

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIES RELATED TO COVID-19¹

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<p>Health Sector Contingency Plan for Outbreak Response on COVID-19 and Other Emerging Respiratory Disease in Myanmar (April 2020 to December 2024)</p>	<p>The purpose of the document is to provide a national level contingency plan for managing comprehensive health sector response to COVID-19 and offer the immediate guidance for the priority areas and actions that need to be taken for adequate prevention and response to a probable community transmission of this virus.</p>	<p>The contingency plan serves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) provide reliable information and accurate knowledge on COVID-19 to health professionals and the public, giving guidance to all frontline healthcare professionals and workers to protect themselves while serving to prevent the spread of COVID-19; (ii) lay out the coordination mechanism for all key stakeholders at central, state/region, and township levels to jointly implement the identified public health measures for preventing and managing COVID-19 outbreaks at community level; and (iii) identify resource needs and gaps to respond to COVID-19 at four stages (preparedness phase, containment phase, control and mitigation phase, and stand down phase) and in eight key areas (surveillance, point of entry, national laboratory system, clinical management and medical care services, infection prevention and control, non-pharmaceutical public health measures, risk communication, and operational support and logistics management). 	<p>Developed in response to COVID-19.</p>

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		The Response Plan is aligned with the WHO's <i>2019 Novel Coronavirus: Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan</i> . ²	
National Health Plan (2017–2021)	The plan aims to strengthen the country's health system and pave the way towards universal health coverage, choosing a path that is explicitly pro-poor. The main goal of National Health Plan 2017–2021 is to extend access to a Basic EPHS to the entire population by 2020 while increasing financial protection.	The 5-year strategic plan emphasizes enhancing supply-side readiness to provide the EPHS at township level and below. Key implementation strategies include (i) geographical prioritization, (ii) service prioritization, (iii) systems building, (iv) work planning at township level, (v) enabling supportive environment, and (vi) promoting community engagement.	None.
Health Management in Disasters and Emergencies	The plan has been developed for future emergencies and disasters in accordance with disaster management cycle, prevention and mitigation, preparedness, warning, response, and recovery (rehabilitation and reconstruction).	This plan includes response plan for various types of disaster such as natural and technological hazards, infectious disease outbreaks, wars and other societal conflicts, and unsafe food and water.	Health Sector Contingency Plan has been developed referencing to this plan.

COVID-19 = coronavirus disease, EPHS = essential package of health services, WHO = World Health Organization.

¹ Other relevant non-health sector documents that contain COVID-19 response strategy include the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan, the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018–2030), and the Project Plan for Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Infection at the Internally Displaced Person Camps.

² WHO. 2020. [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\): Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#). Geneva.

Source: Asian Development Bank compilation.