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

**17th Meeting, 6 August 2020**

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**Updates on Previous Action Points:**

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| **Action Point** | **Status** | **Remarks** |
| **Pending**: ADRA will follow-up internally about the PA system assessment requested at THI. | Pending | THI CC has requested to replace parts of the loudspeaker system, the information is still pending with ADRA manager. |
| **Pending**: ADRA will follow-up on the status of the handwashing station mapping. | Completed | ADRA camp-based staff will arrange for mapping over the next two weeks. SCI contacted IRC for handwashing stations at schools, which is on process. |
| 1. ADRA will update on the contents of the hygiene packs to be distributed in the two camps. | Completed |  |
| 1. UNHCR will coordinate with other UNHCR Thailand office on registration follow-up. | Completed |  |
| 1. UNHCR will share updated Protection Risk Analysis for comment and additional input from PWG members. | Completed |  |
| 1. UNHCR to contact THI Camp Committee for date of the next CCC meeting. | Completed |  |

**Regular Agenda:**

1. **Situation update**

* IRC updated that the situation is stable at Kanchanaburi and Ratchaburi with no suspect cases; however, last week one case at Tham Hin was referred to Suan Pheung Hospital because of pneumonia and meet with the criteria for Patient Under Investigation (PUI).
* IRC also updated that government remains strict and border crossings remain closed until 31 August.
* IRC also updated that three departments of Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and the US Government Centre for Disease Control (CDC) had a mission during 29-31 July to Ratchaburi Province, including a mission to Tham Hin on 30 July. The same group will visit Kanchanaburi Province, including Ban Don Yang Camp, during 17-19 August. The visit was related to a two-year surveillance project planned to maximize COVID-19 detection within displaced person populations. The mission included meetings outside the camp with the Governor and the MOI Office, and with the Suan Pheung Hospital, with presentations by IRC and CDC. At Tham Hin, the mission team included OCDP, District Public Health Official, and Suan Pheung Hospital Office, and included a meeting with the Camp Committee.

**ACTION POINT: 1) ADRA will follow-up with SCI on the status of handwashing station installation at schools.**

1. **Camp Governance**

* TDC updated that the situations in both camps are stable and there are no specific challenges or issues.
* ADRA noted that Ban Don Yang is requesting translation of IEC materials in Mon language because sometimes people from Myanmar cross the border. ADRA also noted that MOI Camp Commander at Ban Don Yang cancelled the additional Beeber checkpoints outside camp, and UNHCR noted that MOI Camp Commander also cancelled 2 out of 5 of the additional Beeber checkpoints outside camp.
* ADRA also updated that the Tham Hin Camp Committee is requesting a new loudspeaker system (pending assessment), a 24 Volt battery for loudspeaker, and IPC materials for Camp Committee facilities. ADRA is following internally on these requests. The Tham Hin Camp Committee noted that the household-level hygiene kits are insufficient as the households quickly finish, but the Camp Committee appreciates the IEC materials that give knowledge about COVID-19.
* UNHCR updated that the Tham Hin Camp Committee is requesting additional support from NGOs and UN to implement guidelines on COVID-19 prevention in the camp, including sharing information with camp residents and implementing during group activities.

**ACTION POINT: 2) UNHCR to follow-up on the availability of Mon language translation for IEC materials. 3) UNHCR will add the CCSDPT Guidelines that CCSDPT members are expected to follow in camps as an Annex.**

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

* IRC updated that activities remain the same in Tham Hin and Ban Don Yang, including temperature screening at MOI checkpoints and community-based surveillance and awareness raising. Outsiders are requested not to attend at the IRC clinics in camp unless it is an emergency case and provided the are screened before entering camp. Medication stocks for outsiders are also being arranged in advance.
* IRC also noted a new surveillance project will start in all 9 camps following training, starting in Tham Hin, and will last until June 2022. The target population is persons above age 10 for different types of suspected respiratory infections, with specimen collection in camp and testing at CDC lab outside camp.
* IRC also updated that other seasonal diseases, like Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) and pneumonia, are arising in camps. One serious pneumonia case was referred from Tham Hin to Suan Pheung Hospital on 26 July, and further referred to Ratchaburi Hospital on 30 July. According to the chest x-ray it is suspected as a PUI case, and all family members were placed in quarantine at TJC Hall.
* IRC requested TBC to support as usual the quarantine cases when the Thai Hospital identifies cases that need to be placed in quarantine. TBC acknowledges the request and will support following referral by email or phone if there are any quarantine cases in the quarantine facility.

