Situation Update

- According to the Ministry of Health and Sports, there are 68,994 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,577 deaths in Myanmar as of 15 November. Myanmar currently ranks third among ASEAN countries with the highest COVID-19 infection and death rates.

- The Government has extended the existing COVID-19 prevention measures until the end of November, including the temporary suspension of international and domestic flights. Mandatory swab tests or quarantine are required for inter-state travels, including for frontline humanitarian workers.

- The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) estimates that food insecurity has risen in Yangon Region, despite Government’s cash transfers support. The proportion of mothers with inadequate diets has steadily increased from 30 percent in June/July 2020 to 53 percent in September/October 2020.

WFP Operations

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In South Dagon, one of Yangon’s poorest townships with a large number of informal settlements, WFP is providing cooked meals for some 2,000 people on a daily basis at a government-managed COVID-19 treatment centre. WFP is in discussion with the Yangon Regional Government on further plans to potentially support poor communities severely affected by the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19.

- In central Rakhine, WFP’s assistance at government-managed quarantine sites is ongoing. Over 2,500 people undergoing quarantine at 34 sites have received WFP’s daily nutritious meals.

- WFP continues its short-term emergency food and nutrition assistance for returning migrants, so far supporting 73,100 people in quarantine sites (with three meals a day as well as nutrition support for pregnant and lactating women and children throughout the 21-day quarantine period) in 11 out of 14 states and regions, as requested by the authorities. The current main focus of this operation is at the Myawaddy border gate in Kayin State.

- WFP strives to integrate technology and innovation in its COVID-19 emergency response. In October, WFP assisted 34,000 newly displaced people in central Rakhine with electronic cash transfers of 15,000 Myanmar kyats (equivalent to USD 12) per person.

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

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*This includes outstanding loans amounting to USD 6.39 million from WFP’s Immediate Response Account (IRA) to be repaid.

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