

COVID-19 Task Force Statement from the COVID-19 Task Force of Ministry of Health, NUG & Ethnic Health Organisations

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- 1) COVID-19 Task Force (CTF) was formed on 21st July 2021 by the Ministry of Health, National Unity Government in collaboration with Ethnic Health Organisations, in order to prevent, mitigate and control the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2) COVID-19 Task Force (CTF) is headed by Chair of Ethnic Health Committee, Dr. Cynthia Maung as Clinical Lead and Union Minister for Minister of Health, Dr. Zaw Wai Soe as Deputy Clinical Lead. Relevant staff from the Ministry of Health and Ethnic Health Organisations and various experts will act as members of the task force.
- 3) COVID-19 Task Force (CTF) will be responsible for issuing directives relating to COVID-19 prevention and control public health information and will be giving urgent priority to discussions and cooperation with international associations in order to procure, not only the COVID-19 vaccines but also prerequisite assistance and equipment needed for vaccination programmes. This will be part of the recovery programme for coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4) In order that CTF achieves the above objectives:
 - a) To be able to procure the COVID-19 vaccines, related vaccine strategy plans, etc., and financial support, discussions and consultations will need to be held with organisations from the United Nations, International Non-Government Organisations, International Governments and ASEAN Countries.
 - b) To be able to control and manage COVID-19 pandemic the public will need to comply strictly with the public health directives issued.

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