



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



“ I am a gatekeeper who protects people from COVID-19”

Myawaddy, Kayin state - "Myawaddy district has two bridges which connect Thailand and Myanmar, one of which is used by truck drivers from Thailand. The Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) invited MRCSS to support them and trained MRCSS volunteers to monitor people coming and out through this bridge. Every day, we check the temperature of the drivers and record the information where they are going with their products. They usually come in the morning and go back in the evening. Luckily, there was no person so far who was suspected to have COVID-19. However, we are still here closely monitoring. People ask me why I do this risking my own health. My answer to them is simple: I am a gatekeeper who protects people. This is what I like doing."

U Aung Naing Oo, Myawaddy District, Red Cross volunteer

Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCSS), 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. Recently, MRCSS conducted two Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) trainings of trainers (ToT) in Naypyitaw and Yangon, inviting 60 Red Cross volunteers from all over the country. MRCSS's activities focus on awareness raising, information sharing, health education, risk communications, and psychosocial support at the community level. Additionally, MRCSS has been supporting MoHS in screening people in migration entry & exit points as well as in community-based surveillance measures. MRCSS 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. On 13 Feb 2020, MRCSS launched the emergency plan of action (Required Amount: CHF 1,226,730) supported by the Movement partners. To learn more about MRCSS's activities on COVID-19, please see [interactive mapping of resources and trained volunteers](#) developed by MRCSS information management department with the support of American Red Cross or MRCSS social media ([Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#)).

MRCSS highlight of the week



[Info sharing in Mon state](#)



[Billboard set up in Kayin state](#)

Latest statistics from the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) as of 8pm, 16 March 2020

Total Person Under Investigation /Suspected - 133
Confirmed - 0
Lab Negative - 123
Lab Pending - 10

Source: [Surveillance Dashboard](#). Global figures [here](#).

and many more...



[Info sharing in Ayayarwady Region](#)



[Outreach in Tanintharyi Region](#)



[Health screening in northern Shan state](#)



[Poster distribution in Sagaing Region](#)

60 Red Cross volunteers who received the Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) trainings of trainers (ToT) have been spreading the knowledge in their own township, especially among vulnerable population including women and children.



**Hpa-an township
Kayin state**

“ Out of 32 people in the room who were mostly women and children, only two people have heard about COVID-19. Red Cross volunteers did information session on what COVID-19 is, how it spreads, and how to prevent it.”

**Daw Haymar Win,
Hpa-an township
Red Cross volunteer**



**Maungdaw township,
Rakhine state**

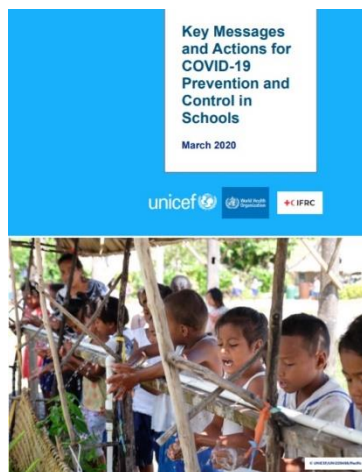
“ I did an information session for 12 men, 5 boys, and 18 women. People in the township do not take the risk of COVID-19 very seriously, which worries me. We need more information materials and hand sanitizers to distribute in the community.”

**U Maung Win Naing,
Maungdaw township
Red Cross volunteer**

New guidance note & key messages



This guide provides advice on how to include marginalized and vulnerable people in risk communication and community engagement during COVID-19 operations. Read more [here](#).



This guide provides critical considerations and checklists to keep schools safe, and ways to adapt and implement emergency plans for educational facilities. Read more [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 5,036,467 is received.** (Source: [IFRC Go](#))



[Infographic](#) – Coping with stress
[Infographic](#) – Learn. Act. Help

Resources and contact information

- [Daily MoHS update on COVID-19](#)
- [Daily MIMU update on COVID-19](#)
- [International SOS Clinic Yangon – FAQ](#)
- [IFRC COVID-19 additional graphics](#)

Dr Nay Htet Lin	Joseph Muyambo
Deputy Director, Health Department	Programme Coordinator
Myanmar Red Cross Society	IFRC Myanmar Country Office
nayhtetlin@redcross.org.mm	joseph.muyambo@ifrc.org
+95 9 799 531 565	+95 9 450 719 453