

ASEAN Health Sector Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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COVID-19 situation in ASEAN Region as of 19 May 2020

69,842
confirmed cases

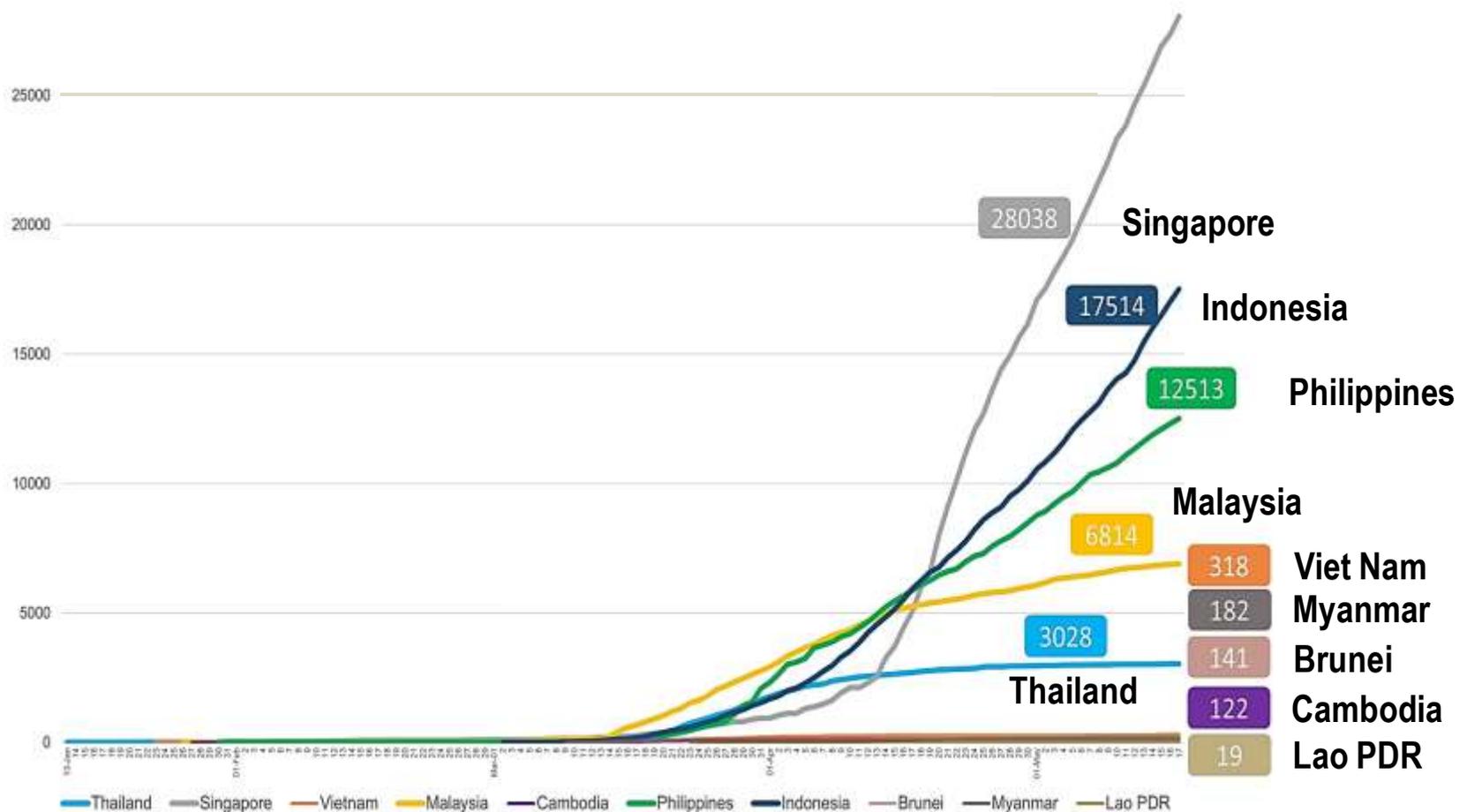
2,220 deaths



Source: WHO Situation Report, 19 May 2020

Epidemic curves of ASEAN Member States

as of 18 May 2020 (2 pm, GMT +8)



Source: ASEAN BioDiaspora Virtual Centre, 18 May 2020. Risk Assessment for International Dissemination of COVID to the ASEAN Region.

