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

**14th Meeting, 8 June 2020 10:00 – 11:00am**

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1. **Review of Action Points**

* See updated Action Item Tracker

1. **Situation Overview (UNHCR/IRC)**

* Restrictions are easing and now able to travel to Bangkok.
* Situaiton at the border the same, border officially closed – now 15,000 migrant workers who have returned through 2nd Friendship Bridge, continued last week.
* General COVID situation – since 26 May, all COVID-19 cases in Thailand detected have been returnees. No local transmission. From yesterday 8 cases all in State quarantine.
* 189 Thai nationals returned from Myanmar now in State quarantine.
* Other arrests of people arriving irregularly over the border.

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

* No suspected or confirmed cases in the camps.
* Has had discussion with District Hospital who are expecting a second wave once the State of emergency ends and people are moving more freely within Thailand and across the border. Prevention measures therefore need to be maintained. Emphasise the importance of social distancing and avoiding mass gatherings.
* Case management – testing, discussed with all camp committees/Palads and feedback was positive. Starting first in MHS
  + Schedule for Tak camps to be shared when finalized.
* For Tak camps still have agreement to transfer – 20-30 beds per District hospital, if confirmed cases are higher than that may need to keep in the camps. Current capacity in camps for isolation, expected to have 80 beds in Mae La, Umpium about 30 – 40 beds, still being prepared. District hospitals also being explored for surge capacity as district hospitals prefer treatment to be done in the hospital rather than send medicine to the camps (which may be a back-up plan if needed and capacity exceeded).

1. **Infection Prevention Control (IRC)**

* Handwashing facility in public spaces – working with SCI on supporting schools to have handwashing stations. Currently identifying needs for schools, meeting will be held today.
* IRC hasn’t requested more funds for more handwashing stations, only IRC facilities, for schools can allocate internal budget if needed. Have already installed some handwashing stations in camp entrances and detention sites.

1. **Risk Communication and Community Engagement (ADRA)**

* Handwashing facilities – discussing needs for schools. Discussing water storage tank with KRCEE. Design of facilities are expensive, discussing the design.
  + IRC to send out the design for handwashing stations.
* KAP survey – completed in Mae La with 94 HHs interviewed (out of 106HH planned – 1 HH couldn’t be found, several out of the camp or sick family members). Continuing in Nupo 9 June, 10 Umpium for a training, not sure when the survey will be completed.
* Mask tracking – tracker been sent out.
* UNHCR distribution starting – delivery dates on 9 June (MLA, UMP) and 18 June (Nupo). Distribution dates 10-11 MLA, 16-17 UMP, 18-19 NPO, 34,980 masks for Mae La, 9,715 Nupo, 10,975 Umpium. Other vulnerable groups (PWDs, EVIs) will be distributed through COERR/HI, around 3,000.
* IRC soap distribution – dates not scheduled yet. Planning to do distribution section by section together with section leaders and IRC hygiene educators to minimize mass gathering.

1. **Food Assistance (TBC)**

* N/A

**8. Protection & Advocacy (UNHCR)**

* Updates from PWG
  + KWO shared overview of preparation guidelines for return to school with COVID-19 prevention measures (share PPP). KWO also highlighted that under-reporting of domestic violence is an issues, risks for sex workers, incidents of stealin and alcohol abuse.
  + RTP – pscyho-social support continuing through home visits, families experiencing stress and guidelines/materials from IRC forthcoming.
  + COERR – no change in neglect cases which was surprising, some expectation that parents returning to the camps after losing livelihoods would improve their situation but this hasn’t proven to be case.
  + TBC will likely make an announcement this week on whether they will be able to continue to maintain level of assistance at ‘Most vulnerable” level for all after June depending on funding.
  + World Refugee Day is coming up on 20 June- theme is “**Everyone can make a difference. Every action counts’**
* Quarantine – only 8 individuals currently in Umpium. The issue of people stranded outside of the camps has dissipated since many want to re-start work in surrounding Thai villages and the strict approach taken by the Palads on re-entry. Issue will remain for those who either want to return to the cmaps for eduction or resume going to local Thai schools (eg. Umpium).
* IRC noted that community surveillance workers have noted a reduction in cases sneaking in and out of the camps as well.
* ADRA remarked that some refugees are in mixed living conditions with other migrants and facing challenges since factories closed and unable to return to Myanmar or start work in agriculture.

**9. AOB**

* Meeting frequency – given current situation monthly meetings will be sufficient, switch more frequently if community transmission starts in Thailand again (second wave) or ad hoc depending on needs. Will continue second Monday of each month going forward.

**Next meeting: Monday 13 July @ 10am (unless needed sooner).**