





RAPID ASSESSMENT: COVID-19 RELATED VULNERABILITIES AND PERCEPTIONS IN MUEANG RANONG DISTRICT, RANONG PROVINCE, THAILAND

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BACKGROUND

In light of the recent outbreak of COVID-19 in Thailand, Thai and non-Thai populations face a new set of challenges and vulnerabilities.

The stringent movement restrictions and temporary disruption of many income-generating activities pose a significant burden on those employed in both the formal and informal sectors. However, the extent to which these challenges and vulnerabilities are affecting local communities in key border provinces is unknown. It is also unclear whether these communities are receiving sufficient information about COVID-19 or have access to the resources which will allow them to maintain the hygiene and sanitation standards required for effective protection.

To fill this data gap and inform possible responses, IOM initiated a village-level data collection exercise in key border provinces to collect information on: 1) presence of non-Thai nationals, 2) vulnerabilities to COVID-19, 3) impacts of COVID-19 on livelihoods, food, and access to services, and 4) awareness and knowledge levels on CO-VID-19. Information was collected at the village level in three districts.

By collecting this information at the onset of the crisis, the results of this assessment can be used to rapidly identify specific vulnerabilities and provide timely information to the Government and other support actors.

METHODOLOGY

The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is a set of tools and methodologies, which enable systematic and regular primary data collection, analysis and dissemination of population movements, human mobility and forced migration (both internal and cross-border). Originally designed to serve the humanitarian community during crises, DTM in Thailand has been implemented to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Between 11 and 22 April 2020, 16 IOM staff (50% female) conducted phone surveys with a total of 408 village-level key informants (KIs) located in Tak province (Mae Sot district) and Ranong province (Mueang Ranong district and Suk Samran district). KIs were primarily representatives from local health institutions, village leaders and migrant community representatives.

For each village, up to 3 KIs were interviewed to allow for triangulation of results. Where possible, data was also triangulated with external sources. Sub-district and district level data presented is based on an average of village level responses.

This report focuses on the results for Mueang Ranong district, in Ranong province, Thailand, where a total of 122 KIs were interviewed across one municipality, eight subdistricts, 38 villages and 20 communities.

NOTES AND DEFINITIONS

Non-Thai nationals: All persons resident in Thailand who do not hold Thai citizenship regardless of country of birth, usual residence, citizenship or legal status. This include migrants, stateless individuals, and other non-Thai populations.

Statistical note: When an asterisk is found next to the total number of individuals it indicates that the estimate of this rapid assessment differ by more than 10 per cent from the total number of individuals reported in the official registration data as of February 2020. For more information about missing data points refer to the annex at the end of this report.

KEY INFORMANTS

KEY INFORMANTS BY SEX



122 (100%)

Total # KIs interviewed in 1 municipality and 8 sub-districts (38 villages and 20 communities)



52 (43%) Men



70 (57%) Women

KEY INFORMANTS BY TYPE



50 (41%)

Representatives from local administration



43 (35%)

