MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (18 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 25-year-old man in Saku (Minbu) Townwhip of Magway Region, who returned back from Meng Teng Town of China to Myanmar on 3 February, started suffering from fever, coughing and sore throat since 12 February. He went to Saku Township Hospital on 17 February but was transferred to Magway Hospital. Defined as a Person Under Investigation (PUI), he has been treated in an isolation ward. Nasal swab taken from him will be sent and tested at a designated laboratory. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found by immediate examination.
- 3. As of 8:00 PM on 18 February 2020, a total of nine patients have been under surveillance and treated. They all were in good health. The MoHS will keep updating about the test results of the patients timely.

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