COVID-19 ADRA Asia
SitRep #4 | as of April 30, 2020

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS BY COUNTRY
Countries in Asia where ADRA is responding

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Information on the Emergency

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak began in Wuhan Province, China when 44 patients were reported to show symptoms of an unknown disease in December 2019. On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 a pandemic. As of 30 April 2020 according to WHO, the number of confirmed cases globally has risen to more than 3,090,445 individuals and 217,769 deaths. Of these, in the Asian countries included in this SitRep, the number of confirmed cases is 187,404 and 8,297 deaths.

Humanitarian Situation

- Elderly Populations being more vulnerable than other groups, has increased the number of challenges faced by them.
- Most Health care facilities and institutions have requested for support towards addressing COVID-19.
- Uncertainty of livelihoods, especially in terms of daily laborer’s
- Most countries and their respective health institutions lack adequate resources to effectively address COVID-19. i.e. PPE, Disinfecting material etc.
- Families and Communities living under Quarantine are facing challenges acquiring essential items such as food and hygiene material needed to combat spread of COVID-19.
- Many organizations have stepped in to raise awareness and to share messages on COVID-19 and precautions that need to be taken.

Gaps in Humanitarian Assistance

- Increased support is needed to ensure the most vulnerable population (elderly) are able to safeguard themselves.
- The number of families living under quarantine is increasing and are in need of nutritional and hygiene support.
- Support towards the managing quarantine centers (Food, hygiene items etc).
- Psychological Support for communities and families of infected/ dead individuals.
- While much support is being channelled towards Health care facilities/ institutions and organizations, there is still a gap in available resources of the countries to effectively respond/curtail COVID-19.

ADRA’S RESPONSE

Needs Assessment

Due to restrictions placed, ADRA has been unable to carry out their own needs’ assessment. Due to this reason, ADRA has been in frequent contact with the MOH officers who have conveyed the needs for the Districts that have not yet been met.

Funding Opportunities

The ADRA Network is working with various donors at an international and local level. Some of our donors/ potential donors within the region are; LDS charities, UN agencies, EU delegations, KirkinActie, BMZ, Global Affiars Canada, DFAT, CFGB, Australian Aid, MFAT, DFAT, Various Embassies and Seventh Day Adventist Church Missions and Unions.
**RESPONSE COORDINATION**

**Coordination with other Organisations**

Coordination is being carried out at respective country levels through clusters and HCTs where applicable. ADRA Asia has been conducting weekly coordination meetings to understand needs of countries, pool resources, share learnings and identify potential regional funding. ADRA Asia has also been representing in the UN OCHA regional calls on a weekly basis and participating in various working groups and in ADRA’s activated global coordination.

**Cluster Meetings**

Many of the relevant ADRA working groups and Technical Learning Labs have met to discuss potential support that needs to provided towards the Country Offices. The Steering Committee of the Learning Labs have initiated discussions on the COVID-19 in order to encourage the TLLs to work towards identifying ways to support the country offices.

**CONSTRAINTS**

**Security Constraints**

The security constraints remain the same in all countries; ADRA faces a major security constraint due to the risk of staff being infected with COVID-19. In order to minimize the risk, ADRA offices in the 5 countries have taken appropriate steps as per regulations in the respective countries including activating work-from-home, ceasing field activities, provision of training on preventive measures, provision of safety material (masks) etc.

**Other Constraints**

The lockdowns, imposing curfew measures and the travel restrictions placed in the countries as precautionary and controlling measure is a major constraint for the ADRA teams. This has placed limitations for the teams when attempting to carry out pre-planned activities, identifying & selecting suppliers for emergency response activities and other project activities, ability of ADRA staff to travel to the project locations, having to conduct remote monitoring, inability to interact with the communities in need and more.

