

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

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1. Situation update (UNHCR/IRC)

- Trends in Thailand:

worldometers.info/coronavirus/

Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop
Thailand	2,992		55		2,772	165	61	43	0.8	227,860	3,264

Trends stable in Thailand, outbreak under control, new cases steadily under 10 for the past few days. No confirmed cases or PUI in the camps; no active case in MHS Province.

- RTG, through the COVID Centre led by the Prime Minister, provided new guidelines on April 30 on relaxations of measures from 3 May onwards, such relaxations include reopening of markets (fresh markets, weekly markets, community markets etc.), reopening of restaurants (food, drinks, food carts, desserts) with some preventive measures i.e. 1.5 meters distancing each other, reopening of shops, supermarkets, telephone shops, reopening of sport activities (except team sports), etc.
- MHS Governor shared a 5th Announcement in May 4 with the guidelines in place in the whole Province: night curfew from 10 pm – 4 am extended until May 31, gatherings of people are prohibited, travels between Provinces discouraged unless necessary; travel limitation or non-Thai nationals but exemption for NGOs staff, if authorized by MOI central level; local quarantine of 14 days in DO facilities, if travelling from certain provinces (BKK included, not CNX unless differently decided by community/village leaders); recommendation to wear face masks outside of the house. The announcement was translated into English, Karen and Burmese and shared by UNHCR.
- Advocacy: UNHCR to meet Army commander (not available this week) + IRC to organize a simulation of C19 case management in the camps with local authorities (BMN May 15, BMS May 18).

2. Camp governance (KRC, KNRC)

- Overview of community quarantine:

Camp	# Individuals	Location	Total
BMN	1	At RSC-CO	6 completed this week
BMS	21	Home quarantine	CHW, CC, SL monitoring
MLO	11	9 home, 2 in community	2 completed, 6 new
MRML	23	9 home, 12 in buildings	16 completed, 12 new mostly fomr Karen State Brigade 5 area

- KnRC reports via Line 2 women at RSC-CO, 4 in Middle School 4 moved as school undergoes renovation. PPG and youth empowerment groups to conduct C19 awareness in camps. Camps remain locked down, secondary entrances closed. Readjustment of camp C19 measures based on new MHS Governor’s Announcement ongoing.

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

- Screening at main gates by OrSor: MLO 110 entries in the past week, 51 in MRM, no PUI, mainly MI/TBC staff and Thai villagers. Screening ongoing in BM/S as well.
- New case definition by the Disease Control and Medical Services Department now include a person unable to smell and those who have visited risky areas or have certain jobs, according to the administration
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1913664/potential-carrier-criteria-expanded>

- Triage:

	ILI	URTI	LRTI	Comments
BMN	3	40	10	Reported during April 27-May 03, no PUI
BMS	0	8	3	
MLO	0	3	4	No PUI
MRM	0	3	3	

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

- MI isolation units and case management unit being completed, missing incinerator/waste management system and water supply. IRC isolation facilities in expansion.

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	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	+ monthly surgical masks support by MPOH
MI	+ 1800 surgical masks by MHS PHO collected

- Testing capacity: no capacity by IRC/MI. Discussion ongoing with SMRU on transportation of specimen. Ideally testing for all PUI. IOM is planning on adapting health facilities at the border (MST and/or MHS) with testing tentatively in September, unclear if PUI from the camps would be included in the testing.

4. Risk Communications and Community Engagement (ADRA)

- ADRA:
 - Loudspeaker messages ongoing in all camps
 - Door-to-door campaign scheduled in MRM/MLO, workplan shared; CBA included: ADRA, KWO, KYO, COERR, CPT, HI, OCEE
 - Hygiene kits distribution being planned (unsure if bleach included)

- ACTED:
 - Loudspeaker maintenance in BMN/BMS
 - Door-to-door campaign piloted this week in BMN; 36 RCCE ACTED facilitators; workplan to be shared
 - Hygiene kits distributed (without bleach but to be included after pilot completed)
 - 4.100 masks produced in BMN/S (joint UNHCR/ACTED collaboration) and ready for distribution
- UNHCR
 - Feedback mechanisms: result of first 55 KOBO questionnaires shared. COERR, HI, UNHCR, JRS to collect feedbacks in regular activities
 - SGBV key messages for RCCE loudspeaker campaign being developed by PWG
 - Media monitoring; a 2-page document to be shared with ISC/CIT being developed by UNHCR

5. Food assistance (TBC)

- TBC Food sellers to stock up dry food for 2 to 3 months (rice, cooking oil, tin fish)
- No significant increase in vulnerability and food prices in the past week. Food inflation being countered by TBC with upgrade to MV value for all food cards (until end of June) and increase of 5 % (ongoing). No stock out of supplies reported. Price prediction: stable for rice, slight decrease of cooking oil.
- Increase in distribution list: +1300 border wide, camp residents back to camps, mostly migrants, not many returnees from Myanmar (also because border sealed by RTG and EAOs).

6. Protection + Advocacy – RTG engagement (UNHCR)

- Return to school in the camps following a 2-phase approach: 6 weeks on home schooling (Mid May – end of June) and return to school (July) with C19 safeguards in place (eg. limited numbers of students in class, rotation of classes, social distancing, etc.).
- Detention monitoring ongoing by UNHCR in camps; 5 detainees in MRM currently for alcohol selling; one detained and released in MLO for breach of curfew.

Next meeting: Thursday 15 May 2020 at 10.00 am via MSteam.