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LIFT supports COVID-19 responses



LIFT announces new funding to support Myanmar's COVID-19 response

On 9 April, LIFT announced funding of USD15.8 million to support Myanmar's COVID-19 preparedness and response. The funding is estimated to benefit 5.9 million people in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Facebook, [the announcement post](#) went viral - in a good way! It reached more than 90,000 people and generated around 8.2k likes, 100 comments, and 780 shares.

Read more [here](#).



LIFT supports Myanmar's civil society with COVID-19 preparedness

Here and around the world, it is civil society groups and local organisations that act first and fastest and whose response will be the most enduring. In recognition of the potential of our civil society partners, LIFT approved USD1.5 million in funding to five strategic civil society partners. Their COVID-19 work will support migrant returnees, the general public and specific marginalised groups, internally displaced people and their host communities to fight the pandemic.

Read more [here](#).



LIFT is increasing financial resilience during COVID-19

LIFT's COVID-19 response was extended with a further funding of USD3 million for the capital market programme with TCX. The funding provides microfinance institution with access to USD60 million loan capital to offer half a million households and small businesses loan top-ups of USD100-200.

Read more [here](#).



LIFT supports Rakhine in COVID-19 response

LIFT's implementing partners in Rakhine are diverting USD276,000 of existing resources towards the COVID-19 response. With USD2,268,000 in new funding approved by the Fund Board, LIFT funding towards the COVID-19 response in Rakhine now totals USD2,544,000.

Read more [here](#).



LIFT provides immediate support to migrants during COVID-19 crisis

LIFT worked quickly with partners in mid-March to restructure their programmes, reallocating USD447,000 of existing project budgets to provide emergency support. LIFT has also received approval from the Fund Board to scale up interventions with an additional USD3 million to support its partners' essential work.

Read more [here](#).

LIFT in the news



Frontier Myanmar, 10 April: Workers, mothers and elderly to benefit from USD25 million in COVID-19 foreign aid.

Read more [here](#).



Mizzima News, 10 April: LIFT to give USD15.8 million to support COVID-19 preparedness and response.

Read more [here](#).



Myanmar Times, 11 April: LIFT has announced a funding of over USD2.2 million to support Myanmar's COVID-19 preparedness and response in Rakhine (Myanmar language).

Read more [here](#).

COVID-19 visual stories



'Stay at Home' awareness-raising music video

Co-funded by LIFT and Access to Health donors, and with Wine Su Khine Thein and Ni Ni Khin Zaw singing, this animated music video was launched on Facebook and Tik Tok as part of a response to COVID-19.

Read more [here](#).
Watch the video [here](#).



LIFT working from home

A collection of photos of the LIFT team working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watch the video [here](#).

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