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

**8th Meeting, 30 April 2020**

**Participants**: **ADRA** (John Smith), **IOM** (Francesco Supit), **IRC** (Thidaruch Daewa), **RTP** (Phanu Sukhikhachornphrai), **TBC** (Nakarin Vananeetikul), **UNHCR** (James Ferguson, Yuwarat Thipklai)

**Updates on Previous Action Points:**

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| **Action Point** | **Status** | **Remarks** |
| 1. ADRA will re-emphasize with both camp committees that cloth masks should not replace proper hygiene and social distancing. | Completed |  |
| 1. ADRA will share a copy of the Karen letter read during the meeting about camp security. | Completed |  |
| 1. UNHCR will share the request for additional support to the THI Camp Security with the National COVID-19 Group to consider. | Completed | National Level pillar leads will discuss and revert back |
| 1. ADRA will collect names refugee volunteers to share with IRC trainer for home visit training. | Completed | Training was completed this week. |

**Regular Agenda:**

1. **Situation update**

* IRC updated there are no new confirmed cases in Kanchanaburi or Ratchaburi. No new announcements by Kanchanaburi or Ratchaburi Provincial Administration but announcements are expected tomorrow.
* IRC updated that MoPH will support surgical masks for all nine camps. BDY received 1,000 masks; THI received 1,000 masks, 100 face shields, 30 litres of 70% alcohol solution. On the THI Line Group, Suan Pheung District Office (SPDO) updated that camp passes for May have been cancelled by the Ratchaburi Governor. SPDO will follow-up with the Ratchaburi Governor to allow IRC medical staff to enter in May.
* UNHCR updated that a meeting organized by Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) by teleconference yesterday. Hospitals all over the country and related agencies participated. The meeting focused on the future of provincial-level health support to migrant workers (Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos).
* IRC updated that Royal Thai Government (RTG) will not postpone public holidays in May. IRC will take holidays on 1, 4 & 6 May; RTP will take holidays on 1 & 6 May; TBC will take 1 & 4 May.

**ACTION POINT: 1) IOM will inform VRC security guard to provide access to IRC. 2) UNHCR will share minutes from MoPH meeting when they become available.**

1. **Camp Governance**

* UNHCR clarified that the National-level COVID-19 Group has taken a decision that due to lack of funds we need to heavily rely on the willingness of everyone within the refugee community to contribute to effective COVID-19 prevention, response and mitigation. If more support is requested, we should:

1. Enact other non-financial incentives to motivate camp-based staff and others engaged;
2. Consider hiring additional staff and maintaining existing stipend amounts; and
3. If these approaches are not possible then the National-level COVID-19 Group will consider.

* ADRA shared reports from camp committees. In THI, some families are concerned that family members who work outside can’t return due to lockdowns; camp residents are also concerned about travellers entering the camps who may carry the infection. In BDY, Camp Committee has no concerns; they have initiated training for non-TBC vendors to follow the same IPC measures as the TBC vendors.

**ACTION POINT: 3) IRC will check with the health team at BDY about the date and other details about training for non-TBC vendors. 4) UNHCR will contact the District Offices for updates about plans to end lockdowns.**

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

* IRC received confirmation from Suan Phueng District Hospital that suspect cases can be referred for treatment and that a code will be provided to cover COVID-19 testing; IRC will cover treatment cost.

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

* IRC plans to have simulation exercises in THI and BDY during the second week of May.
* IRC provided training to TBC and ADRA staff on 27 & 29 April.

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

* ADRA reports that training for COVID-19 handover was conducted in THI on 28 April (26 participants from HSG, HI, ADRA, IRC), and in BDY on 29 April (22 participants from SGBV Committee, HI, ADRA, IRC). COVID-19 response group for BDY was also invited but they declined. HI & BDY Camp Committees both stated IRC Community Health Workers (CHWs) have conducted home visits many times and additional home visits are not needed at this time but can be repeated in the future.

1. **Food assistance**

* Messages about 5% food card value increase has been disseminated and May consumption top-up was completed at BDY (28 April) and THI (30 April). All critical and non-critical food is in place in both camps for May consumption and the prices for critical food remain steady (rice THB 18 /kg, oil THB 43 /litre).
* Food vendors and cardholders have been advised on proper IPC measures. Community Nutrition Program Assistance (CNPA) staff were trained by IRC to work in quarantine kitchens (3 at BDY, 5 at THI).

**ACTION POINT: 5) TBC will investigate vendors taking food card system (FCS) cards for debt repayment.**

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

* There have been some concerns with traveller quarantine at THI. ADRA met with THI Camp Committee about two parents in detention; they were detained due to violations of rule and regulation (going outside the camp during lockdown and sneaking back) after neighbours complained to the Section Leader and they have already been released.
* A joint protection monitoring framework is under development. ADRA & UNHCR are consulting with camp committees about the top protection issues UNHCR will prepare an updated analysis framework.
* Due to PSEA concerns, ADRA is sharing key messages with Camp Committees and the RCCE working group is also disseminating written translations of messages for loudspeaker announcements.

1. **AOB**

* IRC reported the Tapprayasua Military Task Force (MTF) will attend THI camp on 1 May at 1PM.
* UNHCR will chair the 9th meeting on **Thursday, 7 May at 1:30 PM.**