

**MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (20 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 19 February 2019).

- Globally
  - Confirmed cases - 75,204
  - Deaths - 2,009
- China
  - Confirmed cases - 74,280
  - Deaths - 2,006
- Other countries outside China - 25 countries
  - Laboratory-confirmed cases - 924
  - 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**

No confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 20 February 2020	
Situation Update (31.01.2020 – 20.02.2020)	
Person Under Investigation (PUI)	38
Suspected patient	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

**Situation Update about PUIs and Suspected Patients (31.01.2020 – 20.02.2020)**

Patients tested negative for COVID-19	36 (34 PUIs and 2 suspected patients)
Waiting for test result from a designated laboratory	1
Cases under the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon	0
Cases to be sent to NHL in Yangon	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

The 40 PUIs and suspected patients included:

- People who had travelled to China - 36
- People who returned from Singapore - 2
- People who had not travelled to China - 2

3. According to the designated laboratory in Thailand and the NHL in Yangon on 20 February 2020, a total of 11 patients tested negative for COVID-19. (2 patients in Mandalay Hospital, 2 patients in Lashio Hospital, 1 patient in Taungtha Township Hospital, 2 patients in Myittha Township Hospital, and 4 patients in Weibargi Hospital). One patient continued to be monitored and treated at a designated hospital and was in good health as of 6:00 PM on 20 February.
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	Ventilator
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	-	-	-	-	
8	Yee Shin Company						5
	<b>Total</b>	7,900	2,500	5,000	225	45	5

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. 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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