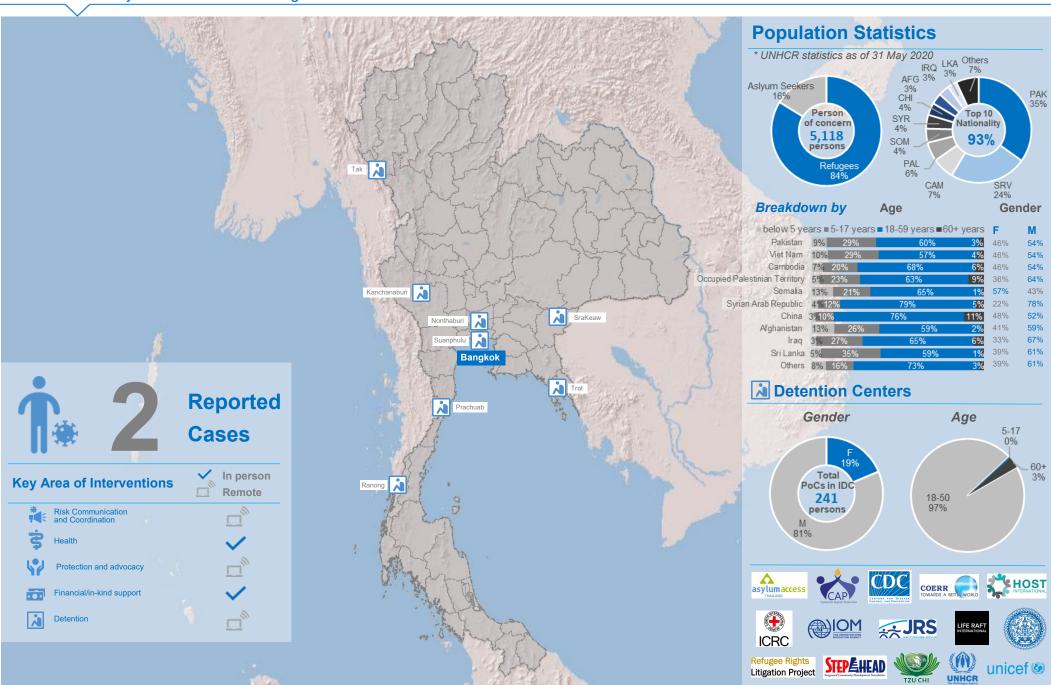


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Risk Communication and Coordination

Key Issue Outreach and effective risk and other communication with asylum-seekers and refugees, including in Immigration Detention Centres; effective response coordination amongst partners

- Convening the Protection Working Group's COVID-19 Response and Coordination Sub-group to adapt rapidly to changing needs and ensure an effective coordinated response to the COVID-19 situation (all Sub-group members)
- Ongoing dissemination of COVID-19 prevention and response messages, including on RTG response measures, with asylum-seekers and refugees (AAT, CAP, COERR, HOST International, IOM, JRS, UNHCR, UNICEF)
- Regular consultations with asylum-seeker and refugee leaders to identify protection gaps (JRS, UNHCR)
- Regular community consultations to raise awareness of sexual exploitation and abuse issues, reporting and response mechanisms (UNHCR)
- Setting up a new COVID-19 related data, guidelines and materials repository (UNHCR)
- Installing new emergency communication channels, including a medical LINE ID and official email account for social unit (COERR, JRS)



Health

Key Issue Ensure access to COVID-19 healthcare

- Medical hotline channels for COVID-19 response, including preliminary screening, information and self-care (COERR)
- Close monitoring of positive COVID-19 cases and advocacy to include asylum-seekers and refugees within RTG's national surveillance, response and planning activities for COVID-19 (COEER, UNHCR)
- Maintaining access to Health Information and Referral Desks (COERR, Tzu Chi)
- Ongoing supply of medication for asylum-seekers and refugees, including those with serious psychological conditions including in Immigration Detention Centres (COERR, Tzu Chi, UNHCR)
- Ongoing provision of psychological counselling for detainees and health screening for children
 and their primary caregivers prior and after release from Immigration Detention Centers, including COVID-19 test (IOM)
- Providing interpretation and facilitating hospital visits for vulnerable POCs (COERR, JRS, Tzu Chi, UNHCR)



Protection and advocacy

Key Issue Inclusion of asylum-seekers and refugees in the RTG's COVID-19 national surveillance, response and planning

- Continued advocacy on inclusion of POC in the RTG's national surveillance, response and planning activities (AAT, COERR, JRS, Tzu Chi, UNHCR, UNICEF)
- Continued advocacy to encourage RTG to expand the use of alternatives to detention, in particular, for children and their mothers as well as serious medical cases (AAT, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF)
- Ensuring continued delivery of protection services for the most vulnerable (all Sub-group members)
- Revising operating modalities to ensure continued regular and effective protection monitoring, child protection and SGBV case management and effective response to serious protection cases (AAT, CAP, COERR, JRS, UNHCR)
- Ongoing registration, refugee status determination and resettlement activities through revised COVID-19 operating modalities, including the use of remote interviewing in Immigration Detention Centres (UNHCR)
- Supporting mainstreaming of protection in the work of other pillars (all Sub-group members)
- Continued mainstreaming of protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) in all protection and assistance activities to minimize risks (all Sub-group members)



Financial/in-kind support

Key Issue Ensuring that basic needs are met during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Increased resources for Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) and expansion of CBI beneficiaries to minimize negative economic impact on refugees and asylum-seekers (COEER, JRS, Life Raft, UNHCR)
- Provision of Personal Protective Equipment and hygiene materials to POCs, including face masks and alcohol gel (AAT, COEER, IOM, JRS, Tzu Chi, UNICEF)
- Provision of emergency food package support, including in Immigration Detention Centers (IOM, JRS, Life Raft, Tzu Chi)
- Ongoing Rapid Needs Assessment/Post Distribution Monitoring exercise to assess the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and help inform the development of responses (AAT, COERR, HOST International, IOM, Tzu Chi, UNHCR, UNICEF)



Detention

Key Issue Promoting access to alternatives to detention while ensuring that conditions of detention are safe

- Providing Personal Protective Equipment and Information Education Communication materials pertaining to COVID-19 in detention facilities (ICRC, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF)
- Ensuring continuity of registration, RSD, and durable solutions activities, including through remote interviewing (UNHCR)
- Ongoing remote monitoring, protection counselling and interviews (AAT, RRLP, UNHCR)
- Advocacy to promote alternatives to detention and ensure that detainees are included in the RTG's COVID-19 national surveillance, response and planning (IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF)
- Ongoing support to provide alternatives to detention (Life Raft)