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**CAMBODIA**

Supply PPE:
- 85 - Infrared thermotter guns
- 14,950 - Masks
- 29,900 - Gloves
- 2,550 - Litres of Alcohol/Gel
- 81 - Infrared Thermometers
- 4 - Referral Hospitals
- 73 - Health Centres/Health Posts

Communication and Promotional Campaigns:
- 90 - Local provincial Radio programming (up to 1 hour per day for 3 months)
- 3,620 - Brochures
- 1,810 - Posters
- 724 - PVC Banners
- 2 - Video Messages

Support Health Care Workers through the provision of:
- 650 - Surgical masks
- 90 - Liters of alcohol
- 16 - Infrared thermometres

Awareness Raising through:
- 5,000 - Brochures
- 800 - Posters
- 20 - Banners
- 6 - Latrines installed

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**PHILIPPINES**

Distribution of Supplementary Food Items to Families under Enhanced Community Quarantine:
- 1,180 - Well milled Rice (25kg)

 Provision of Hygiene Items:
- 1,180 - Soaps (3 each per family)
- 1,180 - Disinfectant/Bleach (1 liquid solution)

 IEC Distribution on COVID-19, Prevention and Usage of Disinfectant Bleach:
- 1,180 - Leaflets
- 1,091 - Rice distributions to affected communities of ADRA Project Areas (5-25 kgs per HH)
- 1 - Provision of Triage Tent to Hospital
- 80 - Gallons of Alcohol provided to 8 partner Provincial and Local Government Frontliners

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**JAPAN**

COVID19 fundraising through cloud funding, yahoo, donation etc.

Communicate with private sectors for funding opportunities

Update website and social media for fundraising purposes
**INDONESIA**

Cash and Voucher Assistance:
- **205** - Multi Purpose Cash Assistance
- **205** - Electronic Cash Card, IEC Materials, Aprons

Mental Health Pyschosocial Support (MHPSS):
- **Group call for Pyschosocial Support (phone credit)**

Supply basic PPE to Preah Vihear and Kompong Thom provincial health departments to assist health officials:
- **1,182** - Health staff receive PPE, masks, gloves, sanitising Alcohol/gel, and infrared thermometers to benefit 700,000 beneficiaries

**SOUTH KOREA**

Distribution of Supplementary Food Kits to Vulnerable Groups and Cohort Isolation Facilities:
- **800** - Instant Noodles (16 Bags)
- **800** - Sahmyook Soybean Milk (24 Cartons)
- **800** - Rice Bags (10kg)

- **2,500** - Hand sanitisers and masks distributed to affected areas
- **1,500** - Masks
- **1,500** - Hygiene Kits
- **2,000** - Hygiene Kits
- **72** - Cash Distributions
- **1,500** - Hand sanitisers and masks distributed
- **68** - Cash Distributions
- **50** - Cash Distributions
- **60** - Blood donations from ADRA, KUC and Sijosa staff

**THAILAND**

- **800** - Complementary food kits distributed to vulnerable groups and cohort isolation facilities

- **2,338** - Hygiene kits distributed to the elderly

**MONGOLIA**

Cash Distribution of $10,000 USD

**SRI LANKA**

Establish Hand Washing Stations to benefit 1,000 households:
- **7** - Hand washing stations
- **7** - IEC Materials
- **7** - Soap
- **7** - Cleaning Materials (2 per station)

Distribute Hygiene Packs to Households:
- **1,000** - Hand washing Soaps (8 each)
- **1,000** - Cleaning Soaps (2 each)
- **1,000** - Disinfectants (1 each)

Communication/Promotion of Messages/IEC:
- **3,800** - Community members utilising target health education message practices
- **30** - Hygiene promotion activities and messages

Support Disinfecting Process by Local Authorities:
- **40** - Spraying Machines
- **95** - Disinfectants
- **5** - Packs of Gloves
- **60** - Training sessions for Public Drivers on disinfecting and cleaning their vehicles.

Provision of Hygiene Packs for Public Drivers:
- **400** - Sets of spray bottles, disposable gloves and hand sanitiser

Provide PPE kits for Health Care Professionals:
- **50** - PPE Kits
- **350** - Face Shields
- **30** - Pairs of Safety Boots

Distribution of Supplementary Food Packs for Self-quarantined families:
- **1,577** - Supplementary Food Packs
NEPAL

Koshi Hospital, Biratnagar supported with:
1 - Ventilator
100 - N95 Masks
1,000 - Medical Masks
1,000 - Medical Gloves
1 - CEONC equipment and fixtures

2 - Health Posts supported with the provision of surgical masks, gloves, sanitizer, phenyl and sprits

10,000 - Awareness posters printed/distributed

PPE items support to Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital, Banepa, Nepal as follows:
90 - N95 Masks
1,000 - Medical Masks
1,000 - Medical Gloves