Representatives from local health institutions



23 (19%) Village leaders



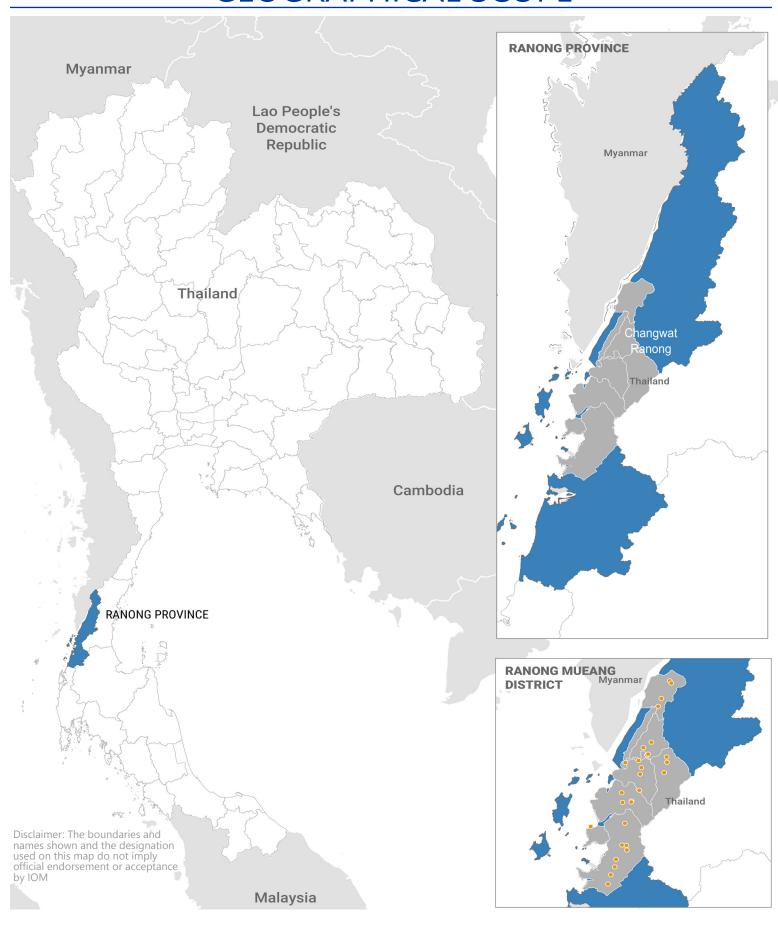
6 (5%) Other

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GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE





MUEANG RANONG DISTRICT

POPULATION



108,626* (100%)

individuals living in 1 municipality and 8 subdistricts (20 communities and 38 villages)

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



4,971 (5%) persons with vulnerabilities



78 (close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



3,624 (3%) persons over 60 years old



988 (1%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



281 (close to 0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



31,652 (29%) non-Thai residents



29,521 (27%) Myanmar migrants



2,131 (2%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that less than 25 per cent of the migrants in Mueang Ranong district would like to return to their country of origin but are unable to do so. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 1,692 migrants returned to their country of origin. Between 25 per cent and 50 per cent of the migrants are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the district is Thai followed by Myanmar language. Some residents also speak Morgan, Yawi and English.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water is close to 0 per cent, while the population without daily access to water for cleaning and other domestic uses is below 25 per cent. Lack of access to running water was reported as a barrier to maintaining hygiene and sanitation in 2 sub-districts.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Bottled water



Secondary source Tap water

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source Tap water



Secondary source River/ lake/ pond

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Less than 25% Masks



Close to 0%
Soap



Between 25% and 50% Hand sanitizer



Between 50% and 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- Lack of access to personal protective equipment
- Lack of knowledge on sanitation and hygiene practices

Secondary barriers

- People are aware of sanitation and hygiene practices but do not follow them
- Cannot afford to buy personal protective equipment

^{*} According to February 2020 registration data, the total population of Mueang Ranong is 89,534. ** Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



MUEANG RANONG DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME

Partial loss of income Between 50% and 75% of the population





IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic were reported in 53 out of 58 villages, and communities In 54 out of 58 villages and communities, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- Unemployment
- Insufficient income

Secondary challenges

- Wage reduction
- Debt

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE **OUTBREAK OF COVID-19**

Primary challenges

- No access to education
- No home schooling

Secondary challenges

- Insufficient food intake
- Limited access to healthcare

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Water



Healthcare



Transport

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, local hospitals, village chiefs and the COVID-19 national hotline are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

Government sources, local hospitals and the UN are distributing information and communication materials on COVID-19 in 52 out of 58 villages and communities. However, in 7 out of 52 villages and communities, information is not being understood or is only being partially understood. Reasons for this include beneficiaries being unable to read, information materials using complex language, or information being shared in a different language from that spoken by the population. The KIs reported that there are some myths or misperceptions on COVID-19 in 8 out of 58 villages and communities.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Community volunteers



Phonecall/



Public megaphone



TV, radio, print media



BANG NON SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



13,513 (100%) individuals living in 4 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



102 (1%) persons with vulnerabilities



(0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



102 (1%) persons over 60 years old



0 (0%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



U (0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



4,636 (34%) non-Thai residents



4,573 (34%) Myanmar migrants



63 (close to 0%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that between 25 and 50 per cent of the migrants in Bang Non sub-district would like to return to their country of origin but are unable to do so. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 508 migrants returned to their country of origin. Less than 25 per cent of the migrants in Bang Non are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water and water for cleaning and other domestic uses is less than 25 per cent. However, in 1 village, between 25 and 50 per cent of the population does not have daily access to water for domestic uses.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Tap water



