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

**7th Meeting, 23 April 2020**

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**Updates on Previous Action Points:**

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| **Action Point** | **Status** | **Remarks** |
| 1. ADRA will follow with CC if they need support for camp commanders then inform UNHCR
 | Completed |  |
| 1. UNHCR will circulate the request for 2 batteries to all NGOs and provide to BDY CC as soon as possible
 | Completed | Two batteries purchased by TBC and UNHCR, transported to Sangklaburi yesterday by ADRA, delivered to camp today by IRC. |
| 1. IRC will follow up with THI camp commander on producing of face masks from the TRCS
 | Completed | IRC followed-up with Camp Commander but material support not yet confirmed. |
| 1. UNHCR follow up COERR to see a sufficiency of coffee for both camps.
 | Completed | COERR has delivered coffee to camp committees in both camps. |

**Regular Agenda:**

1. **Situation update**
* Ratchaburi confirmed 8 cases, no cases in hospital (1 case passed away, 7 cases recovered). Informed from Nakhon Pathom Province that there was one case that travelled to Suan Pheung District that visited to market opposite IRC Office. Suan Pheung Provincial Health Office (PHO) completed investigation on close contacts and no confirmed cases so far.
* Kanchanaburi confirmed 8 cases, still 2 cases in hospital and other 6 cases have recovered. Kanchanaburi provincial website announced today that 2 cases leaving hospital.
* No new announcements by Provincial or District level governments in Kanchanaburi or Ratchaburi. In the past 14 days, no new confirmed cases in either provinces, it’s anticipated that there may be changes announced by provincial governments on access starting from 1 May.
1. **Camp Governance**
* ADRA reports that **at THI total 4,420 cloth masks** delivered or under production: 1) ADRA & Camp Committee had previously provided one role of material each to produce 570 cloth masks (distribution complete); 2) SPDO Camp Commander and District Team delivered 600 cloth masks for camp committee to distribute; 3) IRC delivered four roles of cloth supported by Ratchaburi PHO for ADRA VT and other volunteers identified by Camp Committee to produce 3,250 cloth mask sets (on process).
* TBC shared report by BDY Camp Leader that **at BDY total 2,400 cloth masks** have been distributed to all camp residents. These masks were contributed by KRC and produced by KWO Sangklaburi. Camp Committees have been reporting on the group identities of mask recipients.
* TBC emphasized that camp residents should understand the correct use and maintenance of cloth masks. Social distancing, handwashing, and cleaning surfaces are the most important measures to prevent transmission and these messages need to accompany distribution. IRC responded that the District PHO has visited the camp to provide instruction on proper hygiene and mask use.
* ADRA received a letter from THI Camp Committee requesting support for camp security, which uses daily budget of 1,050 baht (total 31,500 baht per month) to support water, coffee, ice, and snacks for camp security. The Camp Committee received donations from church and camp committee (7,000 baht each) but the need for support from NGOs is 17,500 baht. There are seven temporary stations for camp security to patrol at the camps, two persons during the day and four persons during the night at each station. TBC remarked that the security staff is being asked to take on more responsibilities for which additional stipend of 200 baht per person has been provided for three months.

**ACTION POINT: 1) ADRA will re-emphasize with both camp committees that cloth masks should not replace proper hygiene and social distancing. 2) ADRA will share a copy of the Karen letter read during the meeting about camp security. 3) UNHCR will share the request for additional support to the THI Camp Security with the National COVID-19 Group to consider.**

1. **Surveillance, Case Investigation and Outbreak Rapid Response**
* IRC is trying to strengthen clinic teams and continue to follow procedures as described previously. There are no suspected cases in either camps.
1. **Infection Prevention Control (IPC)**
* UNHCR updated that the THI Camp Committee has placed to adult men in the camp detention who tried to enter the camp without going through the main gate. They will be detained 15 days. IRC will follow-up with the field team on whether the two persons have been screened.
* UNHCR reconfirmed that the VRC in both camps, and the SGBV Committee Office at BDY, are both available to IRC to use for isolation or quarantine space.
* UNHCR asked about reports of spraying at BDY Camp. IRC is not aware of any recent spaying.
1. **Risk Communication & Community Engagement (RCCE)**
* ADRA remains in contact with both camp committees each week. Camp Committees make daily announcements using the Public Address (PA) system to deliver key messages about COVID-19.
* ADRA has planned a ToT training and met yesterday with IRC to discuss steps to prepare volunteers to conduct home visits. Training at Tham Hin will be Tuesday, 28 April at 10 AM at OCEE Office, at Ban Don Yang will be Wednesday, 29 April at 11 AM at ADRA VT Training Centre. ADRA requests partners to confirm if they have camp-based staff who can participate.

**ACTION POINT: 4) ADRA will collect names refugee volunteers to share with IRC trainer for home visit training.**

1. **Food assistance**
* TBC has put in place a three-month contingency stock in both camps (April, May, June) but many camp residents have been buying rice and oil on credit, significantly reducing contingency stock. At THI, vendors have decided to order additional stock, 650 bags rice and 145 boxes soybean oil, which were delivered on Monday. At BDY, the contingency stock should be enough, and no additional stock has been ordered. Suppliers are following transmission prevention measures closely in both camps.
* Kitchen materials for quarantine facilities have been delivered to THI yesterday and BDY today. These materials will be used for quarantine managed by health agencies and food cards have also been put in place to be managed by CMPA focal points.
* TBC has been able to identify cooking staff for quarantine facilities among CMPA staff. TBC will follow-up with IRC about training staff to work in quarantine kitchens on 27 April at BDY, 28 April at THI.
* Top-ups for cardholders go into effect starting 30 April and will be in place for May consumption. TBC has increased 5% to all cardholders and it will be active on April top up and will be covered for May and June. TBC will re-assess the COVID-19 situation and announce the value on cards again before July 2020.
1. **Protection + Advocacy – RTG Engagement**
* There are no reported incidents of SGBV in either camps during the current COVID-19 emergency period. Information about PSEA has been shared with PWG members to reinforce practices. COERR has been visiting camps on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to conduct home visits for active protection cases and there have been no new issues identified. There are concerns that domestic violence may increase following extended stay at home periods but no cases so far.
* One case was reported from THI of a detained female camp resident, but the case is already resolved. Organizations are encouraged to share reports of detention issues with UNHCR for follow-up.
* Cases active in the Thai Justice System (TJS) in Ratchaburi have been postponed until the end of May.
1. **AOB**
* ADRA has suspended VT Course at THI and has proposed restarting the course on 4 May. ADRA proposed this to the MOI Camp Commander.
* Education sector partners have education materials in Mae Sot pending delivery to THI and BDY. The schools are not open yet and the issue is not urgent.
* IRC will chair the 8th meeting on **Thursday, 30 April at 1:30 PM.**