**COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordination Group for the 9 temporary shelters along the Thai-Myanmar border (Kanchanaburi & Ratchaburi Provinces)**

**3rd Meeting, 2 April 2020**

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**Updates on Previous Action Points:**

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| **Action Point** | **Status** | **Remarks** |
| IRC to follow-up changes in case definition and inform IRC camp-based refugee staff. | Completed | Share updated WHO case definition to camp-based staff. |
| IRC will meet with Tham Hin Camp Committee to discuss enhanced controls on transit channels and population movements. | Completed | IRC met with Camp Committee but action from Camp Committee, MOI still pending. |
| IRC will follow-up with Ban Don Yang Camp Committee on the construction of the additional 5-6 handwashing stations. | Completed | Camp Committee confirmed it’s enough; IRC has installed 30 washing stations already. |
| ADRA will collect all Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials currently in use by Group members in Tham Hin & Ban Don Yang. | On Track | ADRA is responsible at national level for consolidating and finalizing RCCE strategy by next Tuesday. |
| TBC will provide updates on non-critical food item prices at the next meeting. | Completed | Cost of eggs increase from 3.5 baht to 4 baht (BDY) and 5 baht (THI) due to scarcity of eggs in market. |

**Regular Agenda:**

1. **Situation update**
* Confirmed COVID-19 cases total 16 in two provinces: 8 in Kanchanaburi, 8 in Ratchaburi. Media reports 9 cases in Kanchanaburi but Provincial Health Officer (PHO) clarifies 8 confirmed, 1 suspected.
* Emergency Decree took effect last Thursday until the end of April 2020. Article 13 permits essential travel across the provinces. UNHCR will engage with MOI as necessary to facilitate.
* Kanchanaburi Provincial Office coordinating with Thai Red Cross and District Offices to distribute dry food in all districts of province during 2-10 April. Starting in Sangklaburi today at 1PM, government officials will deliver to each house in district (residents requested to stay home).

**ACTION POINTS: 1) UNHCR will confirm with SKDO whether Ban Don Yang camp residents are included in food distribution. 2) IRC will follow-up with SKDO on visit of country director planned for Friday, 3 April.**

1. **Camp Governance**
* ADRA visited Tham Hin (THI) on Tuesday, Ban Don Yang (BDY) on Wednesday, discussions with camp committees on awareness-raising, mitigation measures, and challenges. THI Camp Committee (CC) is following TBC & IRC instructions and sharing information to camp residents to prevent transmission risks but continue to face challenges with controlling population movements. THI CC plans to meet with church leaders to discuss mitigation measures, including social distancing. THI CC and BDY CC both request support for cable to extend Public Address (PA) systems. BDY CC also requests support from IRC for spraying in camp for COVID-19 and from all Group members to support for 3-in-1 coffee for Camp Security. IRC is supporting monthly coffee for camp committees for regular activities.

**ACTION POINTS: 3) UNHCR will follow-up with ADRA about supporting PA system improvements in two camps. 4) IRC will follow-up with BDY CC about purpose of COVID-19 spraying. 5) TBC, COERR and HI will follow-up with BDY CC about providing support for coffee.**

1. **Surveillance, Case Investigation and Outbreak Rapid Response**
* IRC met Camp Committee to discuss surveillance and reporting through Section Leader, Camp Committee and Health Clinic. Now using 37.3oC for screening threshold instead of 37.5oC: camp residents will refer to health clinic; non-camp residents are not allowed to enter, referred to health facilities outside. Isolation room building materials have arrived and water improvements being implemented at quarantine facilities. There are still challenges are due to ongoing movements of camp residents, particularly at THI where Or Sors are only at one gate; COERR met with Or Sor at THI who stated that people entering the camp are avoiding the temperature check, especially at night.
* IRC provided training to IRC camp-based advocates (CBAs) on Friday, 27 March on case definition, PPE use, and isolation use. IRC is planning basic COVID-19 training at Sub-Moei district offices next week. Group members requested IRC to provide basic COVID-19 training to camp-based staff.

**ACTION POINTS: 6) UNHCR will collect 1-2 names from each Group member to share with IRC for a future ToT on basic COVID-19 knowledge.**

1. **Infection Prevention Control (IPC)**
* No suspected cases have been identified in THI or BDY. PPE stocks remain okay for now.
* IRC has implemented screening at both camps, triage at OPD, training of clinic staff.
* TBC vendors received all hygiene materials except alcohol, which arrives at THI & BDY tomorrow.
1. **Risk Communication & Community Engagement (RCCE)**
* ADRA met THI CC and BDY CC this week to set up regular calls every Monday at 9AM. Awareness messages are being repeated every day on camp PA system and steps to restrict movements of camp residents are being implemented; church leaders are being advised on social distancing.
* HI is developing new IEC materials on COVID-19 that will be released soon.
* Next 7 days, ADRA will consult with ADRA Mae Sot Field Office for updates to share with camps.
* ADRA VT courses postponed in TAK & MHS; still running at KAN & RAT but monitoring situation.
1. **Food assistance**
* No camp visits this week and Food Card System (FCS) working group is taking main role of monitoring. Everything is going well so far; vendors and suppliers are following new protocols closely. This is the first week to start transactions after March top-up for April consumption.
* Prices for rice increased 16 baht/kg to 18 baht/kg, price for oil raised from 42 baht/kg to 43 baht/kg, but these prices will be fixed since procurement is completed. BDY CC says that the camp residents can manage with these prices since all households now have MV status.
1. **Protection + Advocacy – RTG Engagement**
* UNHCR has sent letters to MOI and MoPH at the national level that reemphasize the Group’s willingness to have government participate in meetings and which advocate on matters raised by Group members (including PPE stock and travel). Previous advocacy has resulted in instructions by MOI go provincial governors on humanitarian assistance in the temporary shelters.
1. **AOB**
* HI did not hold International Day of Mine Awareness (IDMA) activity this year due to COVID-19.
* IOM does not have resettlement departures from THI or BDY or other activities planned until at least mid-April due to temporary suspensions by resettlement countries and in-country travel restrictions.
* COERR has stopped all activities but is still travelling THI and BDY on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. COERR distributed cloth masks to all extremely vulnerable individuals (EVIs) at THI and BDY.
* IRC livelihoods activity supports cloth mask production, which are sold in the community and online.
* IRC will chair 4th meeting on **Monday, 6 April at 10 AM.**