

EU SUPPORTS ASEAN IN FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Examples of EU support:



MYANMAR

Supporting laid off female garment workers with €5 million to ensure livelihoods and help prepare for recovery. In conflict affected areas, the EU is also providing 25,000 masks, 9,000 gloves and 1,500 bottles of hand sanitiser through the MYPOL programme.



LAOS

Working with UNICEF to support the procurement of medical equipment and supplies which will strengthen the healthcare system and mitigate the effects of a major outbreak.



VIETNAM

Supporting measures to address the socio-economic impact of the crisis and the early implementation of the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement.



THE PHILIPPINES

Mobilising distribution of masks, hygiene kits, temporary washing facilities, and food and cash to vulnerable communities. In addition, the EU is identifying further urgent health and socio-economic needs.



THAILAND

Distributing 1,000 posters in Thai and Yawi languages to 400 vulnerable, rural communities on preventative measures to combat the spread of the virus.



CAMBODIA

Enhancing social protection support to the most vulnerable groups, including the unemployed, as well as boosting investment programmes in rural and urban areas to create jobs and livelihood opportunities.



MALAYSIA

Providing emergency assistance to vulnerable communities, specifically food, water and medical supplies through the 'Empowerment of Malaysian Women and Grassroot CSOs as Agents of Development and Change' project. In addition, the COVID Care Academy is supporting marginalised communities.



INDONESIA

Allocating €6 million for European and Indonesian NGOs working on public health and hygiene measures, psychosocial counselling for vulnerable groups, distribution of health kits to vulnerable communities, and assistance to community health workers.



OVER
€350 MILLION
GRANTS



ASEAN REGION

The first virtual EU-ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting on 20 March 2020 discussed cooperation on mitigating the social and economic impact of COVID-19 in both regions, keeping supply chains open and advancing scientific research.

The Safe & Fair programme (€25 million) under the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative is providing specific support for female migrant workers and scaling up activities that helps protect them from gender-based violence.

The BIOSEC project (€3.5 million) under the CBRN Risk Mitigation Centre of Excellence Initiative is working to improve biosecurity management systems, including for pandemics.

18 new EU Horizon 2020 coronavirus-focussed research and innovation projects funded with a total of €48.5 million are open for cooperation with ASEAN scientific organisations.