

**Guidelines related to Health Sector by
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- The government is taking systematic measures for uplift of health and fitness of the entire people, with the concept that health and fitness of the people reflects the development of the nation and it is also a priceless resource for national development.
- Arrangements are being made for each and every citizen to enjoy the public health care services as their social rights.

Foreword by H.E. Professor Dr. Kyaw Myint, Minister for Health

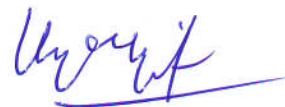
Major advances in health care technology and public health science have protected and saved millions more lives than before with significant improvement in longevity globally. Yet many health challenges still remain and this situation is further aggravated by current climatic conditions. The earth is warming and the warming is accelerating. This will definitely bring adverse health consequences, hampering global efforts to improve health.



Provision of health services form only part of the measures to bring about health and longevity. Remaining forces that determine health or illness are many and vary, majority of them being beyond the ability of health sector to cope with. Health and medical technology, though necessary, alone will not be sufficient to solve all the health problems. Better understanding of the context in which health or diseases prevail is necessary to ensure interventions are effective and reach all those in need.

Notwithstanding resource constraints as a developing country, Myanmar health sector could make substantial achievements in raising the health status of the people. Guidance and support of the State, selfless efforts of health professional and work force and collaboration of national and international partners have contributed significantly to the achievements that have been made in the health sector. Social and volunteer organizations in the country, investing much of their time and efforts to collaborate with the Ministry of Health, also play a crucial role in realizing these achievements. We need to strengthen existing partnership further to face any new health challenges.

This publication, 10th in the annual series, provides a brief account of Myanmar health system along with its efforts and achievements made in raising the health status of the people. Myanmar will keep on honoring its commitments to involve in the collective global efforts to ensure highest level of health for the people all over the world.



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