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

**2nd Meeting, 30 March 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. | Ongoing | Planning to share updated WHO case definition to camp-based staff. |
| UNHCR will share Karen & Burmese translations of WHO COVID-19 Posters after meeting | Completed |  |
| IRC to propose design for a community surveillance system for the camps and be able to outline the plan for contact tracing. | Completed |  |
| IRC will meet with Tham Hin Camp Committee to discuss enhanced controls on transit channels and population movements. | On Track | IRC is meeting with Camp Committee and will be able to provide updates after today. |
| ADRA will check whether VT courses are being postponed due to COVID-19. | Completed |  |
| ADRA will consult with Camp Committees about communication challenges and needs, including issues with PA systems (e.g., power supply). | Completed |  |

**Regular Agenda:**

1. **Situation update**

* Confirmed COVID-19 cases: 7 in Kanchanaburi (zero in Sangklaburi District); 8 in Ratchaburi (zero in Suan Pheung District). No deaths from COVID-19 reported in either province.
* In Ratchaburi Province, one case confirmed in district next to Suan Phueng so Suan Pheung Travel Association has decided to stop all activities from 26 March to 2 April.
* On 27 March, MOI issued a letter to the Governors of Tak, Mae Hong Son, Kanchanaburi, and Ratchaburi Provines with instructions related to preventing and responding to COVID-19 outbreak in the temporary shelters. The letter includes directions to coordinate with local health agencies and hospitals on referral of suspected and confirmed cases.

1. **Camp Governance**

* Ban Don Yang Camp Committee is being supported by IRC to install handwashing stations in 5-6 additional public areas. The Camp Committee requested UNHCR to provide additional support for the construction of the handwashing stations, but it is not clear what support is needed.

**ACTION POINTS: 1) IRC will follow-up with Ban Don Yang Camp Committee on the construction of the additional 5-6 handwashing stations.**

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

* No suspected cases identified yet in either camp.
* IRC is in process of establishing isolation areas. In Ban Don Yang, plan to use Psychosocial Programme (PSP) office for isolation of confirmed cases plus Boarding House (20 person capacity) for contact cases. In Tham Hin, previously reported TJC building will be used for contact cases.

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

* In Tham Hin and Ban Don Yang, IRC has trained cleaners and clinic staff on cleaning with recommended solution. IRC is also cleaning referral vehicles with recommended solution.
* IRC usually provides weekly updates to both Camp Committees on camp and province situations. UNHCR is providing twice weekly updates to both Camp Committees on general/national situation along with translations of the Group Meeting minutes.
* Ban Don Yan Camp Committee has requested more frequent updates on district/province situation.

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

* ADRA will be meeting internally on Wednesday to discuss risk communication and then will visit both Camp Committees on Thursday-Friday for consultations on developing the strategy.

**ACTION POINTS: 2) All group members will share any Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials currently in use in Tham Hin & Ban Don Yang with UNHCR.**

1. **Food assistance**

* All procurement under “3+6 Strategy” has been delivered to Tham Hin and Ban Don Yang. Food prices for critical items (rice, tinned fish, oil) should be fixed since the stockpiles are already in place; food prices for non-critical items (chili, onions, eggs) may be subject to market pressures.

**ACTION POINTS: 3) TBC will provide updates on non-critical food item prices at the next meeting.**

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

* At the national level, UNHCR is conducting advocacy with the Royal Thai Government related to increasing PPE stocks, access to suppliers in case of lockdown (e.g., water pipes, bleach and cleaning solutions), and movements of critical staff in and out of camps/provinces. Lists of UNHCR & CCSDPT critical staff are being compiled at the national level for submission to MOI in order to facilitate travel.
* IRC Country Director is planning to travel to Kanchanaburi & Ratchaburi provinces this week.

1. **AOB**

* IRC is reviewing emergency procurement procedures in view of the COVID-19 crisis.
* UNHCR will chair 3rd meeting on **Thursday, 2 April at 10 AM.**