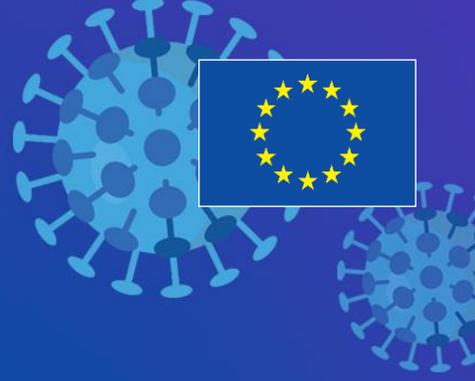


# Team Europe's Response to the COVID-19 crisis in Thailand

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“**No one should be left behind**”

The EU watchword during the COVID crisis

The coronavirus pandemic is a global crisis that requires a global solution. The European Union (EU) is mobilising **EUR 20 billion** to end the spread of the virus and to avoid spill-over effects on economic and social stability and security in its partner countries. The EU contributed **EUR 114 million** to WHO for the global pandemic response and is preparing a further action worth **EUR 20 million** for the ASEAN region. As part of its response, the EU is also adjusting many of its interventions, at country level and ASEAN level, to assist Thailand in its efforts to address the coronavirus outbreak.

## EU responding to immediate needs

By working with **Civil Society Organisations** and local communities in Thailand, the EU is providing emergency assistance and responding to immediate needs of the most vulnerable groups throughout the country.



### Team Europe Response



**France** has scaled up its support to provide protective equipment, rapid screening tests and training of nursing staff. France has also been supporting vulnerable members of a micro-health insurance program.



**Germany** has supported the distribution of food and sanitary products to 400 households in Pattani, the distribution of masks and disinfectants to more than 900 physically disabled persons in northern Thailand and the production of several thousands of washable face masks for distribution to ethnic minorities in the north of Thailand.

- Our partners are providing **protection supplies** – including hygiene products and medical equipment –, **food and water** to the vulnerable groups\*.
- The most vulnerable households were also visited by our partners to ensure that they had **accurate information on COVID-19** in order to improve hygiene practices and minimize their exposure to the virus.
- Women migrant workers who cannot return home due to border closures and may face violence, losing their jobs or need information during the health crisis are supported with **tailored skills training** and provided with **integrated support services** as well as **COVID-19 related information** in their own language, **protection equipment** and **access to safe shelters** if needed.

**20 100**

cloth masks have been stitched by local communities

**4 500**

most vulnerable households were provided with protective equipment

**623**

households were provided with accurate information on the virus through home visits

\*homeless people, people living in slums, indigenous people in Thailand, migrant workers and people from the informal sector with limited or no access to official support schemes

# What support is the EU providing to Thailand in the short and longer term?

Hand in hand with its partners, the EU is supporting the economic and social recovery activities throughout Thailand to limit the negative impact of the crisis in the short and long term and to best adapt to the post-COVID situation.

## Supporting sustainable inclusive recovery of the economy

The EU with UN Women and UNDP is ensuring that the economic recovery is inclusive by:

- **Promoting gender-sensitive responses** to COVID-19 for accelerated and inclusive economic recovery with UN Women;
- Helping businesses to address the human rights impacts of their operations during and after the COVID-19 crisis



## Supporting local rural & small businesses

The EU is dedicated to:

- Strengthening **sustainable supply chains** for small scale farmers and fishermen;
- Supporting the **production and marketing of home-made products** such as coffee, organic herbs, hand-waved clothing;
- Increasing **conservation-related employment and income generation opportunities** for community members in and around national parks



## Addressing the needs of the most vulnerable

The EU support is aimed to strengthen health services/facilities for **prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 in the temporary shelters at the Myanmar-Thailand border** through:

- Increased access to information on the pandemic;
- Printing of Information, Education, Communication material for awareness;
- Production and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment and cleaning products



## Assisting with a quality education for all

- The EU is working with its partners to ensure that **going back to school is safe for all**
- At the same time, the EU is providing **school supplies** such as text books to students



## Supporting access to accurate information

The EU is supporting the UN, social media, youth networks and local NGOs in their efforts to ensure that access to information continue to be respected during the crisis by:

- Monitoring the right to **freedom of expression** while advocating **against hate speech and discrimination**;
- Ensuring **inclusiveness and non-discrimination** in the financial and non-financial COVID-19 response at country level including building trust between civil society and local authorities in the Deep South;
- Providing information and news on [www.engage.eu/covid19](http://www.engage.eu/covid19)



## Helping with a harmonized ASEAN response for aviation

The EU is working with **civil aviation agencies across ASEAN** to support their response to the crisis which consists in:

- Preparing the return to a new normal by ensuring **similar practices between airlines** in terms of passenger and crew treatment