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

**10th Meeting, 14 May 2020**

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**Updates on Previous Action Points:**

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| **Action Point** | **Status** | **Remarks** |
| 1. IOM, HI, and UNHCR to follow-up with organizations who continue to access THI and BDY camps about stipend payments for May. | Pending |  |
| 1. UNHCR will circulate email to COVID-19 group members to seek input on contributions to camp security. | Completed | See details below |
| 1. ADRA will update on the number of masks that have been delivered and distributed in THI. | Completed | See details below |
| 1. TBC & UNHCR will follow-up with camp committees on issues related to camp residents sneaking into camps, including number of people sneaking since COVID-19, have the numbers been changing, and how camp committee manages. | Completed | See details below |
| 1. IRC will clarify the registration information about the TB patient with UNHCR by email. | Pending | Dr. Min will follow-up with Dr. Myo |

**Regular Agenda:**

1. **Situation update**

* IRC updated that there are no new suspected or confirmed cases in Kanchanaburi (KAN) and Ratchaburi (RAT). In KAN, there are several checkpoints on the way to the camp where temperatures are checked, and hand gel is distributed. Travelling across the provinces is not okay yet. UNHCR and TBC also added that people can travel freely to KAN from different provinces; not aware of issues in other provinces.
* ADRA reported that RTP has requested permission for Mae Sot staff to travel to KAN and RAT: response from Sangklaburi District Office (SKDO) that staff must be screened at Sangklaburi Hospital; Suan Pheung District Office (SPDO) said staff from other provinces cannot enter in May. TBC also added that TBC staff from other provinces are not currently travelling to KAN or RAT.
* ADRA updated cloth mask figures: 2,400 pieces at BDY (all supported by KWO & KRC); 10,920 pieces at THI (6,500 by KWO & KRC, 500 by MOI Camp Commander, 3,250 by IRC), 570 by ADRA. THI Camp Committee has distributed two batches of 5,090 (total 10,180), now there are 740 masks remaining.

1. **Camp Governance**

* ADRA updated that camp security continues to work seriously on COVID-19 prevention and together with Camp Committees and Section Leaders they work together with SPDO & SKDO. Camp Committees are announcing information regularly to camp populations on the Public Address (PA) system. Both camps are currently working with all organizations. Yesterday, ADRA met with THI Camp Committee to discuss increasing agitation among camp residents who are required to stay at home, but so far Camp Committee is managing the situation; BDY Camp Committee is not reporting any issues yet.
* TBC met with the Camp Committees at THI on 12 May and BDY on 13 May and confirmed that no one is sneaking into the camp since the lockdown was put in place. Both Camp Committees confirmed that anyone caught sneaking in will receive punishment and follow quarantine protocol. BDY highlighted one case on 7 May, one family with three members entered the camp and Camp Committee referred them to hospital for screening and they are asked to quarantine at their health; already quarantined for 7 days without symptoms.
* The following contributions have been made, or will be delivered soon, to support camp security at THI and BDY: TBC increased stipend to camp security members by 200 baht for three months; ADRA donated 10 packs of instant coffee to each camp (total 20 packs); HI donated 5 packs of instant coffee to each camp (total 10 packs); UNHCR donated instant MAMA noodles, instant coffee, and tinned fish to BDY Camp (value 5,000 baht) and financial support to THI Camp (value 11,000 baht). UNHCR also added that BDY Camp Committee made a decision this week to require each camp-based staff member of HI, ADRA, RTP, and SVA to contribute 500 baht for camp security.

**ACTION POINT: 1) ADRA can deliver UNHCR assistance for BDY Camp Committee next week. 2) UNHCR will contact COERR about delivering assistance to THI Camp Committee.**

1. **Surveillance, Case Investigation and Outbreak Rapid Response**

* IRC updated there are no suspected cases and health team, including rapid response team, CHW and EH, continue to prepare using simulations. BDY Camp completed simulation yesterday with SKDO Camp Commander observing and providing guidance; IRC also trained CHW to conduct community-based surveillance, to collect information about suspected cases in the community. THI Camp Committee will conduct a simulation exercise on Tuesday, 19 May and have invited the District Hospital and District Health Office to participate.

