

**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along the Thai-Myanmar border (Provincial Level) Tak  
16th Meeting, 10 August 10:00 – 10:50**

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**1. Review of Action Points**

- See updated Action Item Tracker

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

- 46,106 migrant workers returned through this border crossing since late May through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friendship Bridge.
- 255 Thai nationals have returned through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friendship Bridge.
- 307 of Myanmar nationals have been deported – those who have finished prison/IDC sentences.
- No update on VolRep returns – Group 5 still do not have a date to return, smaller number who have now expressed their interest to return for Group 6.
- Only new cases of COVID-19 are those in State Quarantine, no new local transmission in the past month. As of 9 August according to the MOPH 3,351 cases in Thailand, 58 deaths, 142 receiving treatment.
- Tak Governor has said that migrant workers and their families can return (inline with national announcement) no current space for quarantine – to be followed up.

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

- Started collecting specimens since last week of July – decrease in cases of flu due to good hygiene and implementation of COVID-19 prevention measures ie. face mask wearing, washing hands and social distancing.
- Project for specimen collection will continue at least until the end of the year. There is a possibility to extend the project and IRC is working on the proposal with HQ.
- No cases suspected or confirmed in the camps, isolation facilities are ready, community isolation is being prepared. One case traveling by bus from Ayuttaya who was pregnant, but not PUI, took specimen and was negative.
- MOI and Camp Committee discontinued their travel quarantine protocols and now home quarantine implemented. This poses challenges for community surveillance which is continuing by CWHs, refugees will agree to temperature screenings but not answer questions on where they have been. Last week was a meeting with Camp Committees on the purpose on the surveillance activities which should not be seen as a way to implement penalties for illegal exit/entry into camps.

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

- Working with SCI for ToT and installation of WASH facilities.
- Discussed with Camp Commanders to strengthen monitoring at entrance of camps: handwashing/temperature screening.
- Working with ADRA on soap distribution, IRC did soap distribution already for all population. Now only doing for targeted population for pregnant women and children under 5 years. Need updated schedule from ADRA on next distribution of hygiene kits to align distributions.

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

- N/A

**6. Food Assistance (TBC)**

- MV and V Households will continue to receive the MV rate until the end of 2020. Standard will receive V rate until the end of 2020. Self-reliant will be reviewed in August, if they can support their families they may stop receiving the support – some include shop-owners through the FCS. If they sell more than 200,000THB/month then they probably receive profit around 5-10% which

could be between 5,000-10,000THB/month. Will work with the Camp Committee to verify the vulnerability of the self-reliant category.

- Changes will be implemented from September – will not provide support to Self-reliant group – they can submit an appeal in the future if situation changes.
- Contingency support – in August, will open the contingency stock to allow the vendors to take the supply. In all three camps and all. Rice, cooking oil and tinned fish – due to the funding period they need to distribute before the end of the year so will start now.
- TBC will continue to provide training on how prevent COVID-19, provide hand gel, alcohol solutions, hand-washing station. Warehouse, vendors, camp committees and programme office.

#### **7. Protection & Advocacy (UNHCR)**

- Protection Analysis mid-year review is finalized. Key data that is highlighted throughout this process includes:
  - 20% increase in the number of SGBV incidents during the COVID-19 lockdown period (Q2 v Q1).
  - 20% increase in child neglect cases so far reported in 2020 as compared to 2019.
  - 25% of those in camp detention are due to drug/alcohol abuse of which 65% are children/youth.
- Action Plan focuses on thematic areas of SGBV, and film screenings have begun for awareness raising. Capacity building activities have also re-started including on disability and inclusion last week and LGBTI coming up later in August.
- Sanitary pad distribution will take place in the end of the September for all women and girls aged between 13 – 49 years, a four month supply will be provided. Distribution plan being coordinated with TBC and group will be updated.

#### **9. AOB**

- Agencies to update focal points for participation in the coordination meeting.

**Next meeting: Monday 14 September @ 10am (unless needed sooner).**