Secondary source Bottled water

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source Tap water



Secondary source Public water trucking

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Close to 0% Masks



Close to 0%
Soap





Between 25% and 50% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- People are aware of hygiene and sanitation practices but do not follow them
- Lack of access to personal protective equipment

Secondary barriers

Cannot afford to buy personal protective equipment

^{**} Please refer to the annex for missing data points



BANG NON SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME

Partial loss of income Between 50% and 75% of the population





IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in all villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

Insufficient income

Secondary challenges

- Unemployment
- Discrimination

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- No home schooling
- Limited access to healthcare

Secondary challenges

- No education
- No access to alternative care

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Healthcare



Information



Safety and security

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, local hospitals, and the village chief are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In all villages, information and communication materials on COVID-19 are being distributed by government sources and local hospitals. However, information and communication materials are only being partially understood by the population as some people cannot read and in some cases information is provided using complex language. The KIs reported that there are no myths or misperceptions on COVID-19 in Bang Non.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Community volunteers



Phonecall/ text





Television/ radio/ print



BANG RIN SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



37,908* (100%) individuals living in 6 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



1,342 (4%) persons with vulnerabilities



28 (close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



1,053 (3%) persons over 60 years old



100 (close to 0%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



161 (close to 0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



15,605 (41%) non-Thai residents



15,580 (41%) Myanmar migrants



25 (close to 0%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that fewer than 25 per cent of migrants in Bang Rin would like to return to their country of origin but are unable to do so. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 360 migrants returned to their country of origin. Between 50 and 75 per cent of migrants in Bang Rin are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar language.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water is close to 0 per cent while the share of people without access to water for cleaning and other domestic uses is below 25 per cent. However, in 1 village between 25 and 50 per cent of people lack daily access to drinking water and in 1 village between 25 and 50 per cent lack access to water for domestic uses.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Bottled water



Secondary source
Tap water

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source
Tap water



Secondary source River/ lake/ pond

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Less than 25% Masks



Close to 0%
Soap





Between 50% and 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

 Lack of knowledge on sanitation and hygiene practices

Secondary barriers

Lack of access to personal protective equipment

^{*} According to February 2020 registration data, the total population of Bang Rin is 23,114. ** Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



BANG RIN SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME

Partial loss of income Between 50% and 75% of the population





IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in all villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

Unemployment

Insufficient income

Secondary challenges

Debt

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- No access to education
- Limited access to education

Secondary challenges

 Limited access to healthcare

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Food



Healthcare



Education

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as very good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, local hospitals, the national hotline and the village chief are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In all villages, information and communication materials on COVID-19 are being distributed by local hospitals and government sources.

In all villages, information material is being understood. The KIs reported that there are no myths and misperceptions on COVID-19 in Bang Rin sub-district.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Community volunteers



Phonecall/



Public megaphone



Television/ radio/ print



HAT SOM PAEN SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



2,582* (100%) individuals living in 3 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



335 (13%) persons with vulnerabilities



persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



305 (12%) persons over 60 years old



30 (1%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



Unkown pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



733 (28%) non-Thai residents



663 (25%) Myanmar migrants



70 (3%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that between 25 and 50 per cent of migrants in Hat Som Paen would like to return to their country of origin but are unable to do so. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 42 migrants returned to their country of origin. Over 75 per cent of migrants in Hat Som Paen are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar language.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water and water for cleaning and other domestic uses is close to 0 per cent.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Bottled water



Secondary source Private water trucking

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source
Tap water



Secondary source River/ lake/ pond

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Close to 0%
Masks



Close to 0%
Soap





Between 50% and 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- Lack of access to personal protective equipment
- Lack of knowledge on sanitation and hygiene practices

Secondary barriers

People are aware of sanitation and hygiene practices but do not follow them

^{*} According to February 2020 registration data, the total population of Hat Som Paen is 3,191. ** Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



HAT SOM PAEN SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME







IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in all villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- Insufficient income
- Unemployment

Secondary challenges

Wage reduction

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- Limited access to education
- Insufficient food intake

Secondary challenges

- No access to education
- No home schooling

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods





Transport

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, village chiefs and the national hotline are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In all villages, local hospitals and government sources distribute information and communication materials on COVID-19. Information and communication materials are being understood by the population.

