

Department of Medical Research (Upper Myanmar)



In 2001, Department of Medical Research (Upper Myanmar) was established in Sitha, Pyin Oo Lwin Township. The department started functioning in 1999 in Mandalay before moving to the present location. Traditional medicine research is one of the main missions of the department. Herbal medicinal plants all over the country are collected and nurtured in the herbal garden of the department. Up to now, 518 medicinal plant species are being grown in the herbal garden.



Research activities concerned with Traditional Medicines include study on safety, therapeutic efficacy and clinical applications on reputed traditional medicine formulations [TMF], popular herbal drugs in the market and exploration of potential new herbal remedies. These efforts are directed towards the effective prevention, control and treatment of six major diseases and other diseases prevailing in the country.



To strengthen the research capacity of the department, workshops on reproductive health and malaria research were conducted with consultants from World Health Organization (WHO). Collaborative research activities have been carried out with the partners from hospitals, University of Medicine (Mandalay) and its' allied institutions, University of Traditional Medicine, disease control programmes in Mandalay and Upper Myanmar.