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

**16th Meeting, 13 July 2020**

**Participants**: **ADRA** (John Smith, Prasit Chairaksaphan), **COERR** (Sayan Thaymoo, Premrudee Rotchanathong), **IOM** (Harold Vowell), **IRC** (Thidaruch Daewa), **TBC** (Nakarin Vananeetikul, Tim Moore), **UNHCR** (James Ferguson, Yuwarat Thipklai)

**Updates on Previous Action Points:**

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| **Action Point** | **Status** | **Remarks** |
| 1. ADRA will follow-up internally about the PA system assessment requested at THI. | Pending | New ADRA colleagues are awaiting MOI permission to enter camps |
| 1. ADRA will share KRCEE “Safe School Return Guidelines” after the meeting. | Completed |  |
| 1. ADRA will share email contacts with new RCCE colleagues. | Completed |  |
| 1. ADRA will follow-up on the status of the handwashing station mapping. | Pending | ADRA Programme Manager is still working on this, may have update to share next week. IRC has contacted SCI about handwashing station at school for follow-up with ADRA, supplier has been contacted for THI school and already compete at BDY. |

**Regular Agenda:**

1. **Situation update**

* The situation in general for both Kanchanaburi and Ratchaburi remains stable. There have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases in either province for more than two months.
* At THI camp, a 14-year-old boy passed away with fever and respiratory tract infection. He had been admitted on 9 July to IRC clinic with fever, abdominal pain, and nasal bleeding. He was referred to Suan Pheung Hospital on 10 July morning and he passed away that evening. Suan Pheung Hospital testing results indicated COVID-19 negative, but the family briefly was quarantined in camp at TJC Hall pending results starting from 11 July (one day). The boy had been traveling outside the camp for daily labour (rubber plantation) and the Suan Pheung Hospital was concerned that he may have crossed borders due to being non-Thai. TBC has agreement to support food assistance for persons in quarantine. This family has seven persons who were supported by TBC with food. Since the family is released the food support also stopped. It’s not clear whether the boy had received temperature screening at the Or Sor gate before entering camp, but IRC completed a detailed history after admission to clinic. Case updates have been shared by IRC to the Suan Pheung District Office (SPDO).
* There have been no major orders or announcements by either provincial administration. Travel to THI and BDY remains the same, though the Sangklaburi District Office (SKDO) requests advance notice of persons travelling from outside Kanchanaburi. Border Crossing Point (BCP) at Phu Nam Ron is now open, so movement of populations between Thailand and Myanmar is increasing, but BCP at Three Pagodas Pass is reportedly still closed.

1. **Camp Governance**

* ADRA noted that camp committees in the two camps have not raised any issues related to COVID-19 and continue to work closely with other organizations. THI Camp Committee continues to request support for the Public Address (PA) system, which ADRA is following up.
* TBC noted that at the camp coordination meeting at THI on 8 July, the Camp Commander raised that anyone who goes outside the camp without authorization will have their names removed from the SPDO registration data and removed from TBC Data. UNHCR is aware of the practice of the district office removing persons and continues to advocate case-by-case for access to protection and durable solutions. TBC and UNHCR agreed to work together to respond to registration-related concerns.
* TBC updated that camp security members are continuing to receive additional 200 baht per month through July due to the additional duties that are being undertaken to monitor population movements.

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

* IRC reported that activities continue as usual and there are no new updates to share.

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

* IRC reported that activities continue as usual at BDY and THI.
* Despite the announcement of lockdown at THI, the case of the 14-year-old boy demonstrated that camp residents can travel freely without screening. The suspected case in THI has resulted in increased awareness-raising in the community and closer attention is being taken when taking patient history.

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

* ADRA updated that additional field staff are being recruited for the nine camps, and total 31 persons have been recruited to support RCCE activities in the nine camps.
* ADRA updated that Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice (KAP) survey has been completed in four camps, with THI, BDY, BMN and BMS still remaining. The KAP survey should be completed before August: at BDY during 22-23 July (87 households) and at THI during 20-21 July (97 households).
* ADRA also plans to provide new hygiene packs to camp residents starting from August. This is an RCCE activity, to improve household-level hygiene, and the packs includes 4-5 items. Distribution will be through the RCCE camp-based staff in coordination with the camp committees.

**ACTION POINT: 1) ADRA will update on the contents of the hygiene packs to be distributed in the two camps.**

1. **Food assistance**

* TBC updated that the six months contingency stocks in both camps has been done completely in both camps. This includes rice, cooking oil, tinned fish (critical items) and stocks are stored at camp level.
* TBC has completed charcoal distribution for three months consumption for July, August and September, in order to minimize number of times people are required to gather at the warehouses.
* TBC updated that camp-level Food Card System (FCS) transactions have been synchronized at both camps from 1 July. TBC has maintained the same amount for July transactions as in recent months due to COVID-19, equivalent to “most vulnerable” (MV); through August until December, vulnerable and MV households will continue to receive the maximum amount (including 5% increase) Standard households will be on “vulnerable” (V) level of support - 77% of calculated food needs from August to the end of the year; “self-reliant” households on V-level support for August with a re-assessment of their means to look after their own food needs and resultant adjustments for September.. This has been possible through additional funding from the UK and US governments. TBC also noted that rice price has increased by 1 baht in both camps, now 19 baht/kilo.
* TBC updated that Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) has been distributed to all vendors and TBC warehouse staff for use in July.

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

* Main action points from the PWG discussion include the announcement by the SPDO about camp residents being deregistered if caught outside the camp, possible constraints on medical referrals from THI camp, and delays with expanding the waste pit capacity at THI camp.
* COERR updated that there was a landslide near the COERR Agriculture Office at BDY Camp on 30 June at around 4AM. No camp residents were injured but there was some damage to the COERR Office.
* UNHCR is updating the Protection Risk Analysis completed last year by the Kanchanaburi PWG for THI and BDY and will request PWG members for additional input before finalizing within this month.
* TBC suggested, looking ahead, restrictions on movement in and out of camp might remain tight even if COVID-19 risk recedes. For households to generate income to cover many needs, it is desirable to have to regularized income-generation opportunities outside of the camps. This is the time to continue working towards formalizing these opportunities.

**ACTION POINTS: 2) UNHCR will coordinate with other UNHCR Thailand office on registration follow-up. 3) UNHCR will share updated Protection Risk Assessment for comment and additional input from PWG members. 4) UNHCR to contact THI Camp Committee for date of the next CCC meeting.**

1. **AOB**

* IOM updated that COVID-19 “how to wash your hands” signs were delivered to THI and BDY last month at the VRCs and resettlement offices.
* Meeting members agreed that the frequency of meetings can change to monthly.
* The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, 6 August at 1:30 PM**