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Update on MRCS ongoing humanitarian assistance

1. The Myanmar Red Cross Society is a state-recognized and internationally recognized humanitarian organization. The MRCS Law was enacted in 2015. Like other national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, the Myanmar Red Cross Society works as an auxiliary to the state, with a clear mandate to support the delivery of humanitarian services to populations who are most in need of help. We are also working with Movement partners to carry out humanitarian work.
2. Since 1920, the Myanmar Red Cross Society has been carrying out humanitarian work for the public, including ethnic groups, for the common good for more than 80 years in accordance with the seven Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross. MRCS works through Red Cross volunteers and systematically manages to implement community-based activities from headquarters / state / region / district Red Cross supervisory committees and township sub-levels at the village level.
3. Red Cross volunteers are always ready to provide timely assistance to the people affected by natural disasters and conflicts in the country. For example, for those affected by disasters such as Cyclone Nargis, Cyclone Giri, Tale Earthquake, floods and landslides and for those affected by the conflict in Rakhine, Kachin State and Meikhtila Township where Red Cross volunteers provided first aid, health care, psychosocial support, providing emergency basic supplies, food and drinking water and reconnecting separated families.
4. Since the outbreak of Covid-19 started, the Red Cross Emergency Operations Center was set up under the guidance of MRCS headquarters. 3700 volunteers from 282 townships were monitoring border gates, providing Covid-19 prevention education awareness and providing psychosocial support and other necessary support.
5. In addition, at the request of the Yangon Region Covid-19 Prevention and Management Committee, from September 2020 to January 2021, more than 260 Red Cross volunteers from Yangon, Ayeyarwady, Magway and Bago Regions, Mon, Southern and Northern Shan States, and Naypyidaw were deployed and took turns to provide necessary assistance at Yangon General Hospital and Hlaing and Phaung Gyi Covid-19 Medical Centers.
6. Covid-19 prevention activities were carried out across the country, reaching more than 3 million people from March 2020 to December 2021 by transferring patients to Quarantine Centers / Treatment Centers, assisting with vaccination, and providing health care and health education. During this period, we provided the necessary social support and comfort to the families of volunteers who lost their lives.
7. Since February 2021, during civil unrest, the MRCS operated 547 first aid post in 198 townships with capacity of 2002 Red Cross volunteers and provided first aid services; health

and care; referred the injured to the nearest hospitals and delivered maternity patients to hospital. During this period, MRCS provided the necessary social support and comfort to the families of affected volunteers.

8. In Chin State, Magway and Sagaing Regions, we provided emergency supplies and medical care to displaced people, such as running mobile clinics and providing Covid-19 prevention materials. Currently, assessments are being conducted to provide support to households in 14 townships of Sagaing Region.
9. Currently, working with the Southern Shan State Red Cross Supervisory Committee, MRCS is providing relief items and Covid-19 prevention materials to internally displaced people who have fled from Kayah State and arrived in Taunggyi, Si Saing, Nyaungshwe and Pinlaung Townships.
10. Between 2019 to December 2021, the Myanmar Red Cross Society has been providing cash and basic food assistance to over 170,000 vulnerable households in Yangon Region and Mandalay Region.
11. MRCS is implementing relevant projects in coordination with donors and partners with their financial and technical assistance. While providing humanitarian services that prioritize the most vulnerable people, MRCS focuses on the safety of volunteers and acknowledges the commitment of volunteers. All stages of the process are transparent and informed to all stakeholders.
12. Under the close supervision of the Executive Committee led by the President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the Central Council members and the supervisory committees of the States and Regions, MRCS adheres to the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, remaining strictly neutral, impartial and independent at all times and ensuring transparency and accountability in all activities.

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