



Photo: On 31 May, the first WFP flight under WFP's Global Logistics Service Provision Plan brought in WHO medical supplies and aid worker teams. ©WFP/Htet Oo Linn

## Highlights

- WFP is providing food and nutrition assistance to 34,800 returning migrants placed under quarantine in Kayin, Mon, Shan, Tanintharyi and Yangon, as requested by the authorities. Food assistance to returning migrants in Kachin will commence this week.
- WFP continues to operate weekly aid flights connecting Kuala Lumpur to Yangon, allowing humanitarian cargo and personnel to enter Myanmar.
- The price of the four main food commodities in Myanmar declined after the Myanmar New Year and COVID-19 panic-buying subsided, according to the WFP Market Monitor.

## Situation Update

- According to the Ministry of Health and Sports, there are 233 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 3 June, including six fatalities.
- To curb the spread of COVID-19, the Government of Myanmar has extended several restrictions, including the suspension of international commercial flights until 15 June. Meanwhile, the Government lifted the restrictions on the gathering of five or more people in five categories, including (i) staff working in government, organizations, companies, factories and workshops; (ii) schools; (iii) meetings and trainings; (iv) eating at restaurants that are allowed to reopen and (v) staff providing services and businesses essential to the public.
- The WFP Market Monitor for May showed a decline in the average prices of the four main food commodities in Myanmar compared to April. This reflected a normalizing of purchasing behaviour after the Myanmar New Year holidays, and an apparent end to COVID-related panic-buying. WFP will continue to monitor trends.

## WFP Operations



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP continues its emergency food and nutrition assistance for 34,800 returning migrants in and/or in transit to quarantine sites in Kayin, Mon and Shan states and Tanintharyi and Yangon regions, as requested by the authorities. WFP will start food assistance to returning migrants in Kachin State this week.
- Due to the lack of job and income opportunities for internally displaced persons (IDP) in Kachin State, WFP plans to increase its monthly ration of cash-based transfers from 70 percent to 100 percent for all IDP households for two months.
- WFP plans to distribute one-time cash assistance to 21,310 schoolchildren in 11 states/regions across Myanmar in lieu of school meals during school closures due to COVID-19. Each student will receive MMK 8,000 (USD 5.70), in order to help meet their nutritional requirements.

## Common Services Support



### Supply Chain and Logistics Coordination

- In preparation for the monsoon season in Myanmar, WFP plans to replenish emergency logistics stocks including pallets, mobile storage units and tarpaulins from local suppliers and the UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD). WFP will place a consolidated order for humanitarian and development partners for the necessary equipment.
- With the USD 1 million contribution from the Myanmar Humanitarian Fund, WFP has started consolidating and revalidating the requirements and delivery locations of key hygiene and personal protective equipment for use by its staff and six partners. The procurement process will begin shortly.



### Aviation Service Support

- On 31 May, WFP has transitioned to a regional air service funded through the Global Humanitarian Response Plan. The first of the aid flights, linking Yangon and Kuala Lumpur, brought in medical supplies and laboratory equipment donated by the World Health Organization (WHO) to the Ministry of Health and Sports. This arrangement will be in place until regular commercial flights resume.

## Resourcing Situation

- WFP requires approximately USD 4.1 million to provide food and nutrition assistance for up to 50,000 quarantined returning migrants, as reflected in the Myanmar Humanitarian Response Plan Addendum (April – June 2020).
- WFP requires USD 2.8 million for logistics/common services support.

### WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (June – November 2020)

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

**USD 27.4 million**