

**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along
the Thai-Myanmar border (MHS Province)
6th Meeting, 30 April 2020**

Participants: ADRA (Kelly, Wichai), ACTED (Wutthiphan), IRC (Parichart, Dr. Hnin Zaw Win), MI (Lasantha), TBC (Umakorn), UNHCR (Lorenzo Leonelli, Duean Wongsas)

1. Situation update (UNHCR/IRC)

- In Thailand, 2,954 cases, 54 death, 2,665 recovered, 216 currently active cases, of which 61 in serious conditions. 3 days in a row less than 10 new cases per day. Situation stable. No positive or suspected cases in the camps. No active case in MHS Province.
- On 28 April the Thai Cabinet extended the state of emergency to 31 May. Restrictions remain on travel in and out of Thailand (except repatriation), between provinces, through night-time curfews, and on mass gatherings and events, with provincial governors setting their own restrictions accordingly.
- The Thai Ministry of Interior (MOI) at the central level issued “Guidelines on Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Preventive Measures in the temporary shelter for Myanmar displaced persons” on 24 April. The letter outlines preventative measures, use of quarantine areas and reporting channels.
- Meeting UNHCR, IRC, MI and 4 camp commanders on 27 April 2020 at 2 pm, to outline current status of C19 preparation in the camps/constraints. The camp commanders expressed support in liaising with the PO (eg. medical referrals, support by OrSor if needed, participation in simulation exercise. In case if there is the outbreak situation in Myanmar side and if the people try to cross the border and coming to the camp to access the service in the camp. The DOs have collaboration with RTGs and Myanmar Government to tighten the border so they will not allow the people to cross the border to in and out.
- Next steps: UNCHR to meet with local Army Commander + MI/IRC to set referral protocols for serious cases with district hospitals.

2. Camp governance (KRC, KNRC)

- Overview of community quarantine:

Camp	# Individuals	Location	Total
BMN	10	RSC-CO (5), Middle school #4 in S. 9 (5)	68 completed 14 days quarantine this week, 5 new
BMS	19	TBC office, section 4 (4), School in S.2 (15)	All will complete the quarantine in the first week of May, 19 new
MLO	4	TBC warehouse S.5 and S.15	5 completed 14 days quarantine this week, 4 remaining in quarantine, 2 in HH quarantine, 2 in designated building; 3 new
MRML	27		30 completed 14 days quarantine this week, 27 remaining in quarantine: 7 in HH quarantine, 20 in designated building; 9 new

- # of new individual arrive, non-verified/ non-camp residence: approx. 10 in BMN outside in Section 9.
- Cross section movement prohibited in MRM/MLO, BMS
- CCSDPT/UNHCR position paper on quarantine + UNHCR position paper (April 14 2020) on camps admittance shared. UNHCR will advocate for all verified refugees to be permitted re-entry to the Temporary Shelters during this period as a means of ensuring that they are not subject to arbitrary arrest, detention and deportation which would amount to a forcible return under international refugee law.
- KNRC: request for rehabilitation of furniture of school used as quarantine space. Possible referral to JRS for assistance (for school rehabilitation), after the place is dismissed as quarantine area.

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

- MI/IRC isolation facilities:

Camp	Isolation Places for suspected cases/PUI/Confirmed	Medical quarantine for close contact cases (high risk)	Contact cases (low risk)
BMN	BK R CH (12 beds) + BT Clinics (4 beds), planning on expansion	KnCC building in BMN (20 beds), planning on expansion	Home quarantine
BMS	KNHD training center (6 beds), planning on expansion	VRC in BMS (10 beds), planning on expansion	Home quarantine
MLO	IOM building, 12-13 beds (IOM approved)	RSC building, 6 beds for oxygenation, 12-15 beds for mild symptomatic patients	Home isolation
MRM	RSC building, 14 beds	RSC building in S.4 w triage/prescreening + beds available at RSC building as well	Home isolation

- Stock:

IRC	+ 6,000 surgical masks by BKK office + 3,450 surgical masks by MHS PHO
MI	+ 2,000 surgical masks by MHS PHO (to be collected)

- Testing capacity: no capacity by IRC; MI received 20 rapid test (for antibodies), quality unclear, from China. Discussion ongoing between IRC, MI and CDC on referrals to SMRU in MST for testing. Lack of PCR testing, lack of swabs. Testing criteria in discussion w CDC as well: PUI, including ILI cases + 10% U/LRTI (upper/lower Upper Respiratory Track Infection)
- Response/treatment for C19 patients: MoPH case definition applies. No PUI so far but:

	ILI	URTI	LRTI	Comments
BMN	3	46	12	Reported during April 20-26. None with travel history in areas at risk, no PUI
BMS	0	16	4	
MI	0	20	10	All in MLO, no PUI

ILI – influenza like infection; URTI – Upper Respiratory Track Infection – LRTI – Lower RTI

4. Risk Communications and Community Engagement (ADRA)

- Loudspeaker messages: shared in all camps, PSEA messages added in Burmese and Karenni. Leaflets A4 and posters A3 to be distributed to the camps.
- Section to section awareness:
 - MI trained MI staff for door-to-door campaign, completed last week. 115 CBOs/NGOs camp-based staff trained in MRM/MLO ready to be deployed by ADRA for the campaign. MI not involved anymore. MI completed the distribution of leaflet to 1,652 houses in MRML, and 1,472 houses in MLO.
 - ADRA suggested that the coordination among CBOs/NGOs for the door to door campaign could be discussed at the national level.
 - ACTED is RCCE focal point for BMN/S. 31 ACTED camp based staff trained on April 27, among them 8 trained last week by IRC. ACTED provided them the PPE (gloves, hand sensitizer, face mask). 30 home visits will start on Monday as trial, 20 BMN, 10 BMS for hygiene kits distribution.

URGENT ADRA/ACTED to clarify how the door-to-door awareness is organized in the camps and how the already trained camp-based staff will be deployed (BMN 32, BMS 26, MRM 50, MLO 65)
- Face masks: ACTED/UNHCR started producing 4.000 masks for PWG distribution. UNHCR will order 24,000 cloth masks for children and 70,000 for adults. Given the urgency of the matter, the delivery is

currently planned for the beginning of May at all of the 9 temporary shelters. **MI: 6-7 THB collected by CC in MLO per face mask distributed, ADRA to follow up.** BMS CS request of hand sanitizers and face masks. IRC to distributed 500 masks to CHW, produced by IRC-LLH project.

- Discussions ongoing on the items of the hygiene kits (eg. bleach).

5. Food assistance (TBC)

- TBC to top up to credits for students who were studying in Thai villages and now back to MLO/MRM
- TBC clarified that people travelling from Thailand back to Karen State and stranded in Thailand won't be assisted with food, if not on TBC lists.

6. Protection + Advocacy – RTG engagement (UNHCR)

- UNHCR, IOM, TBC, COERR provided support to 5 families whose resettlement travels have been cancelled and returned to the camps.
- Monthly registration activities to restart in the camps in May, with measures in place (eg. social distancing, face masks, etc.)
- PSEA: increase risks due to quarantine discussed and constraints on reporting. Standard messaging included in announcements and harmonize reporting mechanisms through UNHCR hotlines, while existing mechanism/SPO remain in place. FP being collected for MHS and MSR and translated into Burmese/Karen for KNOW/KWO.
- PWG Protection Monitoring SOPs being discussed in MHS for monitoring from remote.

Next meeting: Thursday 8 May 2020 at 10.00 am.