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Spot report: COVID-19 Reaches Over 100 Million Confirmed Cases Worldwide



Background

There was over 12 months since the COVID-19 has been reported from Wuhan, China. The number of cases continues to rise sharply in some parts of the world and in every continent, despite many countries imposing measures, ranging from travel bans to full national lockdowns. The disease took only 11 months to reach 50 million confirmed cases globally.

The United State of America leads the world in terms of daily average number of deaths and confirmed cases. In Asia, India is on the world's second highest number of confirmed cases with more than 10.6 million infections reported. However, the number of infections in India has dramatically decreased. Since January 22nd, 2021, India has been completely self-reliant on coronavirus vaccine supplies. The government planned to vaccinate more than 1 million people within a week. By January 26th, 2021, the number of confirmed cases across the world reaches 100 million cases and continues to rise, according to the report by John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Moreover, the new variants of the virus have been discovered and these variants may cause the disease to spread more quickly, cause more severity symptom in human, cause transmission between human and animals and could potentially evade vaccine-induced immunity. These novel variants make many countries concern about the potential of present-disease control modality and the efficacy of vaccines which have been developed.

ACMM predicts that COVID-19 would affect several countries for months or years and military medicine may take in several part of disease control and quarantine in each country. ACMM has propose the several workshops which related to COVID-19 for strengthening capability ACMM’s members. The workshops that will be held throughout 2021 are

1. Medical logistics support in pandemics
2. Military camp new normal guideline
3. COVID-19 Management in disaster area
4. EIDs containing in military joint training

Workshops would be organized virtually during this pandemic situation and the first workshop on Medical logistics support in pandemic would be held on March 18th, 2021. The registration for the first workshop would start in February 2021.

Action Taken

- Report the updated number of confirmed cases in ASEAN countries via the ACMM website

- ACMM provides the relevant workshops to strengthen the capability of ACMM member states for encountering with pandemic situation.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS –

Severity ranking of the concern effect(s) in the ASEAN region.

<i>Section</i>	<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Issues identified</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
<i>COVID-19 pandemic</i>	<i>Y</i>	-Quarantine and screening measures have been enhanced for travelers who traveled from hotspot areas and people who have contacted with confirmed patient.	The ACMM keeps on monitoring and updating the pandemic and medical information.

Remarks:

R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.

Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring

G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.

N/A: Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.

ACMM Recommendations,

According to the circumstances, the ACMM is monitoring the situation closely for providing relevant update information to member countries.

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