ASEAN mechanisms and actions for coordinated COVID-19 pandemic response

ASEAN Leaders	Provide policy guidance as reflected in statements, declarations
ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC)	Oversees ASEAN-wide COVID-19 pandemic response; reports to and make policy recommendations to Leaders; coordinates with ASEAN Communities on policy implementation
ACC Working Group on Public Health Emergencies	Assists ACC; discusses implications of disease outbreaks, recommends cross-pillar and cross-sectoral response
Relevant Sectoral Bodies	Plan, implement and report sectoral efforts based on policy directions

ASEAN Health Sector mechanisms and platforms mobilized for response

ASEAN Governance and Implementation Mechanism

- Health Ministers
- Senior Health Officials
- ASEAN Health Clusters

ASEAN China Health Cooperation

- Health Ministers
- Senior Health Officials

ASEAN Plus Three Health Cooperation

- Health Ministers
- Senior Health Officials

ASEAN Emergency Operations Centre Network for public health emergencies

ASEAN BioDiaspora Virtual Centre for big data analytics and visualisation

ASEAN Plus Three Field Epidemiology Training Network

ASEAN Risk Assessment and Risk Communication Centre

Networks on public health laboratories, on disease surveillance; experts on communicable diseases



ASEAN Health Sector COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Measures

Sharing of **situational updates**, complemented by **real-time exchanges** via mobile instant messaging

Sharing of **preparedness and response practices and lessons**, including **challenges, gaps and needs**

Regular issuance of **Risk Assessment for International Dissemination of COVID-19** ASEAN Region

Exchanges on **laboratory readiness and response actions**

Risk communication, addressing **false information**

Coordination and cooperation with other sectors, external and international partners





Priorities in COVID-19 pandemic response, as agreed by ASEAN Health Ministers

Enhance **sharing of timely data and information**, including reports of risk assessments, epidemiological and clinical studies, among others

Coordinate **cross-border contact tracing** and **outbreak investigations**

Enhance cooperation in **real-time capacity building** amid the COVID-29 response

Share **technical, material** and **financial resources** critical to sustaining national health system response

Enhance **collaboration in research** to ensure most appropriate tools and interventions in stemming the pandemic are available

After defeating the pandemic, to **work together in strengthening and institutionalizing regional mechanisms**

Intensify **cooperation on COVID-19 response** with Dialogue and Development Partners

ASEAN engagement with dialog partners

Joint Statement of APTHMM

- to coordinate sharing of information on rapid research and development of diagnostics, antiviral medicines and vaccines
- to provide assistance in sustaining affected national health systems in the region and improving the readiness of others using publicly well-known digital technologies for efficient exchange of information

Joint Statement of Health Ministers of ASEAN and the U.S.

- to stop the global pandemic and other associated public health emergencies by enhancing preparedness, prevention, detection and response
- continuous technical exchanges and information sharing; joint research and development for anti-viral, diagnostics, and vaccine with relevant stakeholders; and, ensuring flow of essential medical goods and supplies including equitable access to these products





ASEAN Health Sector on biodiversity and pandemic links

Recognises the importance of biodiversity and the environment in the prevention of emerging infectious diseases and pandemics, as well as other public health priorities

Has explored environmental, animal and human health interfaces in addressing emerging diseases, through One Health Approach

- ***In the past:*** ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases, ASEAN Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, ASEAN Plus Three Field Epidemiology Training Network
- ***Recently:*** ASEAN Health Cluster on Responding to All Hazards and Emerging Threats; Mitigation of Biological Threats Programme; Health Priorities on Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance and Disaster Health Management; ASEAN Health Cluster on Food Safety

Looks forward to working closely with relevant sectors, including the ASEAN Environment Sector, in further pursuing joint and integrated actions towards prevention of emerging diseases, including pandemics



Thank you

