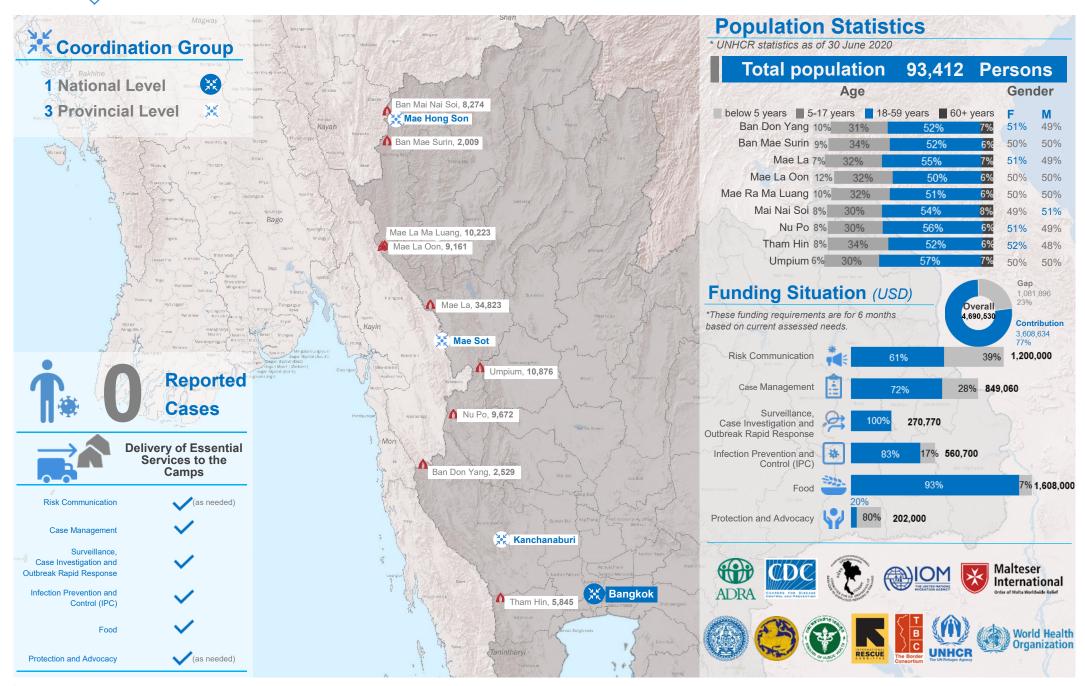
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Risk Communication

ADRA (ACTED. COERR. JRS, HI, IRC, SCI, FilmAid, MI, UNHCR, TBC)*

Key Issue Timely outreach to refugees in context of social distancing; limited phone and internet access: maintaining vigilance on social distancing and movement restrictions

- Ongoing sharing of COVID-19 prevention and response messages in Karen and Burmese languages with refugees, including those with specific needs, through over 7,000 small group dialogues, as well as distribution of posters, leaflets, PA system announcements, videos and web links. Weekly media monitoring reports communicated across networks and shared to camp committees and at information centers in camps
- Training provided for over 200 RCCE community engagement workers in all 9 camps, including on home visit protocols from the protection working group along with session guidance
- Guidance on stress management and wellbeing in coordination with the health sub-committee and psychosocial working group completed
- Ongoing distribution of up to 147,000 cloth masks to refugees and local authorities, including of 94,000 cloth masks procured through local businesses. Over 18,000 masks distributed to students. Hygiene kits received by over 16,000 households and student boarding houses. Procurement process for 16,000 hygiene kits to 9 camps underway. Leaflet about hygiene kit content, quidance on using cloth masks, and other key informational materials developed to be integrated into kit and mask distributions. Over 13,000 soap bars distributed to over 5,000 Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVIs) across the 9 camps
- PSEA and SGBV messaging integrated into loudspeaker announcements
- IEC messaging package received by camp committees and camp leaders across the 9 camps
- Education messages for parents, students and the wider camp population finalized, comic book and child friendly materials being developed
- 7, 857 coloring books with key messages distributed to small children (aged 5-11) across 9 camps. Over 13,000 children targeted to be reached by the end of August
- Bi-weekly feedback and complaints mechanism developed and integrated into existing activities in camps, with over 9,000 individuals consulted. Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) survey ongoing, already completed in 7 camps. Post-distribution monitoring under finalization
- COVID-19 brochure and hygiene items provided to refugees departing camps on resettlement
- Consultations with camp committees planned on reinforcing and modeling importance of cloth mask usage



