

**.COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along the
Thai-Myanmar border (Provincial Level) Tak
5th Meeting, 9 April 2020 10:00 – 11:30am**

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1. Review of Action Points
 - See Action Item Tracker
2. Situation Overview
 - IRC - Camp access, reminder that if there is a need to access the camp then share the weekly schedule so they can share with the checkpoints for access. This week access has been smooth for IRC.
3. Camp Governance
 - KWO social workers are following the home visits guidance.
4. Surveillance, Case investigation and Outbreak Rapid Response (IRC)
 - Number of ARI 150 cases presently in Umpium and Nupo and 200 in Mae La no suspected cases, no pneumonia.
 - In Mae La - 23 people in quarantine are have completed the 14-day period and left yesterday at 3pm. IRC checked their health status before they returned and all clear.
 - Umpium - 5 April the Muslim group returned to the camp, according to the Camp Commander they stayed for 14 days already in quarantine but not clear who issued it - the Camp Commander recommended that they stay home at 14 days and the IRC community health workers will check contact tracing every day.
5. Infection Prevention Control (IRC)
 - IPC training completed for MOI in all three camps this week.
6. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (ADRA)
 - Messages are updated and being sent through the loudspeakers this week.
 - Masks being discussed at the national level and there is the go ahead to produce cloth masks now.
 - ADRA have the VT training course of trainers/trainees who can make the masks for themselves at this time. ADRA will compile an overview of which agencies will be producing/providing cloth masks.

AP: Each agency to send the number of masks that have been distributed provided and to which groups.

- Training will be next week in all camps for around 10 staff in each camp to conduct home visits for vulnerable households.
- At the moment the targeted households have not been identified and the number is no known, they will work with camp-based staff on identification.
- KWO raised the concern that not everyone will understand the messages, suggested that there is demonstrations so people can visualize what to do - small group activities might be better than home visits.

AP: KWO will share some suggestions and materials.

AP: ADRA will share the overview of the most vulnerable groups once they are identified next week to discuss further a strategy to do outreach with appropriate materials and with minimal home visits and ensure that the information can be

integrated into existing case management services to avoid multiple trips to each house.

- IRC reminded that the Camp Commanders want to ensure that social distancing protocols are observed in all trainings - in Umpium can only be 5 people in one building at a time.
- ADRA mentioned that in Mae La the electricity meter box is outside of the camp and they need it for the sewing machines to operate. Will coordinate with IRC to discuss with the Camp Commander a process to turn the electricity box on/off.

AP: ADRA to send a photo to share with Camp Commander of the electricity box.

7. Food Assistance (TBC)

- Increase in food card value in response increasing of food price - already sent communication to the community that the value will be increased approximately 5% as of next top up as of 28 April. Letter from Executive Director from TBC has been sent to all camps, audio message and translated into Karen/Burmese.
- Support to quarantine/PUIs - those in clinic isolation wards and those in quarantine in camp recommended by health agency. Presently 11 isolation wards, 170 beds in Mae La, quarantine facilities has capacity for 60 beds, former camp committee office, primary school near football field opposite IRC clinic. 10 beds in Umpium - building behind camp hall. 12 beds Nupo at TB ward IRC clinic.
- Food cards have been topped up already for quarantine areas and they are pre-positioned with the Camp Committees for when cases arise (no current cases).
- Volunteers will cook and security will take the food where they are staying.
- Security guards in camp stipends will be increased during COVID-19 period up to 200THB.
- TBC clarified that there are multiple channels for refugees to ask for information about food/FCS in the camp - easiest is through the section leaders, FCSWG or CBOs in their section (eg. KWO) who are members of the FCS WG. They can also refer to the TBC hotline numbers at the back of the ration books to call directly.
- IRC - some reports of people coming in and out of the camp included undocumented people and question about how they will be able to go out of the camp to get food. TBC works with KRC/KnRC and Camp Committees to work on return criteria for those not present for the APV and they are required to report to section leader and referred to social support committee who will review the criteria and if they meet the criteria then they will receive. TBC can only support those in the database - they asked for the list from each Camp Committee and those who passed the criteria and who didn't, need to understand how many people this is to be discussed with SMT. All three camps will send a list soon.

8. Protection & Advocacy (UNHCR)

- Today there will be a meeting in Umpium between Camp Commander, Camp Committee, IRC to resolve the issue of space for those in need of quarantine and to hopefully make a plan for those stranded outside of the camp to return. The Camp Commander also has a plan to make a proposal per the MOI instruction for budget support (ref MOI letter to each Provincial Governor sent by the Permanent Secretary of MOI on 5 April).
- Despite the strict lockdown in Umpium we are now hearing of more people arriving back into the camp informally and this is sparking alarm in the community because they are not clear where they have come from.
- Update on those stranded outside of the camps: most still in Mae Klong Noi and Mae Klong Yai but may have started dispersing.
- Camp Commander in Mae La has clarified that he is only imposing the curfew in accordance with the Emergency Decree which is from 10pm - 4am. The extended hours from 7:30 - 6am is in accordance with the Camp Committees instruction only.
- Especially in Mae La there is a concern about youth being out at night and drinking alcohol, they are emphasizing for camp residents to follow the rules and stay at home.

- PWG meeting tomorrow - will discuss challenges implementing the CPRS during this period and guidance on providing emotional support through the telephone.
- IRC- had a meeting with the CBAs and regular checking in with the leaders- thefts reported by section leaders.
- To be clarified the size/situation of the group standed outside of Mae La who were outside cutting bamboo - TBC confirmed that they have told suppliers not to take workers from the camps.
- Umpium - community concerned that some of the Muslim shop owners are traveling more freely to Mae Sot and it's quite obvious and concerns that they will bring COVID-19 back to the camp.
- Nupo camp - youth are idle and making trouble in some sections by throwing rocks etc.

Next meeting: Monday 13 April, 10am.