



# Information sharing on novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

MRCSS's activities supported by the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement partners in Myanmar

#COVID19 Red Cross voices from the field



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I have been a Red Cross volunteer for 37 years now in three different regions – Kayin, Mandalay, and Bago. This week I am in Yangon for a training of trainers (ToT) by Myanmar Red Cross Society on risk communication, community engagement, and psychosocial support. We did many group discussions and role plays to familiarize ourselves in COVID-19 related situations that can happen when we work with people in the communities. We also learned about how to deal with rumors. I am one of 9 women out of 29 volunteers who came from 9 states & regions throughout the country to attend this training. Once I am back home, I will train 300 Red Cross volunteers in Kayin state to become trainers themselves. I am happiest when I share my knowledge with others.”

Daw Tinmar Nwe, Hpa-an township, Kayin state

## Female Red Cross volunteers in #Myanmar at the forefront of #COVID19 activities



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We need more women to be upfront and share equal leadership with men. Everyone, especially women and children, can greatly benefit from female Red Cross and Red Crescent leaders who understand their needs.”

Dr. Daw Amaya Maw Naing, Vice President, Myanmar Red Cross Society



Sharing preventive tips in Shan state



Distributing posters in Yangon



Health screening in Kavin state



*The financial and technical support from partners, especially from Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement, have been very helpful. However, as there are many more communities to reach, we need more financial and technical support, as well as in-kind contributions. We are doing our best and will continue to, but with more support, we can do much more."*

**Dr Nay Htet Lin, Deputy Director, Health Department, Myanmar Red Cross Society**

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) as of 8pm, 9 March 2020  
Total PUI /Suspected - 81  
Confirmed - 0  
Lab Negative - 75  
Lab Pending - 6  
Discharged - 54  
Source: [Surveillance Dashboard](#). Global figures [here](#).

Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), in close coordination with the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS), has mobilized a large number of Red Cross volunteers to support the MoHS activities to prevent COVID-19. MRCS's activities focus on awareness raising, information sharing, health education, risk communications, and psychosocial support at the community level. Additionally, MRCS has been supporting MoHS in screening people in migration entry & exit points as well as in community-based surveillance measures. MRCS also distributed sanitizers, as well as procured personal protective equipment to be well prepared for possible outbreak and its impact to its frontline health volunteers working in communities. MRCS continues to lead the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement Task Force which convenes regularly to effectively and timely prepare for the fast-evolving situation. On 13 Feb 2020, MRCS launched the emergency plan of action (Required Amount: CHF 1,226,730) supported by the Movement partners. To learn more about MRCS's activities on COVID-19, please see [interactive mapping of resources and trained volunteers](#) developed by MRCS information management department with the support of American Red Cross or MRCS social media ([Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#)).



### WEBINAR: The role of media in containing COVID-19 and saving lives

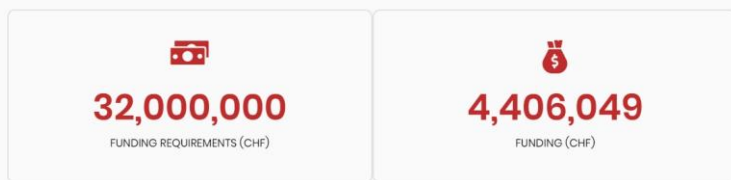
On Wednesday 4 March, IFRC hosted a webinar on the role of media in containing COVID-19 and saving lives, in collaboration with WHO, BBC Media Action and Internews. During the webinar, representatives of four organizers answered journalists' questions and share online resources to keep people safe and informed. More than 170 journalists across the globe participated. Recording of the webinar is available [here](#).

For previous versions of this weekly COVID-19 update by MRCS and Red Cross & Red Cross Movement partners, please visit [here](#).

### IFRC revised emergency appeal highlights

On 11 February 2020, IFRC [launched](#) its revised emergency appeal for COVID-19 outbreak response. This Emergency Appeal seeks a revised **total of CHF 32 million** to enable the IFRC to support its membership to deliver assistance and support to communities affected or at risk of being affected by COVID-19. Assistance will be tailored to each country depending on its epidemic preparedness and response, as well as the vulnerability of particular groups of people in the community. **Currently CHF 4,406,049 is received.** (Source: [IFRC Go](#))

### Global: COVID-19 outbreak



### Resources and contact information

[Daily MoHS update on COVID-19](#)

[Daily MIMU update on COVID-19](#)

[IFRC COVID-19 additional graphics](#)

[Guidance note: Risk communication and CEA](#)

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