



Myanmar Response Measures against COVID-19 (Psycho-Social Support and Social welfare Services)

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COVID affect –524,407

Recover-500,307

Dead-19,141

Vaccination – 17,610,959

(12,305,631 complete 2 times)

up to 5 DEC

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Population- 54,970487 (2019 inter-censal survey)

States and Regions – 7 States, 7 Regions plus one Union Territory

Townships- 327 Townships

Sex ration- 46.8% Female 53.2% (2019 inter-censal survey)

Person with Disabilities- 2.3 million, 4.6%

Older People- 9.7%

Psycho social supports during pandemic

- Department of Social Welfare (DSW) Setting Up of Hot lines in states and regions in June 2020 especially for phone counselling during pandemic situation.
- Data and instructions were supervised by DSW Case management Division.
- States and Regions Hot-lines case managers are also trained for psycho- social support and phone counselling.
- Up to 5 December 2021 , 627 Phone calls has been received and 206 cases has been settled and 421 has been referred to the relevant Departments and Organizations.

Volunteer mobilization , trainings and assistance

- Ministry of Social Welfare formed National Volunteer Steering Unit (NVSU) set up in 25 April ,2020.
- NVSU Mobilized nation wide volunteer (44546) and (2589) local volunteer organizations for prevention and responses activities (COVID Volunteer) (inclusion of existing volunteers and newly recruited)
- These volunteers are assigned in Hospital, Facility Quarantine Center, Community Based Quarantine center and other necessary assistance services.
- Trainings were jointly conducted by NVSU, MOH, Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) a total of (450) TOT in person trainings, and (21912) volunteers through online trainings.
- NVSU supports lunch boxes and travel allowance to volunteers in 169 townships.
- (1127.392 billions MMK for lunch box) (509.993 billions MMK for fule)totally (1637.385 billions MMK)
- Preventiog materials totally (40) items valued about (5966.205)billions MMK has been delivered to volunteers.
- Hand Book books for Trainer, Guidance for volunteers, Handbook for Ambulance driver and assistance were also developed during first wave and second wave.

Support to vulnerable groups

- Priority selecting of vulnerable group for vaccinating. (All the Older People, PWDs, and COVID Volunteer are counted as priority group for COVID vaccinating)
- Cash assistance to pregnant mother, Person with disabilities and Older People temporary stayed in Quarantine centre were also provide.
- Up to 2021,September to (2830) pregnancy women (3004) children under 5, (9166) older people , (179)PWDs ,Totally(15179) person benefit each per (30000) kyats , total(455.37)billions MMK.
- (2019-2020)fiscal year (4827) person, totally (144.810) billions MMK.
- (2020-2021) fiscal year(10352) person, totally(310.56) billions MMK.

Challenges

Data Constraints

- Real time supervision and support has been difficult due to geographical situation, time constraints and information gaps.
- COVID related rules and regulations has been changed over times in local area that hinder some volunteer response activities.
- Very much rely on secondary data in support to vulnerable groups and COVID volunteers, where relevant data were collected by local administrations.

Resource Constraints

- Needs of the affected people and region differ from time to time (for eg. 1st wave largely need of mask, PPE, volunteers, 2nd wave fuel and ambulance, PPE, 3rd wave Oxygen concentrator, medicines)
- Service providers and volunteers are exhausted, due to long terms pandemic.

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- **Thanks You Very Much**