

**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along
the Thai-Myanmar border (MHS Province)
4th Meeting, 17 April 2020**

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1. Situation update (UNHCR/IRC)

- # of COVID-19 cases in MHS stable at 5, no case/PUI in the camps. Situation in Thailand relatively stable, cases doubling every 2 weeks. Country wide lockdown continuing until April 30, access to camps restricted to essential services and NGOs.
- Re. support on C19 activities of MHS public hospitals, a meeting was held between the Provincial Department of Public Health, IRC, MI and UNHCR On April 13. To the instruction to refer only sever cases from the camps, UNHCR/MI/IRC replied on Friday with a letter to the Governor, outlining the constraints and the need for support for testing, treatment, PPE and referral among districts of cases. This advocacy is supported by camp commanders and Amper District.
- 4th Announcement by MHS Governor, extending the curfew until April 30, closure of restaurants and non-essential shops, hotels, gyms etc., imposing 14 days of isolations for travelers from areas at risk. Announcement translated into Karen and Burmese and shared with KNRC and KRC.

2. Camp governance (KRC, KNRC)

- BMN/S:
 - KNRC: 85 persons of whom 3 female under community quarantine in BMN, moved from temporary arrangements to the camp to Middle school No-4, St. Marry School, CO office; another option is the High school. Among them REG/URG refugees and non camp residents. Additional 85 individuals are under home quarantine in BMN. Currently, no camp resident is reported as stranded outside of the camp and unable to return.
 - A Pandemic Preventing Coordination Group (PPCG) of volunteers has been created in BMN to manage the community quarantine areas. IRC will provide wash/health support and waste management (through EH), UNHCR nonfood items, as in other camps. KNRC to pass the messages to the PPCG.
 - BMN camp commander has stressed that only camp residents will be allowed back to the camp. Screening should be ensured in the entry points, and secondary entries should be closed and monitored.
- MRM/MLO (through MI):
 - 60 individuals under community quarantine in MLO (6 new ones), 70 in MRM
 - Security check point will be set up in Huey Ba Lue to stop people from outside that are coming to MRML.
 - Challenge: Thais alcohol sellers still accessing and supplying the camps.

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

- MI/IRC isolation facilities:

	Suspected cases / PUI	Confirmed	Contact risk cases
BMN	KnCC building in BMN (18-20 beds)	BK RSC Clinic (10+ beds)	Home isolation
BMS	VRC in BMS (8 beds)	KMHD training center (6 beds)	Home isolation
MLO	IOM building, 12 to 15 beds	RSC building for confirmed positive cases, 18-20 beds	Home isolation
MRM	RSC building, 12-15 beds	RSC building, 18-20 beds (new)	Home isolation

MI set up a Management Unit for confirmed cases in the camps by doctors, nurses, lab/pharmacy staff, 26-30 per team.

- Testing for COVID-19: not available in the camps; discussions ongoing with CDC for a centralized testing at the border by SMRU. MI ordered 20 rapid tests.
- PPE and other stocks:

IRC	30 N95, 98 hand gel, 311 goggle, 99 PPE set, 9,500 examination gloves, 500 pieces of facial mask, chlorine liquid 22 gallons, 192 alcohol 70% bottles.
MI	64 PPE set, 59,220 gloves (not sure), 6,500 pieces of surgical mask, 448 N95, 9 gallon hand gel sanitizer

MOPH has confirmed to IRC that surgical masks will be provided for the medical staff of the camps.

- Treatment for C19 patients: treatments protocols under discussion with CDC, treatment not available now in the camps, only medication of symptoms (mild). MI/IRC stocking up equipment and supply for oxygenation in the camps. Stock of drugs not available

4. Risk Communications and Community Engagement (ADRA)

- Messaging through loudspeakers ongoing, updated weekly. Strategy: KAP survey being finalized, then launched in the camp, no dates set yet. No dates for strategy or workplan. RCCE strategy essential for coordinated messaging.

	Loudspeaker messaging	House per house	NGOs/CBOs CBS trained	IEC material
BMS/S**	✓	Pending CCRE	Pending CCRE	Pending CCRE
MLO/MRM	✓	✓ by MI CBS*	✓ by MI	Pending CCRE

* MI has completed messaging house by house in MRM/MLO by MI camp-based staff (CHW, nutrition, psychosocial, etc.), trained last week (2-3h) on C19 key messages, prevention in the houses, referral in the camp/outside. Home visit SOP by PWG not included in the training. ADRA, COERR, HI, UNHCR camp-based staff trained as well on messaging. KWO MRM/MLO contacted but did not attend.

** To be clarified implementation of the messaging house by house, as ADRA is not present in MHS.

- UNHCR: home visit guidelines approved by the PWGs to be used for messaging as well.
- ADRA is working on the face mask coordination. UNCHR-ACTED to support 33 refugee tailors to produce 7,500 masks to be distributed to vulnerable and CBOs working with vulnerable, identified in PWG; 1,500 ready in the next 2 weeks.

5. Food assistance (TBC)

- Food cards for MI/IRC isolation facilities sent to nutrition staff to 4 camps, value 3,000 ₱. The card does not apply to community or home quarantine situations.
- SOPs for those working in community kitchen shared. Soap and protective equipment for cookers provided.

6. Protection + Advocacy – RTG engagement (UNHCR)

- PWG met for MHS and MSR.
- Concerns about C19 messaging for mental health cases (CEORR: 42 in BMN, 4 in BMS).
- Legal FACILITATION ongoing in MHS and MSR by UNHCR, including 2 minors and one adult for violation of curfew.

Next meeting: 24 April 2020 at 10.00 am.