



# Pre-Training Report

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Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry (UMFCCI)

- ✓ UMFCCI was founded in 1919
- ✓ Departments : 19
- ✓ Employees : 147
- ✓ Affiliated Associations : 75
- ✓ National level non-government organization (NGO)
- ✓ Representing and safeguarding the interests of the private sector



Advocacy Capacity Building Meeting, 2020



3<sup>rd</sup> Covid Loan, 2020



27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, 2018



Covid-19 Awareness Program, 2020

## Duties & Responsibilities of Advocacy & Research Department

Study related subjects for recommendations to respective Ministries

### Advocacy & Research Department

Analyze private sector issues

Cooperate in the process of Covid-19 loan

Attend workshops and Meetings

# Labor Situation in Myanmar

## ❖ Impact of Covid-19 on labor

- ✓ Loss of earning
- ✓ Unemployment rate increased
- ✓ Businesses Temporarily shut down because of lock down and stay at home policy
- ✓ Transportation Cost increased

## Garment Sector

- ✓ Around 16 garment factories were temporarily closed due to shortage of raw materials
- ✓ 55% of laid-off workers were from Yangon
- ✓ 40% of wages as Social Security Board (SSB) if the factory shut down

*(Source: ILO)*

## Covid-19 Loan

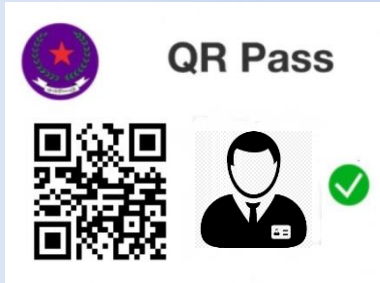
- To mitigate the current labor issues
- 1% interest rate with 1 year duration
- Mainly focus on garment sector, hotels and tourism and SME
- CMP received first highest amount of loan
- Hotel and Tourism sector received the second highest amount of loan
- UMFCCI cooperate with Government



## MOBILE MARKET

- To reduce the crowd at markets
- Location- Yangon
- Arranged by Yangon City Development Committee and UMFCCI





### QR Pass

- To reduce the virus spread from one township to another
- To reduce the crowd on streets
- Banking, food, airlines & cargo related, logistics and communication business are excluded

### FDA One Time Permit

- Formed Task Force
- To import conveniently (only medicine used to treat covid-19)
- To prevent from the shortage of medicine
- Price control of pharmaceutical products



### Business Sentiment Survey

- Confidence of Myanmar businesses
- Regularly conducted since 2016
- To lobby the government
- Indicator to measure the condition of businesses

- **MSME after Covid- 19**
- MSME web portal (technology support by GIZ)
- Private sector perspective
  - Businesses shut down and change type of business to survive
  - High transportation costs
  - 3 Requirements (i) Awareness (ii) Technology (iii) Investment



### **Myanmar Economic Recovery Plan – MERP**

- To address the impact of Covid-19 on Myanmar Economy
- Discussion with affiliated associations and private businesses
- Send recommendation to Government
- UMFCCI represents the comments and inputs of private sector



- **Social Distancing is fostering the investigation of new technologies**
  - AI replace humans
  - Assist in preventing or slowing the virus' spread



**THANK YOU**