

Regional Office

COVID-19 Situation Report

SitRep No: #6

Date: 4 May 2020

1. Situation in Numbers

Total Confirmed Cases in Country	Total Confirmed new cases in Country <i>(since last SitRep)</i>	Total deaths in Country
Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Timor Leste: CO to update. Philippines: 8,928.	Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Timor Leste: CO to update. Philippines: 1,634.	Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Timor Leste: CO to update. Philippines: 603 (+109).

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.

Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Timor Leste: COs to update.

Philippines: The Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) situation has been extended to 15 May.

Thailand: first [lifting](#) of restrictions including allowing street vendors to operate, certain shops to reopen and some recreational/sport activities resuming. Some domestic flights have resumed.

Hong Kong: phased resumption of public services [underway](#) including recreational activities (part-time intern based there).

3. Operations Update

3.1 People and Organisational Development

Current staff locations (no change from previous report):

- 1 RO staff, 2 CO staff and 1 part-time RO consultant working from home in Laos;
- 1 RO staff working from home in Australia;
- 1 part-time RO consultant working from home in Philippines;
- 1 part-time intern working from home in Hong Kong;
- 3 RO staff working from home in Vietnam;
- 1 RO staff working from home in Thailand;
- 1 RO staff working from home in Netherlands (contract ends on 12 June, 2020)

Laos will be enforcing a 14-day quarantine (unclear if in state facilities) for travelers returning. This may impact decisions on when the staff member in Bangkok can move to Laos.

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.

Not a new issue, but important: With the ongoing suspension of activities, it is important to think about how communication around MoUs will be made with government where required. This is particularly an issue in Vietnam where operating permissions end in June 2020 and in Laos where internal projects do not align with government MoUs (until June 2021). It remains unclear how Governments will deal with delays in project delivery due to the suspension of work vis a vis MoUs and this should be clarified as soon as possible.

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.

Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Timor Leste: COs to report.

Philippines: No change.

Thailand: Emergency travel from Laos requires embassies to coordinate with the Thai Government and immediate land crossing may not be possible.

3.4 Office Status

OFFICE	OFFICE STATUS			
	Open, Fully Operational	Majority of staff working from home	100% Working from Home	Shutdown, non-operational
RO (and Laos POs)			X	

4. Programs Update

4.1 Programs Activity Level (indicator of current programming level)

OFFICE	PROGRAM OPERATIONS				
	75 - 100%	50 - 74%	25 - 49%	< 25%	0%
Laos				X	
Vietnam				X	
Timor Leste					X
Philippines				X	
Cambodia					X

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

Summary:	Planning for recovery activities in well underway (see below).
SEL:	<p>Three main areas of work are being activated:</p> <p>Reconnect Curriculum: Responding specifically to challenges post-COVID, a curriculum is being developed to respond to key issues (information available here that has been circulated to COs). This will be made available through coaches in existing countries of operation, but also in new countries through remote delivery of training through sports networks.</p> <p>Safeguarding: Responding to increased risks and restrictions on work, a blended learning online process around safeguarding is being developed for implementation by staff in sports federations across Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Sporting Code Diversification: The RO has been contracted by Netball Australia to develop a netball for development program for rollout in Tonga next FY. This will be done remotely.</p>

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?

Laos: Lao Rugby Federation

Q4 activities being reviewed with the lifting of some restrictions and clarity being sought on what activities are permitted when. Planning for FY21 activities completed: looking at shift to Reconnect curriculum for 6 months and budget development underway. Partnership agreement to be put in place for 4 years with project agreement in place for Q1.

Vietnam: Community Coaches

Q4 activities being reviewed with lifting of some restrictions and clarity being sought on what activities are permitted when to engage coaches. Planning for FY21 activities completed looking at shift to Reconnect curriculum for 6 months and budget development underway.

Cambodia: KNGO

FY21 activity planning in process looking at shift to Reconnect curriculum for 6 months and budget development underway.

Timor Leste: CVTL

Exit activities underway.

Philippines: PRFU

Partner suspended all activities and reduced core staff days. Planning for Q4 activities revised to include online training pilot for coaches for the Reconnect curriculum. FY21 planning underway

looking at shift to Reconnect curriculum for 6 months. Review on 15 May following Government direction.

Regional: Asia Rugby

Partner suspended all competitions across the region until 1 July. Activities in Japan suspended indefinitely. Decision made to allow partnership to expire before next steps. Seeking to pilot remote delivery of Reconnect training with Jordan, Nepal and Bangladesh likely countries.

4.4. Safeguarding

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

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

PSEAH

Number of PSEAH incidences reported since the last SitRep:	0
Number of cases open and in progress:	None known
Number of cases closed:	None known

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?

Roll out of the Reconnect curriculum to partners with varying safeguarding standards will need to be managed and safeguarding-specific content will be included to address this risk.

5. Communications

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

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

The RO is also developing messaging specific to the Sport for Development sector to increase visibility of this area of work in response to COVID-19 and will be participating in an international working group meeting in this regard this week.

6. Urgent Issues

Include a brief statement on each of the following:

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

Implementing modalities in different countries remain unresolved, impacting staffing and budgeting decisions. Also impacts current PDs awaiting review which are no longer fit for purpose. Next steps for staffing are awaiting confirmation from POD around labour law requirements (the RO is also due to review PDs). There is an assumption of flexibility from SO on activities that may pick up into Q4 as operational realities change.