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

* IRC updated that soap distribution used to be provided to target population, including children under 5, pregnant and lactating women, children with diarrhea, and persons with mental health issues. However, IRC completed a one-time mass distribution of soap to all camp residents in July 2020.
* IRC community health workers are supporting the installation of handwashing stations at the Tham Hin and Ban Don Yang High Schools, Ban Don Yang POC School, Ban Don Yang and Tham Hin nursery schools, and the Tham Hin Special Education (SE) School, along with powder for decontamination for all learning facilities.
* IRC noted that headmasters have opened schools but do not have an infrared thermometer to check temperature, it’s not clear if SCI is supporting this.

**ACTION POINT: 4) ADRA will follow-up with SCI on infrared thermometers for schools.**

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

* ADRA has completed the Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) survey in Tham Hin (97 households) and Ban Don Yang (87 households). The survey was challenging since camp residents are not home, they frequently go out to visit friends, so there was a need to do updated sampling.
* ADRA will distribute additional hygiene packages in Tham Hin (1,009 households) and Ban Don Yang (442 households) during 24-28 August, based on household lists from TBC.

1. **Food assistance**

* TBC updated that 4,000 sets of charcoal were delivered to Tham Hin for storage at the TBC Warehouse.
* TBC updated that Food Card System (FCS) vendors received refresher trainings at Tham Hin at 21-22 July, and Ban Don Yang camps at 23-24 July. All participants were asked to sign a Letter of agreement following training.
* TBC noted that the August 2020 top-up has been completed in both camps, starting 3 August, with new ration amounts. Starting this month “Vulnerable” (V) and “Most Vulnerable” (MV) households will receive MV amount, while “Standard” (Std) and “Self-Reliant” (SR) households will receive V amount. These amounts for MV, V, and STD will remain in place until December 2020. Households assessed as SR will also be re-assessed in September 2020.
* TBC plans to conduct sanitary pad distribution at Tham Hin on 10-11 August, and at Ban Don Yang on 13-14 August. The sanitary pads are supplied by UNHCR, and procurement and delivery were supported by COERR. This blanket distribution of sanitary materials is to women and girls age 13-49 in all 9 camps and four months’ supply will be distributed through two separate distributions.

**ACTION POINT: 5) TBC is following-up on the provision of rice bags to Ban Don Yang camp committee.**

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

* UNHCR shared some summary findings from a rapid protection assessment conducted during the mask distribution in Tham Hin and Ban Don Yang. Most respondents report they feel safe and free from violence, though a high number of camp residents at Tham Hin are experiencing debt issues.
* UNHCR shared an updated Protection Risk Analysis before the meeting that will be finalized during the next PWG meeting. The Protection Risk Analysis was developed at the start of the year and includes an action plan that was developed collaboratively with Camp Committees and CBOs, building on the Participatory Action for Vulnerability (PAV) conducted in previous years.

**AOB**

* The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, 3 September at 1:30 PM**

**Annex: Minimum IPC measures for CCSDPT members resuming activities within the camps**

1. All staff members should continue to undergo temperature screening when arriving at the work place.
2. Any staff member who does not feel well or registers a fever should not remain at the office, but return home and/or seek medical care.
3. Any NGO staff member who does not feel well should not go to the camp. Any staff member who begins to feel unwell while in camp, should leave the camp immediately.
4. All NGO staff members should insist that camp officials register their temperature on entry into the camp
5. All NGO staff members should wash their hands on entering the camps
6. All NGO staff members must wear face mask while in the camps.
7. All NGOs should install and enforce the use of hand washing station at their camp offices and facilities. Please contact health agencies for any technical guidance.
8. All NGO staff members should ensure a minimum of 2 meters social distancing for all activities
9. Unless there is an emergency, NGO staff members should not enter refugee homes for household visits. Please hold the household visits outdoors where your teams can maintain appropriate social distancing.
10. If camp authorities have enacted stricter measures, those measures should be followed.
11. If these CCSDPT minimum guidelines are stricter than those of camp authorities, then the CCSDPT minimum guidelines should be followed