

Myanmar Catholic Church Response to COVID-19



Donation of Scrub suits, Masks and Gloves



Christian Youth Volunteers in North Okkalapa Hospital



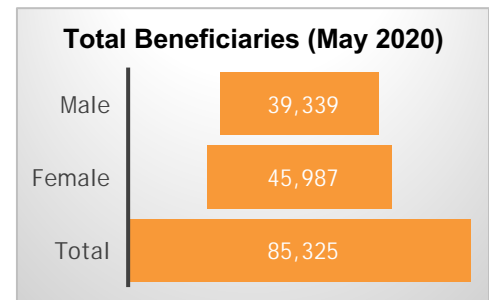
Making Masks by Sisters of Reparation

Introduction

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar (CBCM) held its first meeting on COVID-19 response on 16th March 2020 soon after WHO described COVID-19 as a global pandemic on 11 March 2020. Then, the "Catholic National COVID-19 Response Coordination Team" (CNCCT) was formed in CBCM on 30th March 2020. The team composed with Patron Bishops, CBCM Secretariat Team, Episcopal Commission on Health Pastoral Care (ECHPC), Karuna Mission Social Solidarity – KMSS (Caritas Myanmar), Catholic Religious Conference of Myanmar (CRCM), Office for Social Communication (OSC) and other Commissions along with technical advisors. Similarly, the Diocesan COVID-19 response team was set up in each diocese and responding COVID-19 with Coordinated Social Pastoral Approach!

Key Achievements and Reached! (May 2020)

- **39,539** peoples received COVID-19 messaging on prevention and access to services
- **36,204** peoples obtained critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services
- **7,676** peoples received subsistence support (basis needs support) for emergency
- **5,000** Scrub suits, **10,000** pcs of masks and gloves donated to Yangon Regional Public Health Department of Minister of Health and Sports (MOHS) on 8th May 2020. The religious congregations actively involved in sewing scrub suits for the donation.
Read more <https://www.mmtimes.com/news/sewing-compassion.html>
- **974** Church Frontline Responders (Parish priests, Catechist, Care takers) and **934** Healthcare Workers (Doctors, Nurses and other health workers) received preventive items
- **291** Hand washing stations installed in maintenance with UNICEF specifications
- **60** Scrub suites supported to Catholic Youth Volunteers who are volunteering in the Government Hospital in South Okkalapa Township
- **45** Quarantine facilities operates (directly and indirectly) and support around 2,000 peoples



Preventive items distributed.



695,318



66,476



3,374



516



460



306



260



51

Total Budget – 1,157,621 USD



COVID-19 Awareness Posters, Taunggyi



Installed Hand Washing Station, Taunggyi



COVID-19 Awareness Session, Mandalay



Preparation of St. Joseph's Major Seminary for Quarantine Center, Yangon



Subsistence support to Orphanage center, Taungngu



Donation of Laundry Room to Government Health Department, Myitkyina

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