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

**15th Meeting, 13 July 2020 10:00 – 11:15am**

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1. **Review of Action Points**

* See updated Action Item Tracker

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

* Since 23 May to 9 July, total 35, 196 migrant workers crossed back to MYA, both registered or unregistered via MYA Embassy, via the 2nd Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge.
* As of 9 July, there are total 244 Thai people returned from Myanmar and quarantined for 14 days.
* This week, there are 385 Myanmar nationals deported back to MYA.
* Stricter instructions are imposed to all border provinces including Tak province, the relevant authorities has jointly planned to crackdown for illegal migrant since 10 July onwards.
* Border is still closed officially. Some migrant workers may be returning unofficially but there is known data on the scale of this yet.
* As of 12 July, confirmed COVID-19 cases 3,217 in Thailand. Yesterday, one new case who returned from Japan. No new local transmission for 48 days, new cases only those staying in the quarantine areas.
* Camp accessibility – Umpium and Nupo can access without sharing plans, have to show camp passes. Mae La, continue to submit weekly schedule to the Camp Commander for his approval, for health programme submitted on a monthly basis. For UNHCR/TBC not necessary to send weekly schedule, but inform the Camp Commander about activities.

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

* No suspected PUI or confirmed cases in the camps. Easing of restrictions will put pressure on health actors. Need to strengthen the messages about the arrivals of people coming back into the camps for health screening. When CWHs are approaching for home visits, refugees are afraid of being identified and penalty from the camp authorities will be imposed. Health team will have a meeting with camp committee on benefits of health screening and disclosure to improve this type of surveillance activities.
* Identified places for community isolation in all camps in case there are confirmed positive with mild or no symptoms, further capacity will be identified if needed.
* Next week simulation exercise for specimen collection for Nupo and Umpium – project with CDC will start in the next few weeks.
* Case definition for PUI – PHO changed, DDC, MOPH has updated the case definition for PUI, no major change

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

* From the observation, ther is no consistency of temperature screening and handwashing practices at the entrance of Umpiem and Nupo Camp while Maela is continuing. IRC will discuss with Camp Authorities to reinforce and provide technical support as needed.IRC in collaboration with SCI, KRCEE and OCEE discuss about preparation for school re-openeing. In the previous plan supposed to be on July 20. However, materials for handwashing facilities is on process to be delivered, education sectors may consider the delay of school opening to ensure its readiness. This may need to be confirmed by education sector. IRC will work with provide ToT training on temperature screening, handwashing and school cleaning to SCI, KRCEE staff on July 14 and ensure referral system from schools to health facilities is including in the safe school protocolIRC already distributesd soap bars to all camp residents last month, next distribution will be only for targeted distribution with certain criteria, IRC will coordinate with ADRA if can join with hygiene kits distributionThere are some students returning to the camps for education, it is helpful for IRC to know who they are for screening purposes, along with everyone else who has returned to the camps.

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

* New colleague, Tommy, joined in June.
* UNHCR has distribution around 40,000 in Tak camps.
  + ADRA to share updated face mask traker.
* Surgical masks received by IRC in May, didn’t receive in May in July they will continue to support (MOI),
* Going to print and distribute IEC materials by the end of July – this is the package of IEC materials including COVID-19 symptoms, Key messages and will be distributed to religious leaders.
* Going to recruit community engagement workers in 9 camps. Have finished the KAP survey in the Tak camps.
* It was discussed that there is currently no clear inter-agency work plan with an overview of RCCE activities in the Tak camps including all activities and would be useful to have a small meeting with concerened agencies to plan this in detail and compile findings from feedback collected.
  + ADRA to convene meeting with agencies involved in RCCE activities for the Tak camps.

1. **Food Assistance (TBC)**

* Top rate for all will continue in July. In August, will be an adjustment to standard and self-reliant groups, “most vulnerable” and “vulnerable” will continue to get the top rate – the “standard” and “self-reliant” will receive the “vulnerable” rate. Messages will be sent out next week to the community.
* Contingency stock in all three camps hasn’t been distributed, but will be kept in stock in warehouses in case of a second wave of COVID-19 cases in Thailand.
* Community messaging – have sent out a short video on how to prevent COVID-19, songs, drawings and is working through the CITs in each camps. COERR also doing picture drawings.
* Food prices – have now decreased a little bit, incl. rice now broken rice 5% 19THB in MLA/UMP, 20THB in Nupo. Cooking oil, garlic onions now decreasing. Concerned about this year’s rainy season and costs. Morning markets in Mae La and Nupo are operational now.
* Access still reduced for TBC staff and are only going to the camps for urgent issues.

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

* PWG members have been working on a mid-year update to the Protection Analysis which focuses on the impact of COVID-19 on the overall protection environment.
  + Members have highlighted that it is generally very hard to draw any conclusions from data and it is well-understood that there is an under-reporting of SGBV incidents, including domestic violence and other related to sex-work due to the overall impact of the constraints to access to livelihoods and basic needs. The situation of children who are neglected have not generally improved and it is noted the complexity and seriousness of cases against minors of particular concern.
  + New protection risks include those related to acces to food, due to those not previously receiving food (as not eligible) and the increase of food prices overall.
  + Draft report being fnalise and action plan with activities for the rest of the year identified.

**9. AOB**

* N/A

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