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# Third Wave Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly challenged Malaysia's healthcare systems, economy, community livelihood, safety, and mental health. To reduce the country's and communities' burdens, MERCY Malaysia is actively working with many partners, agencies, donors and stakeholders to prepare the response to this current third wave outbreak, and other possible future pandemics.

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While Malaysia was able to manage the infection numbers, keeping mortality rate low, and balancing efforts in overcoming healthcare challenges with economic assistance and social protection, we are now in the third wave of the pandemic outbreak, which sees higher infection rates.

The unpredictable nature of this outbreak in an increasingly interconnected society demands intensive scale up of preparedness measures to manage different risks and vulnerabilities as they develop.

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Preparedness activities will focus on supporting the healthcare sector; containment activities for communities at risk of transmission, and individuals experiencing COVID-19 infection; and mitigation and risk reduction activities on ensuring the most vulnerable and excluded groups have access to essential services.

Scaling up and continuing MERCY Malaysia's COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan for Malaysia, this proposal is prepared to support the following goals: (1) Infection prevention and control; (2) Equip rapid-responders in investigations, contact tracing and testing; (3) Reduce pandemic risk through good health and hygiene practice; and (4) Ensure food security and livelihood protection to reduce the risk of hunger and mental stress.

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**3<sup>rd</sup>** **OUTBREAK  
WAVE**

**4** **GOALS**

**6** **MONTHS  
INTENSIVE  
OPERATIONS**

**12** **ACTIVITIES**

**250,000** **AID RECIPIENTS  
IMPACTED DIRECTLY  
OR INDIRECTLY**

**RM 7.5million** **FINANCIAL  
REQUIREMENTS**



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***COMPONENT A: Critical preparedness, readiness and response support action***




Sector	Goals	Activities and outputs	Funding required (RM)	Timeline
<p><b>Health (Public health)</b></p>	 <p><b>1. Infection prevention and control</b></p>	<p>A1. Mobilization of <u>200 medical support personnel</u> from Peninsular Malaysia to Sabah (inclusive of PPE)</p>	<p>RM 400 x 200 x 14 days = RM 1,120,000</p>	<p>Oct 2020 - Dec 2020</p>
	 <p><b>2. Equip rapid-responders in investigations, contact tracing and testing</b></p>	<p>A2. Supply of medical support equipment: 1. <u>20 sets</u> of Airvo™ 2 Nasal High Flow system, with tubing and patient interfaces for adult and paediatric  2. <u>2 sets</u> of portable ultrasound machine, with accessories</p>	<p>RM 25,000 x 20 sets = RM 500,000  RM 160,000 x 3 sets = RM 480,000</p>	
	 <p><b>3. Reduce pandemic risk through good health and hygiene practice</b></p>	<p>A3. Supply of of PPE sets: 1. <u>20,000 pieces</u> 3-ply masks 2. <u>5,000 pieces</u> N95 masks 3. <u>5,000 pieces</u> face shield 4. <u>5,000 pieces</u> apron 5. <u>2,000 sets</u> Tyvek® Coveralls</p>	<p>RM 20,000 RM 40,000 RM 20,000 RM 40,000 RM 80,000</p>	
	<p>A4. Supply of*: 1. NIBP with SPO2 2. ICU Bed 3. Syringe and infusion pump 4. Other supplies as per needs <i>*quantities to be determined based on request from ground</i></p>	<p>RM 400,000</p>		
			<p><b>RM 2,700,000</b></p>	

