

Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education High School

August Monthly Report

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Summary

COVID-19 infections are decreasing in Myanmar since mid-August, with 2,517 new infections reported on average each day. That's 43% of the peak, the highest daily average reported on July 22. There have been 389,134 infections and 15,077 coronavirus-related deaths reported in the country since the pandemic began.

At present, Covid patients in Mandalay are a bit easy to get access the range of Covid-related medicines and treatments, for example oxygen, some medicine due to donors from local, charity groups and foreign countries.

The Military government announced on 29th Aug 2021 that they extended their orders, instructions with covid-19 restrictions until at the end of September. So, it will implication for school re-opening. According to this announcement it meant the military government will shutting down places like schools, workplaces, and international borders in order to contain the spread of the virus. So, definitely "all school must close until at the end of September".

PDO will continuous our online teaching for our students even though school was closed we are going create learning opportunities for our students as much as we can. PDO was internet Band Width extended for northern part of school supported by the Foerderverein Myanmar and in coming soon we are expected to extend southern part of school with supporting by Myanmar Partner.

Updated information about PDO

For the Phaung Daw Oo, it has tightened the lockdown system inside the school and the dormitories and staff houses in the school are also restricted to living in their own dormitories.

There are (274) students and teachers were infected corona virus since 30th June and until now. Among them (246) students and teachers have recovered. Currently, (28) patients are getting treatment from the school clinic.

In Phaung Daw Oo School, we are managing to clean the school environment and dormitories regularly. Moreover, school medical team and management team organizes the spraying process once a week at the dormitories, offices, classroom, kitchens, and staff houses in school.

On 6th August, U Nayaka, PDO Management Team, the president of Foerderverein Myanmar and his team and school clinic team made online conferencing meeting. The meeting discussed current school activities, challenges, achievements, and future implementation plan.

We (PDO) team and president of Myanmar Partner and team discussed ways to ensure that children continue their education and that teachers be vaccinated against COVID - 19 on 24th August 2021 through Video Conferencing Meeting.

Vaccinating around PDO Community

Myanmar has administered at least 6,253,687 doses of COVID vaccines so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 5.8% of the country's population. Information source is our tracking on internet news. (This vaccine rollout data is reported by the number of doses of coronavirus vaccines administered, not the number of people who have been vaccinated. Because most vaccines require two doses and many countries have different schedules to deliver the second dose, we don't know with this data how many people have ultimately received both doses).

U Nayaka, U Jawtika, PDO frontline medical team and people who used to go to the banks and shopping and cooking staff was vaccinated with Military government vaccinating program and some of them was vaccinated by U Nayaka's support and as well as Myanmar Partner's support. An estimation 40 PDO staff was vaccinated in August 2021. We also have plan to vaccinate for the rest staff, therefore now we are initiated dialogue with Myanmar Partner to support our vaccinating program for total (231) staff out of (400) staff. On the other hand, we start communicating to get funding support from Foerderverein Myanmar in term of vaccination for (129) staff. If Myanmar Partner and Foerderverein Support our vaccinating program, then we expected all PDO teachers and staff will be vaccinated by the end of September 2021.

Lockdown

As COVID-19 infections began to be reported around the country, PDO management team was responded by shutting down places like academic department, clinic and teacher education training, computer training, Marfel training program, tourism management training and language training. School was fully lockdown.

By the mid of September PDO management team will review for school lockdown and have a plan to reduce some covid restrictions for PDO. We are going to develop PDO covid-19 guideline, and We will look forward and support to re-open all of our training programs (Teacher education training, computer training, Marfel training program, tourism management training and language training) according to our PDO covid-19 guideline.

From our staff safety and well-being point of view before we are re-opening our training programs all staff must be fully vaccinated.

Cleaning PDO Community

In this reporting period all the dormitories, classrooms, canals, clinic, and staff houses are cleaning by the teachers, monks, novices, and staff. U Nayaka gave clear instruction to all those people to clean up weekly regular basis and the second line monks will follow up and enforcing to those people to make cleaning around their community.

Political Issue

In the early August 2021, military government announced curfew between 9AM to 3PM in the daytime and 6:00 pm to 4:00 am at Mandalay region. On 29th Aug 2021, Evening the military government was announce a statement which I mentioned on the above.

The Military regime had vaccinating program for the age of over 65 people and religious persons like the monks and the nans. Currently they do not have any plans to vaccinate for the teachers and people who is under 65 of age.

The Ministry of religious affair and culture was usually provided for monastic school supporting money (funding) for all monastic school in the country. They said that they are keep supporting for Monastic schools with the total number of last academic year students' ratios.

Challenges of PDO -

- U Nayaka can provide funding for staff vaccinating program even we realize it was important and without vaccination we could not allow to be re-opening any face-to-face teaching in PDO.
- Nutrition support for the students who had been covid-19 recovered students who live in PDO.

Achievement of PDO -

- U Nayaka was became a Monastic Director at Monastic Education Development Group.
- U Nayaka was became a Chair-Monk of Monastic Education Strategic Planning Committee.
- U Nayaka was saved almost all covid-19 infected students and staff by collaboration with Myanmar Partner, Foerderverin Myanmar, PDO Management team and local community donors.

Oxygen Requirement

Currently oxygen requirement is not critical point for covid-19 in Mandalay the rationale behind is that the infections rate was decreasing in Mandalay. Unexpectedly our school was enough oxygen concentrator and oxygen cylinder by donation of international and local donations. That was very positive impact for our school and our clients. See excel for asset register -

Assest in the Store							
No	Items	Capacity	Quantity	Position	Donated By	Condition	Remark
1	Oxygen Concentrator	10L	4	Admin Office	Foerderverien Myanmar	Good/New	
2	Oxygen Concentrator	10L	1	THK	Myanmar Partner	Good/New	
3	Oxygen Concentrator	8L	1	Clinic	PDO	Good	
4	Oxygen Concentrator	5L	1	Clinic	PDO	Good	
5	Oxygen Concentrator	10L	1	Clinic	Chinese Monk Association	Good	
6	Oxygen Concentrator	10L	1	Clinic	PDO	Good	Hired to the community
7	Oxygen Cylinder	40L	2	Clinic	Foerderverien Myanmar	Good	
8	Oxygen Cylinder	20L	1	Clinic	MEDG	Good	
9	Oxygen Cylinder	10L	1	Clinic	MEDG	Good	
10	Oxygen Cylinder	15L	2	Clinic	Foerderverien Myanmar	Good	
11	Oxygen Cylinder	15L	1	Clinic	Ma Ohnmar	Good	
12	Oxygen Cylinder	40L	2	Admin Office	Deco one International Company	Good	
13	Oxygen Cylinder	10L	5	Admin Office	Deco one International Company	Good	
14	Oximeter	1	20	18 at Clinic , 1 U Nayaka and 1 U Jokita	PDO	Good	2 Damaged

Photo Voices: Vaccination For U Nayaka and U Jawtika



Vaccination for PDO Staff



Photo Voices - Cleaning around the School



Photo Voices - Spraying around the School



Photo voices - Oxygen Concentrator and Cylinder



“We Don’t Need to Worry for Oxygen Requirement Any More”



Photo Voices: Online Teaching at Basic Education Level

Primary Level Online Teaching Teaching

Secondary Level Online



Remark: We are not allowed to share other about our children photos and school photos without knowing by PDO Management Team.