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COVID-19 Situation Report #08

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Photo: WFP staff hands a meal box and fruits to a pregnant returning migrant in Myawaddy border gate.
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Highlights

- WFP is providing one-off food and nutrition assistance to 41,450 returning migrants at various border gates; as well as supporting 43,000 with food assistance for 21 days inside quarantine sites in 10 out of 14 states and regions, as requested by the authorities.
- WFP and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) are currently conducting a joint food security and livelihood assessment in COVID-19 affected areas in seven states and regions across Myanmar.
- The price of the four main food commodities in Myanmar remained stable in June, according to the WFP Market Monitor.

Situation Update

- According to the Ministry of Health and Sports, there are 316 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 7 July, including six deaths. To curb the spread of COVID-19, the Government of Myanmar has extended temporary travel and international flight restrictions until 31 July.
- WFP’s Market Monitor for June indicated a stable average price of the four main food commodities in Myanmar, as some COVID-19-related restrictions were eased. Most of the monitored markets are functioning normally, apart from the conflict-affected Paletwa Township in Chin State.

WFP Operations

- WFP and FAO are currently conducting a joint food security and livelihood assessment surveying 2,100 households through phone calls in COVID-19 affected areas in seven states and regions across Myanmar. Initial results are expected to be released by the end of July.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP continues its short-term emergency food and nutrition assistance, so far supporting 41,450 returning migrants at border gates (with one-off with meal boxes) and 43,000 inside quarantine sites (with three meals a day throughout the quarantine period) in Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Shan states; as well as Ayerwaddy, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Tanintharyi and Yangon regions, as requested by the authorities.
- WFP is further augmenting its nutrition response by providing fortified blended food to pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-59 months in quarantine centres in Myawaddy Township in Kayin State.
- Under the Government’s Shock Responsive Social Protection Programme, WFP supported the Department of Social Welfare in distributing the second batch of cash top-ups for 2,650 pregnant women and children under 2 in internally displaced people (IDP) camps in Kachin and Shan states.
- WFP delivered cash assistance in lieu of school meals in June to 21,300 school children who have not been able to return to schools as a result of COVID-19 prevention measures.

Common Services Support



Supply Chain and Logistics Coordination

- With the recent EUR 1 million (USD 1.1 million) contribution from ECHO, WFP is planning to bolster its logistics capacity for the COVID-19 response. This will include the establishment of humanitarian staging facilities at strategic locations to handle humanitarian cargo, as well as the procurement of 10,000 COVID-19 tests kits for the Ministry of Health and Sports and personal protective equipment and hygiene supplies for use by WFP staff and its cooperating partners staff. WFP continues its close monitoring of all supply chain infrastructure and stands ready to facilitate or respond to logistics gaps as they arise.



Aviation Service Support

- Since 10 May, WFP has operated nine aid flights linking Yangon, Vientiane and Kuala Lumpur, bringing in medical and hygiene supplies and providing access to humanitarian and development workers. This arrangement will remain in place until regular commercial flights resume.

Resourcing Situation

- WFP requires a further USD 1.4 million to provide food assistance for up to 60,000 quarantined returning migrants and USD 1 million for common logistics support, as reflected in the Humanitarian Response Plan Addendum.
- In addition to its COVID-19 response, WFP urgently appeals for USD 14 million to continue providing life-saving assistance to more than 300,000 IDPs and other vulnerable people in the conflict-affected Chin, Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states until the end of 2020.
- More critically, to continue with the current relief distributions of two- to three-month rations at once as a COVID-19 mitigation measure, critical funding gaps amounting to USD 5 million are anticipated in mid-July for cash and in mid-August for food. Given the two-month food procurement lead-time, distributions could be further delayed due to the current COVID-19 situation.

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(July – December 2020)

Country Strategic Plan
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USD 29.87 million

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