***COMPONENT B: At-risk-community's livelihood and psychosocial support and logistics***

Sector	Goals	Activities and outputs	Funding required (RM)	Timeline
<b>Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)</b>	 <p>3. Reduce pandemic risk through good health and hygiene practice</p>	<p>B1. Supply of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>100,000 pieces</u> of 3-ply masks</li> <li>2. <u>20,000 pieces</u> of hand soaps</li> </ol>	<p>RM 3 x 100,000 sets = RM 300,000</p> <p>RM 1.50 x 20,000 sets = RM 30,000</p>	<p>Oct 2020 - Dec 2020</p>
<b>Food security and nutrition</b>	 <p>4. Ensure food security and livelihood protection to reduce the risk of hunger and mental stress</p>	<p>B2. Food pack distribution for <u>10,000 families</u> from selected at-risk-communities. Food pack for one-month supply consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rice</li> <li>2. Biscuits</li> <li>3. Flour</li> <li>4. Cooking oil</li> <li>5. Sugar</li> <li>6. Can food</li> <li>7. Other dry food</li> </ol>	<p>RM 200 x 10,000 families = RM 2,000,000</p>	<p>Oct 2020 - Dec 2020</p>
<b>Health (Mental health)</b>	 <p>4. Ensure food security and livelihood protection to reduce the risk of hunger and mental stress</p>	<p>B3. Provide <u>50 online</u> MHPSS consultation sessions for frontline health workers via Psychological First Aid (PFA) hotline platform.</p> <p>B4. Design and distribution <u>10,000 packs</u> of self-care strategies information and communication kit.</p>	<p>RM 100 x 50 sessions = RM 50,000</p> <p>RM 2 x 10,000 packs = RM 20,000</p>	<p>Oct 2020 - Feb 2021</p>
			<p><b>RM 2,400,000</b></p>	

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## **COMPONENT C: Epidemics/ pandemics risk reduction**

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Health (Public health)	 <p><b>1. Infection prevention and control</b></p>	C1. Conduct <b>2,000 RT-PCR test</b> to selected communities (locations to be selected through consultation with MOH).	RM 400 x 2,000 = RM 800,000	Oct 2020 - Feb 2021
	 <p><b>2. Equip rapid-responders in investigations, contact tracing and testing</b></p>	C2. Supplies of <b>10,000 pieces</b> of viral transport medium (VTM) to requesting government healthcare facilities.	RM 10 x 10,000 = RM 100,000	
		C3. Supplies of <b>20,000 sets</b> of antigen rapid test kits (RTK-Ag) to requesting government healthcare facilities.	RM 60 x 20,000 = RM 1,200,000	
Pandemic risk reduction	 <p><b>3. Reduce pandemic risk through good health and hygiene practice</b></p>	C4. Pandemic risk reduction and health education programs for <b>10 at-risk communities</b> and most vulnerable groups.	RM 15,000 x 10 = RM 150,000	Jan 2021 - Aug 2021
		C5. Pandemic risk reduction and health education programs for <b>10 at-risk schools</b> and education facilities/learning centers.	RM 15,000 x 10 = RM 150,000	
			<b>RM 2,400,000</b>	

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### **SUMMARY**

Pandemic outbreak such as COVID19 will continue to occur, but where and how severe the next pandemic will be, no one can predict. The COVID-19 experience highlighted the need for the region to have a holistic and comprehensive response mechanism to the outbreak of a pandemic, going beyond the health sector response and taking into account the expansive implications of a pandemic, including on the economy and livelihood of the people.

