

**Statement on Delivery of Humanitarian Assistance through the ASEAN
Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management
(AHA Centre)**

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1. National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) issued a statement following the People's Assembly held on 27-29 January 2022 with the participation of the members of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), political parties, Ethnic Resistance Organizations (EROs), state/federal-unit/ethnic-based councils, members of National Unity Government (NUG) and other Spring revolutionary forces.
2. The announcement strongly called on the international communities including United Nations to establish Internationally Guaranteed Civilians Protection - Safe Zones for the civilian populations who are under the massacre through land and air operations with excessive forces deployed by the military junta especially in Kayin, Karenni, Chin, Magway and Sagaing.
3. In accordance with the Federal Democracy Charter, a Joint Coordination Committee on Humanitarian Assistance was formed with the members of National Unity Consultative Committee and National Unity Government on 29 March 2022 to coordinate and cooperate more effectively in the course of humanitarian delivery.
4. At the present, many foreign countries are offering the humanitarian aid channelizing the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (the AHA Centre) to Myanmar people who are suffering internal displacement, loss of houses and properties, personal insecurity, socio-economic hardships, loss of livelihood opportunities and many others due to the military's brutal repression and unlawful acts following the illegal coup.
5. Regarding this, a consultative meeting on ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar was conducted on 6 May 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and the meeting agreed that the AHA Centre in collaboration with other in-country partner organizations will be implementing ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Delivery Arrangement Framework in Karenni, Kayin, Magway, Sagaing and Bago.
6. Even though the Consultative Meeting was convened as part of the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, the meeting failed to consult with other key stakeholders, and this directly contradicts the essence of Five-Point Consensus. In addition, the Myanmar Task Force is composed of the

representatives from the junta-controlled ministries and organizations, and it is reaffirmed that the junta-led taskforce absolutely does not represent Myanmar and Myanmar people.

7. Moreover, the Meeting also come to an agreement that the Junta led Myanmar Task Force will work with the National Solidarity and Peace-making Negotiations Committee in delivering humanitarian assistance to communities in Myanmar, including Ethnic Resistance Organizations areas. As such, it is announced that the National Solidarity and Peace-making Negotiations Committee is not representing the ethnic organizations and people either.
8. In this case, the AHA Centre and in-country United Nations Organizations will be providing humanitarian aid including COVID-10 vaccination with the approval of the Myanmar Task Force, and this clearly ignores the military's continued violations of international humanitarian and human rights laws.
9. Due to the fact that international communities have relied on the reputation and credibility of the AHA Centre, and humanitarian assistance are offered through the AHA Centre. However, ASEAN's decision to provide humanitarian assistance with the control of the military, which is committing various atrocities against the people and which Myanmar people are consistently opposing, completely disregards the international communities as well as Myanmar people and supports the various atrocities of the military junta against the innocent people.
10. In reality, humanitarian aid will not be able to reach to the most needy people without the equal treatment and wider consultation with the key stakeholders as per Five-Point Consensus.
11. In this regard, the National Unity Consultative Council protests the decision of ASEAN, the AHA Centre and other international organizations to implement ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Delivery Arrangement Framework in collaboration with the military junta which is committing various crimes against humanity and ruining the lives of the people with an unprecedented scale. Subsequently, the National Unity Consultative Council announces that delivery of humanitarian provisions needs to be made only through the direct support to the organizations that truly represent the local communities for ensuring to reach the affected people who are in need of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar.