-			
2	Myanmar Red Cross Society	2,000	-	5,000	1,857	-		6,000	100
3	Sea Lion Company	2,000	-	-	-	-			
4	Korea (Okkar Thiri Company)	1,000	-	-	225	-			
5	Zizawa Company	-	-	-	-	45			
6	Gold Lite Co., Ltd	-	2,000	-	-	-			
7	Eclion Global Group and other donors	3,300	-	-	-	-			
8	Yee Shin Company						5		
9	Valves Co., Ltd			2,000					
	Total	8,400	2,500	7,000	2,072	45	5	6,000	100

9. In addition, the MoHS has ensured that the hospitals in each Region/State are prepared and have adequate medical equipments- ventilators, humidifiers, pulse oxymetres, defibrillators, electrocardiograms, non-contact thermometers, PPEs, N-95 masks, surgical masks and hand gels.
10. At 11:00 AM on 25 February 2020, the MoHS hosted the 5th inter-ministerial meeting for inter-ministerial coordination committee. During the meeting:
- (a) Since the number of cases in South Korea is high since 18 February 2020, according to the WHO, Myanmar is to monitor on the passengers who fly from South Korea, and to prepare Myanmar nationals who return from South Korea;
 - (b) As the 'Silver Spirit' cruise carrying about 900 passengers will dock at Myanmar on 4 March 2020, the MoHS has discussed about WHO procedures with Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Ministry of Immigration and Population;
 - (c) The MoHS will take preparatory measures for the religious titles conferring ceremony to the renowned monks, which will be held on 6 and 8 March, and will install thermal scanners at the ceremony.

11. The MoHS has been speeding up on monitoring and preventive measures on COVID-19, in cooperation with other relevant ministries, and national and international organizations.

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