**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along the Thai-Myanmar border (Provincial Level) Tak**

**10th Meeting, 4 May 2020 10:00 – 10:40**

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1. Review of Action Points

* See updated Action Item Tracker

1. Situation Overview (UNHCR/IRC)

* 2nd Friendship Bridge was opened briefly from 1-2 May, 60 Myanmar migrant workers retunred on 1 May and 54 on 2 May and was then halted. Bilateral discussions are continuing between the GoUM and RTG.
* Thai nationals are also continuing to return from Myanmar - as of 30 April 84 individuals have crossed back and are currently quarantined in government facilities.
* No changes at the Provincial level instructions in Tak yet, following on from the announcement of the extension of the Emergency Decree last week.
* Flights have resumed once a day BKK/MST as of 1 May to BKK. Unlcear whether everyone who comes from BKK has to go to quarantine.
* IRC has received 6000 surgical masks from Tak PHO, OCDP had requested from MOPH. OCDP requested 14-15,000 for all 9 camps. The masks will only for medical staff working in the five camp clinics in Tak.

1. Surveillance, Case investigation and Outbreak Rapid Response (IRC)

* No suspected or confirmed cases in any of the camps.
* IRC has conducted the simulation exercise in Umpium and Nupo camps last week, already completed in Mae La. Camp Commander is Umpium and representative from local hospital participated.
* Mid-wife trainees have returned to their camps of origin on 1 May - 5 from Umpium and 8 Nupo. Were not asked to quarantine upon arrival at the camps.

1. Infection Prevention Control (IRC)

* IRC - Feedback from ADRA, DO Pho Phra went to Umpium with the Camp Commander las Friday to distribute cloth masks from the Camp Hall.
* IRC are considering procuring masks for non-medical staff, they have now received cloth masks and will distribute soon.

1. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (ADRA)

* N/A
* Request made for updated on mask tracking sheet.
  + AP: Request ADRA to share updated tracking sheet and any other updates before next meeting.

1. Protection & Advocacy (UNHCR)

* Current sanctions for breaches of movement restrictions:
  + Mae La: Detention 1 night, 200THB fine (breaking curfew)
  + Umpium: 2,000THB fine, detention 2 months + section leaders forced to resign
  + Nupo: Detention 15 days, not imposed strictly
* The current position of the Camp Commander in Mae La is that those stranded outside of the camp in Thailand only can return and are subject to 14-day quarantine. Those in Myanmar need to wait at least three months, or until the COVID-19 period passes.
* Of the initial list of 198 verified refugees who were reported as being stranded outside of Umpium camp, 46 have re-entered and been placed into quarantine, 113 individuals remain outside of the camp, mostly in surrounding Thai villages. 39 individuals are reportedly in Myanmar.
* Currently 30 individuals in quarantine in Umpium, capacity is now only 34 since the IRC CO building is not being used – only the makeshift shelters and ADRA mechanic training centre are available. The onset of rain has also deteriorated the conditions of the makeshift shelters, with water leaking and concerns that those staying in quarantine will fall ill.
* At the current pace it will mean that it will still take several months for them to return. This process is not aligned with the instructions at the Provincial level instructions which indicate that only those outside of the Province are required to go into quarantine (RTG centres or at home).
* It was flagged that some restrictions are now eased in Thailand, eg. in Bangkok and Phuket and only 3 cases reported over the weekend. If this continues, then we should expect more flexibility. To be raised again with the Camp Commander at the end of the week.
* Last Thursday heard that the Director of MOI called a meeting of all Governors, last Friday called health staff from Tak staff at City Hall for situation update and action plan for Tak province. Awaiting feedback.
* UNHCR has shared the translation in Karen and Burmese for Tak CDC Annoucement relating to the use of face masks in public areas to the camp committee in Mae La which they found useful, has also been shared with other Camp Committees in Umpium and Nupo.
* UNHCR has done the translation of the Thai National Muslim announcement in on refraining the activities during ramadan in order to place the announcement into Mae La. This has also been shared with the Camp Commanders in Umpium and Nupo.

**Next meeting: Monday 11 May @ 10:00am**