

**MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (13 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 the 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 17-year-old woman living in Laukkaing Township of northern Shan State, who underwent appendix operation at Lan Cheng Hospital in China from 21 January to 2 February 2020, returned to Laukkaing on 4 February. She took medical treatment at Lashio General Hospital as she was starting to have high body temperature and pus oozing out of the surgical wound since 9 February. She was defined as Person Under Investigation (PUI) and being monitored due to her recent visit to China, though she is likely to be suffering from wound infection. Nasal swab taken from her will be sent to a laboratory designated by WHO. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
3. A 24-year-old man in Yamethin Township, who returned to Mandalay from China's Ruili town on 12 February. He has been under surveillance since he started suffering from fever, coughing and sore throat on 13 February. Nasal swab taken from him will be sent and tested at a laboratory designated by the WHO. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
4. As of 8:00PM of 13 February, a total of 18 PUIs continued to be under surveillance and treated at designated hospitals in respective Regions/States. All of them are in good health. MoHS will keep updating the results of nasal swab test.

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