PPE items support to Bheri Hospital and 4 Health posts in Bake district as follows:
50 - N95 Masks
620 - Medical Masks
42 - Boxes of Medical Gloves
3 - Pieces of Medical Gowns
3 - Pieces of Medical Goggles
2 - Pieces of Infrared Thermometres
32 - Bottles of Sanitiser
13 - Bottles of Disinfectant Solution
40 - Pieces of Soap

LAOS

Risk Communication materials distributed and awareness raising for District Health Office, Health Centres and 44 villages to benefit 25,017 beneficiaries

Procurement of PPE, Hand Sanitiser, alcohol and cleaning products for Provinicial hospitals to benefit 100 beneficiaries

Procurement of maks, hand sanitiser, and tents for checkpoints setup on district borders to benefit 2,000 beneficiaries

Beneficiaries are supported through provision of food and hygiene items, PPEs, medical supplies and IEC Materials through donations.

BANGLADESH

8,174 - Households benefit from Awareness Raising posters and hand outs, Health Sessions, and awareness rallies

42,670 - Beneficiaries receive face masks, sets of gloves, hand sanitiser/soap, and wash places installed

Food Pack Distribution for poor families:
500 - families receive food packages

TIMOR-LESTE

4,225 - Households receive Hygiene Promotion
2 - Community Health Centres provided with water access
2,590 - Households provided with Vegetable and Legume Seeds
7 - Public hand washing facilities constructed
438 - Posters with WHO messaging & Tippy Tap hand washing station construction instructions distributed
47 - Community Health Centres provided with cleaning and hygiene materials
38 - Savings and Loan groups receive hygiene promotion training
1,650 - Households receive seeds, tubers, fish fingerlings, etc.
1,000 - People receive business planning for new products
38 - Savings and Loans Groups receive $500
60 - Product packaging equipment distributed
1 - Market Information System developed
Select - Farmers receive training in local market facilitation
CHINA
Chinese Union Mission Special Needs Department & Private Donors:
- COVID-19 Mask Distribution
- Beneficiaries are supported through provision of PPE donations.

Supply PPE:
- 350 Households to receive face masks
- 1400 Beneficiaries to receive face masks

PAKISTAN
Cash distribution of $15,880 USD
- 2,284 Households to receive cash vouchers
- 11,420 Beneficiaries to receive cash vouchers

VIETNAM
Supply Food Distribution to:
- 1170 Households receive food distribution
- Vulnerable HH received food supplies
- 5,850 Beneficiaries

MYANMAR
- 9,608 Households + 48,155 beneficiaries receive IEC and COVID-19 prevention kits such as: Poster board, vinyls,
- Cash transfers to households through youth who joined the TVET VT short courses.
- Distribute WASH Kits such as: Surgical mask, Shielded masks, hand sanitizer, and soap
- 450 Households + 2,000 beneficiaries to receive complementary food awareness of effective prevention and provide hygiene items such as: Thermometer, soap, hand gel, maks, glove, etc.

INDIA
Supply food assistance/ration kits to:
- 600 Households
- 2,400 Beneficiaries to receive dry ration kits
Public Relations

Media

The ADRA Asia facebook and Instagram accounts continue to be updated daily. The facebook page has 437 likes and 461 followers and Instagram has 331 followers as of 30 April 2020.

The ADRA Asia website is in the last stages of development and expected to go live soon pending approval and logistics.

15 country offices have confirmed their Communications Focal points and contact has been made to share resources and stories. 2 offices have yet to respond.

Story/News

Cash Assistance Creates Better Conditions for Families Affected by COVID-19

As soon as the Covid-19 outbreak ensued in China in mid-February, the Mongolian government took what may have seemed at the time as extreme measures. Physical meetings for classes were cancelled across the board for all educational institutions, large gatherings were banned, sports and cultural events cancelled, and so forth, all before Mongolia’s first confirmed case on March 10th.

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The loss of employment not only affects her schooling, but also the three other family members who live at home with her; her mother, uncle, and grandmother. Out of those in her family, she is the only one who is able to work. Her mother and uncle are not able to work because they suffer from mental disabilities. They receive government subsidies; this aid happens to be their only steady source of income at this time.

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