



# WFP Myanmar

## COVID-19 Situation Report #09

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Photo: On 30 July, 20,000 COVID-19 test kits donated by WFP and UNHCR arrived in Myanmar. © WFP/Hkun Lat

## Highlights

- 20,000 COVID-19 test kits donated by WFP and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) have been delivered to the Government of Myanmar.
- 58,200 returning migrants have received WFP’s food and nutrition assistance for 21 days at quarantine sites in 10 out of 14 states and regions.
- WFP and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) are conducting a phone survey to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and other shocks in 200 townships in all 14 states and regions.

## Situation Update

- According to the Ministry of Health and Sports, there are 360 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 9 August, including six deaths. To curb the spread of COVID-19, the Government of Myanmar has extended temporary travel and international flight restrictions until 31 August.

## WFP Operations

- WFP and IFPRI are conducting a phone survey to gauge the impact of COVID-19 and other shocks at community level. With a wide geographical coverage on 200 townships across all 14 states and regions in Myanmar, this survey is expected to render a broader overview of the changes in terms of health, income and poverty, agriculture and productivity, social safety nets, education and mobility. Findings are expected to be released by the end of 2020.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP continues its short-term emergency food and nutrition assistance, so far supporting 58,200 returning migrants in quarantine sites (with three meals a day throughout the 21-day quarantine period) in 10 out of 14 states and regions as requested by the authorities. These include Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Shan states; as well as Ayeyarwady, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Tanintharyi and Yangon regions.
- In August and September, WFP will continue to increase the monthly ration size of fortified blended food from 3 kg to 6 kg to pregnant and nursing women in Rakhine State to protect their nutrition status. In addition, WFP plans to provide one-off distribution of 6 kg of fortified blended food to pregnant and nursing women in Yangon peri-urban areas in August.

## Common Services Support



### Supply Chain and Logistics Coordination

- On 30 July, WFP and UNHCR delivered 20,000 COVID-19 test kits to the Government of Myanmar. The test kits, which were procured and delivered by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), arrived at Yangon as part of a broader UN provision of over 95,000 test kits to the Ministry of Health and Sports.

- WFP has started dispatching personal protective equipment to its field officers for use by its staff and six UN/INGO partners. These were procured with a contribution from the Myanmar Humanitarian Fund.
- WFP plans to offer temporary transit storage in Sittwe, Rakhine State for its humanitarian and development partners. 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 14 aid flights linking Yangon, Vientiane and Kuala Lumpur, bringing in medical and hygiene supplies and providing access to humanitarian and development workers. Thanks to the generous contribution from Switzerland to WFP aviation services for Myanmar and Laos, 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 requires USD 10.3 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 January 2021.
- WFP recently received timely and generous contributions from Thailand, Timor-Leste, the United Kingdom and the United States of America towards emergency relief response and nutrition assistance to conflict-affected communities in Myanmar.

### WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(August 2020 – January 2021)

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)	<b>USD 24.2 million</b>
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Emergency relief assistance	<b>USD 10.3 million*</b>
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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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