

**MYANMAR SITREP A(H1N1)**  
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Activities reported in previous Sitreps in preparation for influenza pandemic such as surveillance tasks at international airports, ports and border checkpoints and public media information were continued and expanded.

The Central Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health continues its work in close liaison with the CSR-AI unit at the WHO Country Office.

Among the specific activities conducted during the last weeks we can highlight:

- 22 May 2009: one afternoon meeting with Regional Surveillance Officers, with presentations on Influenza A(H1N1) by the WHO and CEU director, followed by discussion for enhance surveillance on cases of Influenza Like Illness and Pneumonia at State/ Division and township level.
- A coordination meeting for prevention of A(H1N1) was held at the Health Department of Mandalay Division on 25 May chaired by the Deputy Minister for Health to discuss on local pandemic preparation efforts.
- 26 and 29 May 2009 meeting with the UN Influenza Pandemic working group for finalization of draft UN Action Plan for Human Influenza Pandemic.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> June the National Influenza Center (the National Health Laboratory) updated its capacity to conduct testing diagnosis of A(H1N1);
- On the 11<sup>th</sup> June WHO DG conferred with leading influenza experts, virologists, and public health officials. In line with procedures set out in the International Health Regulations, she sought guidance and advice from an Emergency Committee established for this purpose. On the basis of available evidence, and these expert assessments of the evidence, the scientific criteria for an influenza pandemic have been met. The WHO DG therefore decided to raise the level of influenza pandemic alert from phase 5 to phase 6.
- 12 June 2009 participation at the Technical Working group meeting on Human Influenza Pandemic; WHO provided Influenza assessment update situation. The WHO provides technical and financial support for IEC material on HIP for community awareness and public information.

- On 12 June coordination meeting took place at the National Health Committee in presence the Deputy Minister (Secretary of the National Health Committee) to seek ways to scale up preventive measures against New Influenza A(H1N1) Pandemic. During the meeting the Deputy Minister provided an update of the global situation and informed the declaration of pandemic phase (phase 6) by the WHO. Also present were representatives and departmental heads from related ministries