

Summary Respond Intervention of COVID-19 in 25 Red Cross branches By 25 March 2020

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or objects that has the virus on it, and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth. The COVID-19 is a top concern in the global public health either in the tropic region as well as in Cambodia. According to the Ministry of Health declaration on 24th March 2020 at 10:45 PM, the Cambodia had 91 confirmed cases, 6 recovered cases and no case of death yet.

Responding to this emerging issue, in close collaboration and coordination with local authorities and local health departments of the all capital-provinces (25), the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) and its 25 Red Cross branches have actively mobilized the Red Cross Volunteers/youths together with communities to take the concrete actions on the COVID-19 prevention and control. Promotion of the COVID-19 prevention related knowledge and positive behaviors/practices modification of respective communities, using the adapted printed IEC material from MoH (posters, leaflets, radio/TV spots), the key COVID-19 preventive messages have been broadly disseminated by Red Cross staff/Volunteers/Youths and the public authorities at all levels through home-visits, mobile loudspeakers, and integrating with core activities of each among 25 Red Cross Branches. Additionally, the public announcements of COVID-19 situation, prevention and control measurements have been released by Ministry of Health via social media, different TV channels and Radios as well. The data of infectious, death and recovered cases (globally and domestically) has been made on daily basis by the Health Department/CRC in order to keep up to date the information and overview of the emerging cases.

The Ministry of Health, local authorities and respective communities get highly appreciated and have deeply thanks to Cambodian Red Cross and its Red Cross branches (25) for timely contribution and auxiliary in the prevention and response operation of this concern increase cases of COVID-19.

