

**MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (19 February 2020, 8:15PM) ([Link](#))**  
**(Unofficial translation by OCHA)**

1. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been spreading in 26 countries including China, and the World Health Organization (WHO) updated as below (as of 15:30 Myanmar Standard Time on 18 February 2020).

- Globally
  - Confirmed cases - 73,332
  - Deaths - 1,873
- China
  - Confirmed cases - 72,528 (99 percent of global case)
  - Deaths - 1,870
- Other countries outside China - 25 countries
  - Laboratory-confirmed cases - 804
  - Death - 3 (Philippines, Japan and France)

**(Note: In Hubei Province of China, the centre of coronavirus outbreak, clinically diagnosed cases in addition to laboratory-confirmed cases were counted.)**

2. COVID-19 in Myanmar

<b>No confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 18 February 2020</b>	
<b>Situations Update (31.01.2020 – 19.02.2020)</b>	
Person Under Investigation (PUI)	37
Suspected patient	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

**Situation Update about PUIs and Suspected Patients (31.01.2020 – 19.02.2020)**

Patients tested negative for COVID-19	<b>28</b> (26 PUIs and 2 suspected patients)
Cases under (Thailand) laboratory test	9
Cases to be sent for laboratory test in Thailand	-
Cases under process of taking nasal swab	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

The 39 PUIs and suspected patients included:

- People who had travelled to China - 35
- People who had not travelled to China - 4

3. A total of 11 PUIs at designated hospitals in respective Regions/States have been under surveillance and treatment, and all were in good health as of 6:00 PM on 19 February 2020.
4. Regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and spread in China and other countries, the MoHS has been working on;
- (a) monitoring and preventive measures at international gates/entrances such as Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, as well as ports and,

- (b) border gates- especially in Pang War-Chipwi, Waingmaw, Momauk towns in Kachin State and Muse, Namhkan and Laukkaing towns in northern Shan State that border with China's Yunnan Province, where as,
- ensuring the filling-in of Health Declaration Cards,
  - monitoring suspected cases, investigating and contact tracing by relevant Region/State Health Department, General Administrative Department and other departments concerned, in cooperation with hotels and guest houses;
- (c) conducting hospital-based surveillance,
- (d) conducting community-based surveillance,
- (e) cooperating with private hospitals and
- (f) cooperating with other ministries concerned.
5. Public/General Hospitals at central level and Region/State levels
- (a) has prepared Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Isolation Ward medicines and medical equipments as required.
- (b) has defined the Kandawnadi Hospital in Mandalay City of Mandalay Region as a designated hospital and prepared ICU and Isolation Ward at the hospital in case of epidemic-prone disease.
- (c) has defined hospitals close to border gates- District General Hospital (Muse Town), General Hospital (Lashio Town), Sao San Tun General Hospital (Taunggyi Town), General Hospital (Myitkyina Town), and General Hospital (Kengtung Town)- as designated hospitals.
6. The National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon will start independent testing for COVID-19 on 20 February 2020.
7. The MoHS has been conducting public health awareness through State-run media and radio, updating regularly on the MoHS's website ([www.mohs.gov.mm](http://www.mohs.gov.mm)) and social media (<https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar> and <https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarCDC>), as well as disseminating leaflets, stickers, posters at public places, especially at schools, hotels and guest houses, pagodas, cinemas, factories and workplaces, bus stops and markets.
8. In each Region/State, the MoHS conducts;
- (a) active surveillance and contact tracing of suspected patients,
- (b) prohibition and limiting on travels as quarantine measures,
- (c) referral of suspected patients and PUI to designated hospitals,
- (d) health education,
- (e) daily and immediate reporting about cases, and
- (f) coordination with relevant ministries and stakeholders.
9. Myanmar has received local and international supports as below.

No	Organization	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	N-95 Mask	Surgical Mask	Hand Gel	Non-Contact Thermometer
1	WHO	100	500	-	-	-
2	Myanmar Red Cross Society	1,500	-	5,000	-	-

3	Sea Lion Company	2,000	-	-	-	-
4	Korea (Okkar Thiri Company)	1,000	-	-	225	-
5	Zizawa Company	-	-	-	-	45
6	Gold Lite Co., Ltd	-	2,000	-	-	-
7	Ecllion Global Group and other donors	3,300	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	7,900	2,500	5,000	225	45

10. In addition, the MoHS has ensured that the hospitals in each Region/State are prepared and have adequate medical equipments- ventilators, humidifiers, pulse oxymetres, defibrillators, electrocardiograms, non-contact thermometers, PPEs, N-95 masks, surgical masks and hand gels.
11. On 19 February 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA (US CDC) visited the MoHS and discussed with MoHS officials about the cooperation in information and technology for the COVID-19. The MoHS has been speeding up on monitoring and preventive measures on COVID-19, in cooperation with other relevant ministries, and national and international organizations.

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