



European Union, WHO Thailand and the Ministry of Public Health deliver a second batch of COVID-19 emergency response equipment to Maesot General Hospital

Joint press release

17 August 2021, BANGKOK – The European Union, together with WHO Thailand and the Ministry of Public Health recently donated COVID-protective equipment to the Maesot General Hospital in Tak Province.

The handover of N95 (5,000 pieces) and surgical masks (20,000 pieces) is the second of several planned allotments to be procured for Maesot General Hospital frontline healthcare workers. The first shipment of face shields (4,000 pieces) and N95 (5,000 pieces) was delivered to the hospital on 29 July 2021. The state-run health facility deals with hundreds of Thai and migrant labourers infected with COVID-19 on a daily basis in Mae Sot district. Furthermore, the hospital has to take care of COVID-19 patients referred from other hospitals located at districts bordering with Myanmar in Tak province. Therefore, the European Union, through WHO Thailand and the Ministry of Public Health, has committed to THB 3.3 million worth of protective equipment ranging from face shields, PPE suits, and disposable gloves, to pulse oximeters and portable blood pressure monitors to be distributed to the hospital by October 2021.

About WHO

The World Health Organization provides global leadership in public health within the United Nations system. Founded in 1948, WHO works with 194 Member States, across six regions and from more than 150 offices, to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable. Our goal for 2019-2023 is to ensure that a billion more people have universal health coverage, to protect a billion more people from health emergencies, and provide a further billion people with better health and wellbeing. #HealthforAll

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About the European Union

The European Union (EU) is an economic and political union of 27 Member States. Together, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development while maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedom.

About Team Europe

Team Europe - comprising the EU, its Member States and financial institutions - has provided over €800 million to assist ASEAN and member states of ASEAN in their response to the coronavirus. The support is given to health facilities and health workers, provisions of personal protective equipment and sanitizers, as well as technical assistance and institutional support.



Team Europe also contributes to the financing of the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) facility, a global initiative to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines to everyone including citizens of ASEAN. The initial contribution was doubled on 19 February 2021, making Team Europe one of the lead donors to COVAX providing over €2.47 billion in funding.

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