

**MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (12 February 2020, 8:00PM) ([Link](#))**  
***(Unofficial translation by OCHA)***

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) has been working on monitoring and preventive measures of COVID-19, which has been spreading in China and some countries in the world, at international entrances/gates, at public hospitals and among communities, as well as in cooperation with private hospitals.
2. A 29-year-old woman, who returned to Myanmar on 5 February after closely staying with a person tested positive for COVID-19 in Singapore, has been under surveillance since 9 February at Weibargi Hospital in Yangon, and was in good health. The people, who have been quarantined at home since they were contacted with the suspected woman, were also in good health.
3. A Chinese research vessel Xiang Yang Hong 06, which arrived at Yangon's Thilawa Port at 4:20 PM on 12 February 2020 to jointly conduct oceanographic research within Myanmar Special Economic Zone. A team from Central Epidemiology Unit, Health Unit of Port Immigration and Yangon Region Department of Public Health went boarding the vessel and investigate each of all 59 crews and researchers if they had fever, checking their daily records of body temperatures, health declaration cards, and food and sanitation on board. Then, the vessel was permitted to dock the port at 6:00 PM since no one on board had fever and they left Malé of Maldives on 21 January 2020 – days beyond the time the COVID-19 could have started.
4. From 8:00 PM of 11 February to 8:00 PM of 12 February, there was no new Person Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 in Regions/States.
5. Therefore, as of 6:00 PM on 12 February 2020, a total of 16 PUIs continued to be under surveillance and treated at designated hospitals in respective Regions/States. All of them are in good health.
6. The MoHS will keep updating about new cases, if any, of COVID-19.

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