

**Myanmar Ministry of
Health and Sports:
*Public Private
Dialogue to respond
to COVID-19***



Background pre-COVID

GFF collaboration activities include:

- MAMS public-private partnership symposium (August 2019)
- MAMS facilitated public-private meetings (2019)
- On going private health sector assessment including collecting data on private sector and conducting key informant interviews with public and private stakeholders

Then COVID hits!!

- Public and private stakeholders transitioned to joint action planning – 3 week “sprint” – respond to the pandemic

3-week “sprint” created opportunity for first-ever public private dialogue

“Sprint” to develop public-private COVID-19 action plan



PLANNING SESSION #1

- Get organized

TECHNICAL SESSION #1

- Intl experience

HOMEWORK

- Collect data for rapid inventory

PLANNING SESSION #2

- Agree on strategic directions

- Form TWGs by strategic areas

HOMEWORK

- TWG develops strategies
- TWG drafts PPT
- Finalize data collection

PLANNING SESSION #3

- Review data on PS capacity

- Discuss draft PS strategies and activities

- Prioritize and agree on final strategic areas and activities

HOMEWORK

- Develop draft of PS Action Plan
- Develop a PPT
- Present PS Action Plan to govt

- Limited engagement with private sector before COVID
- 3 week sprint created structure for dialogue
- Very intensive process....
 - Meeting more than three planned times
 - Participants staying much longer
 - Lots of interaction in between meetings

Areas of collaboration (correspond to Myanmar National Plan Pillars)

Pillars in Myanmar National Plan



Case Management

- Provide guidelines to prepare private sector to treat COVID19 cases if surge hits
- Establish arrangements to deliver essential and emergency services to all patients
- Create mechanism for greater coordination post COVID



Laboratory Testing

- Integrate and coordinate public and private sector testing capacity
- Ensure optimal quality control of tests performed in public and private facilities
- Ramp up testing capacity in private facilities



Logistics & Supplies

- Establish mechanism to coordinate **all** COVID related supplies
- Pool public and private supplies
- Procure centrally select number of COVID essential supplies