1. **Infection Prevention Control (IPC)**

* IRC stated IPC activities continue at the health clinic and the EH team was trained on decontamination.

1. **Risk Communication & Community Engagement (RCCE)**

* ADRA updated that the PA systems in THI and BDY are functioning well, no problems to share messages.
* ADRA completed training with IRC for camp-based staff of ADRA, HI, UNHCR, IRC for home visits. ADRA noted that BDY Camp Committee requested no home visits at this time, though THI Camp Committee has allowed during 8-9 May for pregnant women, religious leaders, elderly persons, food vendors, and persons with disabilities (total 186 persons). ADRA met camp-based staff yesterday for feedback, who say target groups learned more about COVID-19 and believe they can apply prevention measures.
* ADRA requests information about COVID-19 rumours. UNHCR updated that camp committees, HSG and SGBV Committee report there are no rumours circulating; UNHCR is also asking SGBV Committee and HSG to complete 30 surveys each for the RCCE WG Feedback Mechanism.
* ADRA also updated that SCI will distribute hygiene packs to all camps, including THI & BDY. ADRA will take responsibility to requests permission from SPDO & SKDO for delivery on 26 May at BDY, 28 May at THI. ADRA is working together with TBC on storage of hygiene packs before distributing in collaboration with Camp Committee and Section Leaders. ADRA has trained some teachers to give knowledge to receivers of hygiene packs. Hygiene packs include five items: soap; dishwashing liquid, powdered detergent; spoons; one bucket (informed bleaching liquid is replaced).

**ACTION POINT: 3) UNHCR will circulate copies of the RCCE WG surveys following the meeting. 4) ADRA will share hardcopies of RCCE WG survey with SGBV Committee at BDY Camp. 5) ADRA will follow-up with TBC and Camp Committee to prepare for distribution of hygiene kits.**

1. **Food assistance**

* TBC updated that since the last top-up, many of the camp residents are using for two weeks instead of four weeks to reduce the number of times visiting the food vendors.
* TBC also added that Food Card System (FCS) working group is working with vendors to implement effective IPC measures.
* TBC has distributed PPE, including alcohol solutions, soap, and chlorine solution to FCS vendors.
* TBC updated that 4,000 sacks of charcoal was delivered to THI for three months supply (Jul, Aug and Sep), will begin distribution during first week of July.

1. **Protection + Advocacy – RTG Engagement**

* SPDO provided update that an Or Sor who was subject of a complaint has been transferred to a new location for two months.
* RTP joined the previous PWG meeting and shared new psychosocial materials prepared for families.
* KRCEE & SCI inquired at the PWG meeting whether community quarantines at schools have been disinfected, or if there is a plan to disinfect. IRC clarified that they are not taking responsibility for community quarantine so it will need to be the camp committee that arranges; IRC can provide technical guidance on disinfection if Camp Committees need this.
* UNHCR and COERR will support refugees to attend Ratchaburi Court on 28-29 May. IRC updated that when the refugees return the camp they should get screened at gate and remain at home for 14 days.

**ACTION POINT: 6) UNHCR will circulate the psychosocial materials shared by RTP at PWG meeting.**

1. **AOB**

* IRC updated that the TB patient at THI camp is not registered (he is an outsider), unfortunately he passed away on 11 May so there is no additional follow-up. IRC is screening the close contacts, including the mother of the patient and her husband, to determine if they have resistant TB.
* UNHCR updated that UN agencies returned to ESCAP since Monday, 11 May. Currently in “phase 1” with less than 20% of staff returning to offices, which UNHCR will commence Monday, 18 May.
* IOM updated that their offices are also in “phase 1” with limited staff now working from the office.
* IRC will chair the 11th meeting on **Thursday, 21 May at 1:30 PM.**