

**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along
the Thai-Myanmar border (MHS Province)
10th Meeting, 29 May 2020**

Participants: ADRA (Wanchai), ACTED (Victoire, Wuttiphan), IRC (Parichart), MI (Lasantha), TBC (Umakorn), KNRC (LUIZ), UNHCR (Lorenzo Leonelli, Duean Wongsu)

1. Situation update (UNHCR/IRC)

▪ Trends in Thailand

#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
1	Thailand	3,065		57		2,945	63	59	44	0.8	375,453	5,380	69,784,490
	Total:	5,905,415	+4,508	362,024	+475	2,579,678	2,963,713	53,972	757.6	46.4			

- Trends stable in Thailand but little spike in the past 2 days (9 and 11 new cases). One PUI There was a PUI returning from Mon State last week to Sangklaburi District was tested negative. No PUI in the camps, no active case in MHS Province.
- Emergency Decree: The government announced the intention to lift it In July, entering in Phase 3.
- 6th Announcement by MHS Governor of May 27 repealed the article 5 of previous announcements, allowing non-Thai nationals to enter MHS province.
- Clashes in Northern Kayin State have triggered a displacement of 400 individuals in HpaHpun District. 40 individuals / 11 households crossed temporarily the border to Thailand on May 17/18 into SoebMei District. They all returned to Myanmar according to Thai authorities, voluntarily.
- UNHCR is still waiting for a meeting with the army to discuss about refugee movement during COVID-19.

2. Camp governance (KRC, KNRC)

- Overview of community quarantine:

Camp	# Individuals	Location	Total
BMN	5	Home quarantine	1 completed
BMS	0	-	-
MLO	25	Home and household quarantine	132 entrance screened (Thai nationality, NGOs staff, villagers), 6 new returnees, 4 completed
MRML	12	Home and household quarantine	90 screened (Thai nationality, NGOs staff, villagers, 2 foreigners/tourists), 4 new returnees, 7 completed

- C19 case simulation exercise: BMN/S postponed, planned internal only; MLO/MRML: planned for the 1st-2nd week of June.
- KNRC: Both camps remain under lockdown, movements between sections possible, small check points set up internally for face masks checks and hand washing. New KNRC announcement released (extending previous disposition); on 28 May, 11 individuals who are non-camp residences from Myanmar returned to Shadaw in Myanmar. Some CBOs staff and students still

being block in Karenni State. NGOs welcomed back, gradually and implement small group activities (10 max 15 participants) and social distancing/hand washing to be ensured.

- Approx. 350 refugees fomr MRM/MLO in northern Kayin State, DPCU tried to facilitate but DO not yet allowing. MI: once border opens, returns should be per batches, to ensure space for all in quarantine facilities

3. Surveillance, Case Investigation and Outbreak Rapid Response + Infection Prevention Control (IRC/MI)

- MI/IRC isolation system: IRC facilities are under process of expansion of the isolation places in BMN/S. MI, set up for the water supply is ongoing. MI receiving medical the equipment to use in the units.

Camp	Isolation Places for suspected cases/PUI/Confirmed	Medical quarantine for close contact cases (high risk)	Contact cases (low risk)
BMN	BK RCH (42 +18 beds), normal services (OPD) of clinic closed, maybe moved to BT clinic + BT Clinics (4 beds)	KnCC building in BMN (20 beds),	Home quarantine
BMS	OPD/IPD Clinic (10 + 6 beds), KnHD Training Center for daily services of the clinic	VRC in BMS (10 beds),	Home quarantine
MLO	IOM building, 14 beds; delay in incinerator completion	RSC building, 6 beds for oxygenation, 12-15 beds for mild symptomatic patients	Home isolation
MRM	RSC building, 12 beds; delay in incinerator completion	RSC building in S.4 w triage / prescreening + beds available at RSC building as well	Home isolation

- Testing: agreement with MSRU completed, SOP under development. MI staff being trained on collection of specimens.
- Triage:

	ILI	URTI	LRTI	Comments
BMN	1	39	12	No PUI
BMS	0	10	2	
MLO	0	4	8	No PUI
MRM	0	9	5	

ILI – influenza like infection; URTI – Upper Respiratory Track Infection – LRTI – Lower RTI

- Issue of C19 specimen collection for C19 testing of PUI: mandatory or consent required? According to Thai MOPH guideline, no consent needed.

4. Risk Communications and Community Engagement (ADRA)

- ADRA: SGBV information have been posted to public, key messages of COVID-19 is ongoing on the daily basis. ADRA/UNHCR masks (5.600) delivered to KRC/DO for KRC distribution in MRM/MLO. Additional 2.00 masks by ADRA distributed (11.000 in MRM, 1000 in MLO) on 26-27 May. MI reported that the C19 media monitoring is not share din the cmaps.

- ACTED: Completed 1,849 household visits in BMN, 410 in BMS, 6 boarding house in BMN (29 set of hygiene kits), 2 boarding house in BMS(4 set of hygiene kits), total 2,300 set. Complaint mechanism posters distributed in BMN/S last week. Coordinated with camp committee on the SGBV announcement. **Action point: ACTED/KSNG to ensure max distribution of C19 Media Monitoring Reports (weekly).**
- UNHCR FACE MASKS: vendor selected, masks to reach the camps by 10-12 June.
- It was noted by MI/UNHCR that refugees in MRM/MLO do not use the face masks. **Action point: to include the loudspeakers messaging encouraging to wear the face mask in MRML and MLO**

5. Food assistance (TBC)

- Food and price control: TBC conducted price monitoring in the MLO and MRML camp: broken rice +25% (150 ₪ per sack) in MLO, price within parameter in MRM; cooking oil: stable; other food item +3-5 ₪ in average. TBC requested vendors not to increase further. Monitoring ongoing.

6. Protection + Advocacy – RTG engagement (UNHCR)

- MSR: 85 cases monitored by COERR, 11 new cases of neglect (May). 96 children in MRML and 101 in MLO on handwashing awareness reached in child friendly space; 279 hygiene kits in MRML and 312 in MLO to separated/vulnerable children. COERR to provide color books to children (5-11 y/o) and in-kind assistance increase to vulnerable with UNHCR partnership.
- COERR observed the increase of single parents with a lot of children who are overwhelmed or unable to take care of children due to C19. Behaviour problem like internet over usage, alcohol abuse, verbal abuse is reported but no clear data is received.
- **School in MLO/MRML camp need more wash facilities? Action point: UNHCR to discuss in PWG.**
- World Refugee Day: likely cancelled by CCs in BMN/S, proposals being developed by MRM/MLO CC.
- MHS PWG noticed less engagement on protection cases by CC and CJ/CS in BMN/S, probably due to C19 related activities. KNRC to check with CCs.
- Young people in BMN camp coming outside of the camp to get the internet connection which could lead to the protection concerns. KNRC suggested to give more education to them to protect themselves.

Next meeting: Friday 5 June 2020 at 10.00 am