

**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along  
the Thai-Myanmar border (MHS Province)  
5<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 24 April 2020**

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

- 0 COVID-19 active cases in MH, 5 individuals previously positive now recovered; no case/PUI in the camps. 2839 cases in Thailand, 50 deaths, 2430 recovered, 358 active cases, 61 serious, 142589 tests completed, 2% of which positive. Situation stable, as the testing coverage expands the likelihood of new clusters of cases countrywide being missed is reducing. Possible loosening of restrictions by Governor to be announced next week.
- Reply by MHS Governor to joint letter UNHCR, IRC, and MI on Monday 20, confirming previous prohibition to refer cases from the camps unless in sever conditions. Issue escalated at the national COVID-19 Group, while advocacy with camp commanders continues in MHS jointly with discussion by IRC/MI with hospitals for protocols of referrals.

**2. Camp governance (KRC, KNRC)**

- Overview of community quarantine:

Camp	# individuals	Locations	TOTAL
BMN	31	RSC-CO (6), Middle school #4 in section 9 (4), St. Marry School in section 6 (21).	14 completed this week, total completed 289. No home quarantine
BMS	25	TBC Office, Section 4	2 completed this week, total completed 8. No home quarantine, 21 returned from Kayah
MLO	8	TBC warehouses S5 and S15	6 hoe quarantine, 2 in facilities
MRM	53		9 new, 12 at home, 42 in facilities

- Risk of SGBV: female refugees (3 in BMN, 1 in MOLO, 4 in MRM) are doing quarantine with family members, as per their choice. Female staff part of surveillance teams KNOW involved. KWO not involved in MRM/MLO surveillance.
- BMN: 8 to 11 non camp residents currently hosted in makeshift shelters, outside of Section 9; KNRC unsure how to handle this group
- IRC to support with hand washing items for BMN community quarantine space and soap, as needed.

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

- IRC isolation facilities (in red the updates):

Camp	Isolation Places for suspected cases/PUI/ Confirmed	Medical Quarantine for close contact cases (high risk)	Contact cases (low risk)
BMN	BK R CH Clinic (12 beds) + BT Clinic (4 beds)	KnCC building in BMN (20 beds)	Home quarantine
BMS	KNHD training center (6 beds)	VRC in BMS (10 beds)	Home quarantine

Changes in BMN BT Clinic – OPD: Respiratory Tract Infections (RTI) cases will be consulted in BMN BT clinic, while other OPD cases will be consulted at RCH Training Center, BT. At BK clinic, RTI and other consultations still ongoing in the same building with separate area.

Camp	Suspected cases / PUI	Confirmed	Contact risk cases
MLO	IOM building, 12 to 13 beds (request pending with IOM)	RSC building, 6 bed for oxygenation, 12-15 beds for mild symptomatic patients	Home isolation
MRM	RSC building, 14 beds	RSC building in S4 w triage/prescreening + beds available at RSC building as well	Home isolation

IRC/MI setting up dedicated treatment units, as a response to the refusal of DPHO to admit C19 from the camps.

- Stock:

IRC	30 N95, 98 hand gel, 311 goggle, 99 PPE set, 9,500 examination gloves, chlorine liquid 22 gallons, 192 alcohol 70% bottles. NEW 2,000 pieces of surgical masks, NEW 290 face shields (produced by LLH team in camp).
MI	64 PPE set, 59,220 gloves (not sure), 6,500 pieces of surgical mask, 448 N95, 9 -gallon hand gel sanitizer, NEW 200 face shields (produced in camp) + 18 donated by SBM DO

14,000 surgical face masks by MOPH to be provided to the 9 camps, 2,000 for MI, 12,000 for 7 camps for IRC.

- Testing: no capacity by IRC or MI. MI ordered 20 test kits, pending delivery from China.
- Response/Treatment for C19 patients: see above, separate areas to treat respiratory infections being set up (with proper pre-screening and triage). Limitations in terms of medical drugs.
- Face masks encouraged in all 4 camps, therefore quantity needed for all the refugee population. ADRA currently collecting the needs with Face Mask Tracking Sheet. UNHCR/ACTED working to produce 7.500 cloth face masks in BMN/S in the next 2 months. 924 masks distributed by WPE/KNOW to CC, leadership and volunteers in the community quarantine spaces. COERR distributed 706 in BMN/S and 1251 in MRM/MLO to EVIs. KNRC to share needs with MHS PWG. IRC livelihood supporting the production of face shields in the camps.

#### 4. Risk Communications and Community Engagement (ADRA)

- Loudspeaker messaging ongoing (twice a day), not updated this week. MI reported that wires in S2 MRM was cut twice to block the messaging, as the repletion “would” invite the C19 to spread.
- Section to section awareness: NGOs camp-based staff and CBOs trained this and last week (BMN 32, BMS 26, MRM 50, MLO 65). Urgent clarification needed by ADRA: next step after training of camp based staff + delivery of IEC material + clarification on RCCE focal point for BMN/S

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

- 180.00 £ secured by ADRA for hygiene kits (mapping of needs ongoing)

## **5. Food assistance (TBC)**

- Food card system functioning, monitoring of shops and prices ongoing. Delivery interruption occasionally in MRM/MLO (but supplies in food card shops maintained), access re-established, through local negotiation with Thai authorities and camp Committees.
- TBC is working with health agencies to provide food support for medical quarantine facilities. TBC identified people who working in kitchen and provided recommendation in working in the area.
- TBC is under discussion with ADRA regarding the distribution of hygiene kits to all households (supported by a number of agencies).
- Value of food cards upgraded to the MV level for all camp households for an initial phase of 3 months with monthly top up. From late April, 5% increase to all cards to compensate for food item price inflation, especially rice.

## **6. Protection + Advocacy – RTG engagement (UNHCR)**

- PWGs ongoing, regular follow up with protection CBOs, CC. KNOW confirms much impact in the short terms of C19 situation in the camps so far, probably impacts in the longer terms, when saving of families reduced.
- KNWO in BMN/S are monitoring the community quarantine facilities and provide counselling to women at the quarantine area. 2 cases being followed up for safety, 1 in safe house.
- IRC LAC price monitoring show an increase but a steady level of prices in the past 3 weeks.
- Access to justice, in-camp justice system for judicial body. IRC-LAC and UNHCR are developing the working guideline for CJ and CS and detention during COVID-19 situation.

Next meeting: Thursday 30 April 2020 at 10.00 am.