Case Management

IRC (MI, CDC)*

Key Issue Obtaining necessary equipment and staff to support surge capacity if current capacity is overwhelmed. Limited access to certain medications if confirmed cases managed within camps

- All isolation and treatment facilities constructed and ready for activation if infection occurs
- Surge facilities identified and plans for rapid activation finalized if outbreak occurs in camps
- All four Mae Hong Son camps now fully equipped and ready to collect specimens of suspect cases and safely transport to the Shoklo Malaria Research Unit (SMRU)
- Global guidelines on case management currently being adapted to refugee camp context and MoPH require-
- Ongoing procurement of pharma and supplies



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

IRC (MI, CDC, WHO, MOPH, MOI)*

Key Issue Maintaining heightened surveillance as restrictions in Thailand ease and country transitions to its "New Normal"

- Displaced Persons in Thailand Guidelines for Prevention, Surveillance, Investigation, and Mitigation of COVID-19 finalized, approved by MoPH, translated into Thai and shared with Public Health Officers in the four refugee -hosting provinces
- Enhanced Surveillance testing of patients with influenza like illnesses and respiratory tract infections fully approved by the RTG and specimens now regularly collected and sent to SMRU for testing
- All health facility and community-level surveillance systems in place and functioning
- Ongoing support to Thai officials to effectively conduct regular screening at camp entry points
- Ongoing simulation exercises underway to ensure capacity to respond effectively to possible COVID-19 cases



Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

IRC (MI, CDC)*

Key Issue Ensuring population compliance with IPC protocols during upcoming period of new normal

- Two months' supply of IPC materials for in place for schools for all 9 camps
- COVID-19 SOPs continually reviewed and changes incorporated into ongoing training plan
- Soap and water supplies provided to support continuous operation of handwashing at camp entry/exit points
- Handwashing stations in place in public areas, prioritized for most frequently visited areas and schools Hand hygiene at household level supported by community engagement team
- Ongoing production of face shields and reusable PPE, including scrubs and surgical gowns. 15,000 surgical masks received in the 9 camps, with a second delivery of 14,000 surgical masks initiated



TBC

Key Issue Increasing vulnerability and dependency on assistance in the long term

- COVID-19 transmission mitigation measures implemented by food vendors, suppliers and warehouses
- Food vendors provided with soap, alcohol and bleach to sanitize shops
- Handwashing stations installed at shops and warehouses. Mandatory wearing of masks at Food Card Service (FCS) shops
- SOPs for quarantine/isolation conditions developed, in coordination with nutrition teams, health actors and camp committees. Training of camp staff in kitchen operations to support health agency quarantine/isolation facilities completed in all 9 camps
- Strategy developed to ensure refugees' continued access to basic food items and cooking fuel
- All households to receive Most Vulnerable food rations for four months (April to July) to help alleviate loss of informal income opportunities.
- Planning of food security and livelihoods survey underway



Protection and Advocacy

UNHCR (CCSDPT agencies, KWO, KnWO, KRC, KnRC)*

Key Issue Inclusion of refugees in national surveillance, response, and planning and protection main-

- Continued advocacy on inclusion of refugees in the RTG's national surveillance, response and planning activities
- Supporting mainstreaming of protection in the work of other pillars, including mitigation of SGBV and PSEA risks
- Ensuring continued delivery of protection services for the most vulnerable, including through collection and review of vulnerability data
- Ensuring continued regular and effective protection monitoring, including access to reporting channels for SGBV survivors and other serious protection cases. Update of SGBV referral pathways completed in all camps, as well as provision of some material support
- Delivering technical support for remote case management to camp-based staff and CBOs to ensure continuity of protection services
- Development and distribution of child-friendly material on COVID-19, including learning materials, hygiene sets and quidance for parents
- Ministry of Education (MoE) guidelines on school reopening translated into English. Safety guidelines finalized
- Strategy to support safe anticipated reopening of schools in camps including 'back to learning' campaign under development. Six-week programme of preparatory activities in place
- Development of provincial-level Protection Risk Analyses underway