
Online consultation with Member States

Survey response 1

Information details

Name of the State:
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
The institution responding to the survey:
Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Geneva

Questions

<p>1. What innovative practices did authorities in your state adopt to facilitate civil society's input to decision-making during the COVID-19 crisis, including through online channels? (Maximum limit: approximately 5,000 characters with spaces)</p>
<p>Regarding to the Global pandemic "COVID-19", the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19 is steering the COVID-19 related activities in Myanmar in order to protect the community health.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Central Command Center was activated under the guidance of the Union Minister for the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the planned activities have been implemented by central, state and regional public health and medical services departments in a multi-sectoral level coordination and communication approach. The central and state and regional level response teams have been working together at front lines in conducting COVID-19 response and control activities. The quarantine activities have been implemented in synchronized and systematic coordination with the General Administration Department and the civil society organizations as well as the volunteers.</p> <p>The role of civil society organizations like charitable organizations in fighting against COVID-19 activities such as quarantine, patient referral, public awareness and health education are crucial.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In accordance with the changing epidemiological situation of the disease, the Ministry of Health (MOH) is providing COVID-19 related guidelines and SOPs of the state-owned television, the news media and official websites in a timely manner.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under the leadership of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the volunteers from civil society organizations are being trained to effectively assist the prevention and control of COVID-19 including COVID-19 surveillance and contact tracing services, community-based quarantine centre management and COVID-19 treatment centre management. The Ministry of Health has developed training modules such as the volunteer guideline for COVID-19 prevention and control and provided online training (central, region / state and township level training) for civil society volunteers</p>
<p>2. Are there innovative practices that authorities in your country used to enable safe and inclusive online participation, which encourages a diversity of participation, with a particular emphasis on underrepresented parts of civil society? (Maximum limit: approximately 5,000 characters with spaces)</p>
<p>Regarding the prevention and control of COVID-19, the volunteers from community-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations, charitable organizations, and the private healthcare professionals are being recruited by inviting them through internet webpages and social media and online trainings for them are also conducted which become the good practice in fighting against COVID-19 together with the people.</p>
<p>3. Do you have examples of good practice in including civil society in designing and implementing strategies to respond to the pandemic? (Maximum limit: approximately 5,000 characters with spaces)</p>
<p>The active involvement of volunteers from community-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations, charitable organizations plays an important role to prevent and control the first, second and third wave of COVID-19 in Myanmar.</p>
<p>4. Do you have examples of innovative steps taken to minimise the impact of measures imposed during the pandemic, including emergency measures, on the free and safe functioning of civil society and on public freedoms (of expression, access to information, assembly, and association) as well as on the protection of personal data and privacy? (Maximum limit: approximately 5,000 characters with spaces)</p>
<p>The Ministry of Health of Myanmar has provided the public with the updated information on the COVID-19 surveillance data and preventive activities through the state-owned media and the Ministry's webpage and social media in timely manner. COVID-19 information, IEC (Information, education and communication) materials, SOPs (Standard Operating Procedure) and guidelines, the standing orders are also available on the Ministry of Health's webpage and social media pages to make reference.</p>

5. Did authorities in your state implement any innovative measures to protect and facilitate civil society access to resources in the COVID-19 context? (Maximum limit: approximately 5,000 characters with spaces)

Under the supervision of the Central Committee, the Department of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Health are providing civil society organizations and other voluntary organizations with certain PPEs and infection control training that are needed by civil society organizations to carry out COVID-19 prevention and control activities.

6. Has your state identified any good practices to identify, and protect civil society from, online intimidation and attacks (e.g. online threats, harassment, organized smear campaigns etc.)? (Maximum limit: approximately 5,000 characters with spaces)

The Telecommunications law of Myanmar prohibits the use of a telecommunication network to extort, threaten, obstruct, defame, disturb, inappropriately influence or intimidate any person.