**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along the Thai-Myanmar border (Provincial Level) Tak**

**9th Meeting, 27th April 2020 10:00 – 11:20**

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1. Review of Action Points

* See updated Action Item Tracker

1. Situation Overview (UNHCR/IRC)

* UNHCR
  + 2nd Friendship Bridge has allowed 62 Thai nationals to return, some have been quarantined per RTG guidelines.
  + Waiting for after 30 April whether there will be changes to domestic flights, has not been confirmed yet by the Immigration office.
  + Different sanctions observed between the camps for wearing facemasks eg. Fine in Mae La 20,000THB announced but not being implemented in practice. Different approaches to breaches to movements on 2,000THB fine in Umpium + detention seems to be the most strict penalty.
  + Meeting with new DO in Pho Phra was focused on facemasks, where he emphasized that every camp resident should wear a face mask. Need to all agencies to coordinate to distribute to all camps quickly.
* IRC
  + Situation in Thailand 53 cases on Saturday reported, slight increase most cases from the 42 are migrant workers who arrived in the south of Thailand on the weekend (including 34 from Myanmar) 2594 have recovered, total infected 2992. Today at 10am RTG meeting on the way forward for the OCV. Tak province in Group #2, cans top lock-down after 15 May but will be confirmed.
  + WHO have announced that there is no evidence that people who have recovered from COVID-19 and have antibodies to the virus from a second infection.

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

* No suspected/confirmed cases in any camps.
* Community health workers have started surveillance- key challenge is that some refugees don’t disclose whether they have left the camp. Need to continue to re-emphasize the need for them to be disclose so they can be screened.

1. Infection Prevention Control (IRC)

* IRC are considering providing cloth masks to non-medical staff.
* Continuing coordination on RCCE most camps have received training from IRC except BDY/THI and they are arranging the training schedule.
* UNHCR raised whether the most recent MOI letter that was issued will impact how quarantine/screening will be done and in particular the reference to “at-risk groups”. IRC is now reviewing the letter and will provide feedback at the next meeting.

1. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (ADRA)

* ADRA budget for masks has been approved and things will move ahead quickly for everyone to have a mask.
* Sent mask tracking sheet, in Mae La can stitch up to 20,000 masks in Mae La per week, in Umpium 1,000/day, Nupo 300 masks/day. Using ADRA sewing machines in VT centre and othe community groups. KWO is contributing in Mae La and Umpium. Some masks have been supplied already. KRC has also distributed masks in Mae La, Umpium and Nupo in total 550, SCI they have started mask production from IRC for 7 camps teachers/students but not all in Mae La, 1,422 produced by ADRA so far. UNHCR is able to fill gaps.
* Home visits - joint teams have so far have reached 537 homes in Mae La and 97 homes in Umpium 97 no update from Nupo yet. Info on cleaning masks is included in the home visit training materials.
* Hygiene kits - ADRA secured 180,000GBP for hygiene kits for all 9 kits, working with TBC and mapping out the distribution plan - soap, detergent, face masks. Figuring out how to distribute without gathering people, points will be warehouses and ensure social distancing.
* RCCE WG plan has been circulated, the strategy is not finalized.
* Loudspeakers - TBC asked the status of repairs. In Mae La they are using the MOI system, team is checking where it doesn’t reach. In Umpium, working OK. In Nupo still not working well, 16 tuners needed to be purchased and 2 car batteries. Will fill gaps with home visits. Until last Friday no new messages, some people cut the loudspeaker wire because they don’t like the noise. TBC has budget to support the loudspeaker, ADRA will let everyone know the gaps.
* KWO- doing home visits and sent number for hygiene kits and masks to ADRA.

1. Food Assistance (TBC)

* TBC increased the FC value 5% for the monthly top-up on April 28. The notification of the new value has been sent to the community. All families will continue to receive the top rate for the most vulnerable.
* Meeting held in Umpium last week between TBC, Cam Committee, former Palad and current Palad. Situation in Umpium should be normalized going forward where the FCWG in consultation with TBC and Camp Committee will decide on the price and any supplier is free to make an offer. Previously was only one wholesaler.

1. Protection & Advocacy (UNHCR)

* In Nupo the Palad has said only those included in the 2015 VE or MOI headcount are allowed to stay.
* Currently quarantine in Umpium is full and Camp Committee is adjusting the list for them to return.
* PWG feedback
  + SGBV Referral Pathway is being updated for the COVID situation with current contacts and flowchart. Will be translated and circulated soon
  + PSEA - important to identify new risks of PSEA in the COVID situation.
    - Quarantine poses a new risk - particularly for single women
      * Ensuring safe access to bathrooms which have lighting
      * Phone chargers should be made available
      * Referral pathways/contact numbers postered in the areas
      * Female security guards are assigned
      * Survivors leaving the camps for police investigations/court processes will become more obvious - advocate for self-quarantine at home.
    - PWG has prepared simple messaging for PSEA (eg. all humanitarian aid is free). Need to clarify entry point SOP through complaints mechanism for RCEE - being followed up.
    - Encouraged all agencies to recirculate COC, including to Camp-Based Staff.
    - A Tak PSEA network will be established.
* Joint protection monitoring activities are being established - focus on impacts on restrictions on freedom of movement and coping mechanisms of children/youth.
* IRC raised that the Umpium Palad cancelled facilitation of a case next week. Advocacy to be followed up.

AOB:

* IRC confirmed that schedules for NGO activities in the camps can be sent to the Palads on monthly basis.
* KWO raised whether the weight of food rations had changed - TBC clarified the cash modality in place.

**Next meeting: Monday 4 May @ 10am**