

# Myanmar Country Office

## COVID-19 Situation Report

**SitRep No:** #5

**Date:** 13 April 2020

### 1. Situation in Numbers

Total Confirmed Cases in Country	Total Confirmed new cases in Country (since last SitRep)	Total deaths in Country
41 (including 2 children)	20	4

Please refer to WHO Sit Reps to populate this table. Available [here](#).

### 2. Key Issues

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Key government updates, including mitigation and response measures.
  - Brief contextual analysis of the situation, including impact on health, education and other essential services.
  - Impact on children and families in ChildFund operational areas.
  - Impact and effects on ChildFund team.
  - The work of other agencies and ChildFund’s relationship with them.
- Number of confirmed cases nearly doubled in one week from 21 to 41 with 4 death cases, the majority of cases being in Yangon.
  - All commercial international flights suspension extended to 30 April while domestic flights are still operating.
  - April 6 – National Committee on COVID issued a statement – Food (5 items) support will be provided to those in need (food items are being distributed last week); electricity bills will be free for the first 150 units for April; April 8 - MOHS – website for contact reporting and tracing and MOHS call centre starts operating; Yangon Government has issued a statement of STAY HOME during 11-19 April (holiday period); April 11 – Quarantine period extended from 14 to 28 days (21 at facility and 7 at home).
  - Most of other INGOs staff from other towns are also allowed to return to their hometown linked with Thingyan Holiday.
  - ChildFund is working together with other INGOs through Child Protection WG and, is also a part of Health sector coordination groups.

### 3. Operations Update

#### 3.1 People and Organisational Development

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- Number of staff affected by COVID-19, including the number of staff in self-isolation.
- International arrivals and departures of staff since COVID crisis.
- WFH arrangements, including any related challenges.
- None of the staff or family members has been affected.
- SEL advisor (last international visitor) left MM in the first week of March.

- CO team is working from home and ERT is in office on Mon and Thurs. During this reporting period, FAM and FAO are also in the office as needed. Three staffs have returned to hometown and two will continue working from home.
- There have been sporadic electricity cuts across YGN and some staff cannot work full day.

### 3.2 Finance, IT and Administration

*Include a brief statement on each of the following:*

- Challenges that relate to registration, MoU's, contracts, cash transfers and general banking.
- IT situation.
- MOU renewal process is still going on with active follow up, while delays are expected with government reduction in workforce.
- Banks are still operating at full function and so far, there has been no panic cash withdrawal. ChildFund has shifted to account to account transfer with fund transfer still need to provide check at the bank) for staff salary and partner fund transfer and now negotiating with bank shifting to online request for payments and cash transfers.
- With IT, the internet services are still continuing at full capacity and the services are still fine. The contracted IT service will provide online software IT support during WFH period.

### 3.3 Security

*Include a brief statement on each of the following:*

- Update on general security level in ChildFund operational areas and security incidents impacting ChildFund since the last situation report. Please include *analysis* where necessary/possible.
- Any changes/updates to the security guidelines/evacuation plans.
- Workers from some factories are asking for factories closure with full pay. With more jobless population and those returnees from Thailand, there is general expectation of crimes to rise.
- There is discrimination against health care workers from their landlords and neighbours out of fear for COVID.
- In CFMM contingency plan, we have identified five levels and we are at the moment at level 4. At level 5, CO will be closed with some staff hibernation.

### 3.4 Office Status

*No change from previous SitRep*

OFFICE	OFFICE STATUS			
	Open, Fully Operational	Majority of staff working from home	100% Working from Home	Shutdown, non-operational
YGN		ERT still in office on Mon and Thurs (with finance staff on some additional days)		

## 4. Programs Update

### 4.1 Programs Activity Level (indicator of current programming level)

OFFICE	PROGRAM OPERATIONS
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	75 - 100%	50 - 74%	25 - 49%	< 25%	0%
Child Protection	X				
Education		X			
SEL		X			

#### 4.2 Overview of ChildFund Activities (with a focus on COVID work)

<b>Summary:</b>	Reprogramming around COVID response on program approaches and IEC distribution
<b>Education:</b>	COVID preventive messages and measures incorporated into trainings and teaching sessions. IEC distribution planned in May
<b>Child Protection:</b>	Case management system prepared to respond to COVID related CP issues
<b>DRR/ ER:</b>	-
<b>Health:</b>	-
<b>SEL:</b>	Youths working on COVID response messaging in communities and among the youth groups

#### 4.3 Partnerships

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

- The status of partner organisations and to what extent they have been able to continue operations during the reporting period.
- What, if any, support, monitoring, information sharing and/or collaboration has taken place with local partners during the reporting period?

CO has started sharing and working with partners on program review with program, team as focal as well as developing their contingency plans with Emergency Response Focal (ERF) as the support focal. ERF has been sharing with all partners at least once a week (and ad hoc) the situation updates and useful resources from MOHS and WHO and other sources. Program team has been in discussion with partners on any response action on COVID-19 and so far, it will be mainly IEC distribution.

#### 4.4 Safeguarding

##### CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Number of child safeguarding incidences reported since the last SitRep:	0
Number of cases open and in progress:	0
Number of cases closed:	0

##### PSEAH

Number of PSEAH incidences reported since the last SitRep:	0
Number of cases open and in progress:	0
Number of cases closed:	0

*Include a brief statement on each of the following:*

- What new child safeguarding or PSEAH risks have been identified since the last sitrep?
- What new mitigation actions have been implemented to respond to child safeguarding or PSEAH risks since the last sitrep?

Nil

#### 4.5 Child Sponsorship

Number of children (sponsored and/enrolled) affected by COVID-19:

NR

*Include a brief statement on each of the following:*

- Challenges related to correspondence, communication and support to sponsored and/or enrolled children.

NR

### 5. Communications

*Include a brief statement on each of the following:*

- Local media, particularly news regarding ChildFund/partner activities or relevant child wellbeing issues.

CFMM has been posting COVID related posts from late March and has been developing child Focused short animation to be released this week through Facebook and through other INGOs.

### 6. Urgent Issues

*Include a brief statement on each of the following:*

- Urgent or significant issues.
- Support required from the Sydney Office.

NIL

### 7. Any Other Business (AOB)

*Provide any additional information here.*