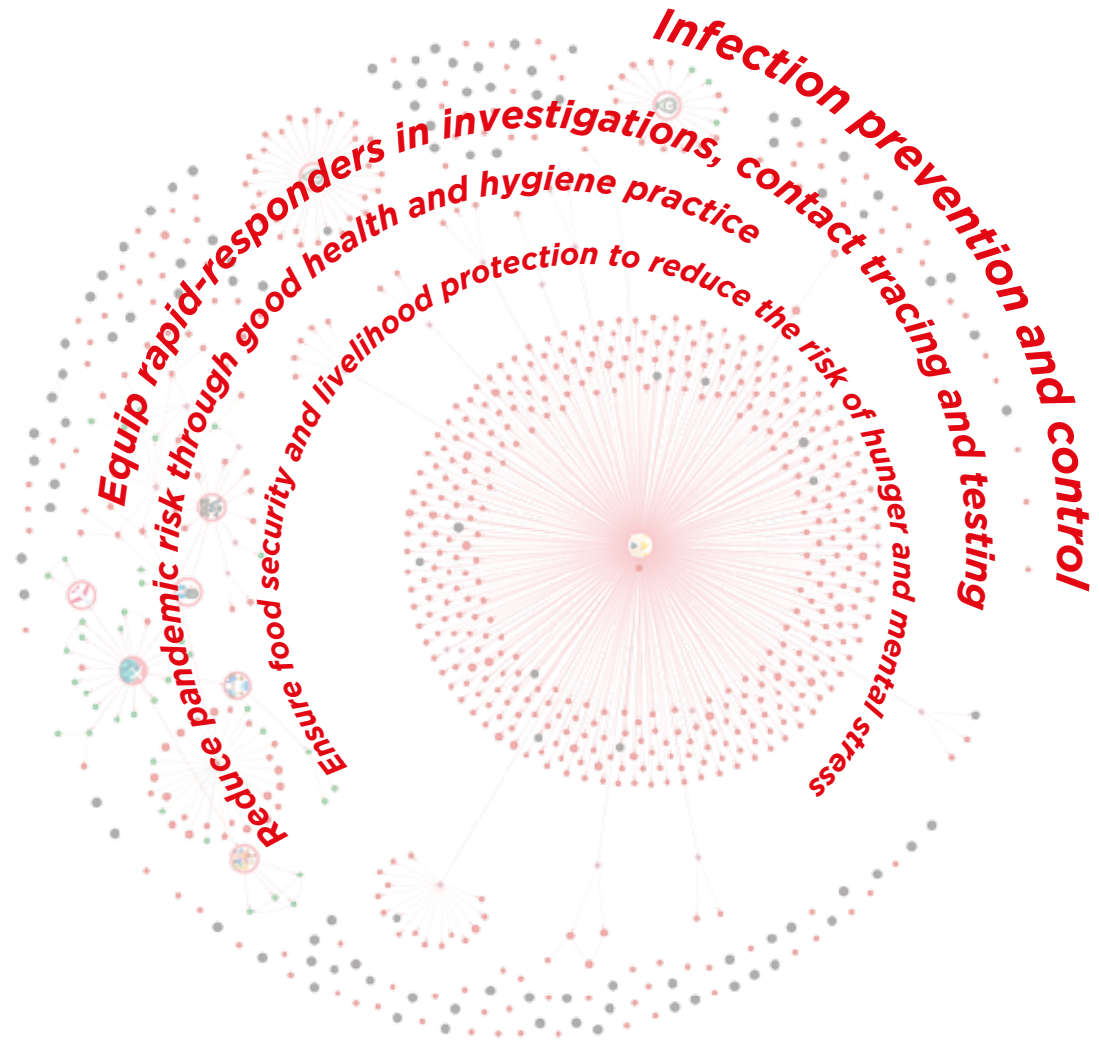
Such response mechanism will need to be community-wide, cross-sectoral and cross-pillar to address the multi-dimensional impact of a pandemic. In the fight against current and future pandemics, national and regional efforts need to be complemented by and strengthened with international cooperation. Thus, MERCY Malaysia urged everyone to throw every possible resource into protecting and upgrading the healthcare, economic and social sector.

In responding to the escalating demands to meet the country's healthcare and social needs, MERCY Malaysia is requesting for a financial support of **RM 7,500,000** for the implementation of our COVID-19 Third Wave Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan. While MERCY Malaysia hopes for full funding approval for the overall plan (all components), we also welcome funding that is approved for specific components only.

The delivery of all aid items for each component will also subject to ground coordination with various inter-government ministries and agencies (i.e. the Ministry of Health, National Security Council, National Agency for Disaster Management). The plan will take into account the overall supply chain challenges due to the crisis situation and its development.

For latest updates and information on MERCY Malaysia's COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan for Malaysia, please visit [mercyfightscovid19.com](https://mercyfightscovid19.com)

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save lives.**



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