Reported Cases

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Key Area of Interventions

- Risk Communication and Coordination
- Health
- Protection and advocacy
- Financial/Kind support
- Detention

Population Statistics

- UNHCR statistics as of 31 May 2020

Breakdown by Age and Gender

Detention Centers

UNHCR statistics as of 31 May 2020
Dashboard
Protection Working Group – COVID-19 Response Coordination Sub-group for Urban Asylum-seekers and Refugees

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• 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 (COERR, 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)

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

• 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 (COERR, JRS, Life Raft, UNHCR)

• Provision of Personal Protective Equipment and hygiene materials to POCs, including face masks and alcohol gel (AAT, COERR, 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)

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

• Providing Personal Protective Equipment and Information 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)

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

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