The KIs reported that there are some myths and misperceptions on COVID-19 in 2 out of 3 villages. Some people in these villages believe that COVID-19 does not exist or that it is not a contagious disease.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Public megaphone



Community volunteers



Facebook



KHAO NIWET MUNICIPALITY

POPULATION



20,585 (100%) individuals living in 20 communities

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



185 (1%) persons with vulnerabilities



10 (close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



175 (1%) persons over 60 years old



Unknown

persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



0 (0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



1,979 (9%) non-Thai residents



1,718 (8%) Myanmar migrants



261 (1%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that there are no stranded migrants in Khao Niwet municipality. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 520 migrants returned to their country of origin. Less than 25 per cent of migrants in Khao Niwet municipality are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the municipality is Thai followed by Myanmar language.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water and water for cleaning and other domestic uses is close to 0 per cent.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Bottled water



Secondary source
Tap water

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source Tap water



Secondary source River/ lake/ pond

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Less than 25% Masks



Close to 0%
Soap





Between 50% and 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

Cannot afford to buy personal protective equipment

Secondary barriers

Lack of access to personal protective equipment

^{**} Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



KHAO NIWET MUNICIPALITY

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME

Partial loss of income Between 50% and 75% of the population





IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic were reported in 17 out of 20 communities. In 16 out of 20 communities some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- Insufficient income
- Unemployment

Secondary challenges

- Debt
- Wage reduction

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

No access to education

Secondary challenges

 Insufficient food intake

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Electricity



Transport

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE **OF ILLNESS**

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers and local hospitals are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

Information and communication materials are not being distributed in 4 out of the 20 communities. In the other communities, information is being distributed by government sources, local hospitals and the UN. In 1 community information is only partially being understood because it is shared in a different language from that spoken in the community.

The KIs reported that there are no myths or misperceptions on COVID-19 in Khao Niwet.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Public megaphone



LINE



Community volunteers'



Facebook



KO PHAYAM SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



1,348* (100%) individuals living in 2 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION



23 (2%) persons with vulnerabilities



4 (close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



3 (close to 0%) persons over 60 years old



1 (close to 0%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



15 (1%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



1,003 (74%) non-Thai residents



413 (30%) Myanmar migrants



590 (44%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that fewer than 25 per cent of migrants in Ko Phayam would like to return to their country of origin but are unable to do so. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 45 migrants returned to their country of origin. Less than 25 per cent of migrants in Ko Phayam are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar and English.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water is between 25 and 50 per cent while the share of people without daily access to water for other domestic uses is between 50 and 75 per cent.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Private hand pump



Secondary source Bottled water

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source Private hand pump



Secondary source Public hand pump

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Between 25% and 50% Masks



Close to 0%
Soap





Between 50% and 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- Lack of knowledge on sanitation and hygiene practices
- Lack of access to personal protective equipment

Secondary barriers

People are aware of sanitation and hygiene practices but do not follow them

^{*} According to February 2020 registration data, the total population of Ko Phayam is 1,200.



KO PHAYAM SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME

Partial loss of income Between 50% and 75% of the population





IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in all villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

Insufficient income

Secondary challenges

Unemployment

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- No home schooling
- Insufficient food intake

Secondary challenges

 Limited access to education

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Electricity



Water



Transport

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19



Aware of hygiene and sanitation
Between 50% and 75% of the population

Aware of handwashing practices
Between 25% and 50% of the population

COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as average. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, local hospitals and village chiefs are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In 1 village, information and communication materials on COVID-19 are not being distributed. In the other village, information and communication materials are being distributed by the government. This material is only partially being understood because information is shared using complex language.

The KIs reported that there are no myths or misperceptions on COVID-19 in Ko Phayam.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



LINE



Community leaders



Community volunteers



Phonecall/ text



NGAO SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



6,179 (100%) individuals living in 5 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION



686 (11%) persons with vulnerabilities



1 (close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



504 (8%) persons over 60 years old



168 (3%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



13 (close to 0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



502 (8%) non-Thai residents



264 (4%) Myanmar migrants



238 (4%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that less than 25 per cent of the migrants in Ngao sub-district would like to return to their country of origin but are unable to do so. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 58 migrants returned to their country of origin. Between 50 and 75 per cent of migrants in Ngao are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar language.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water and water for cleaning and other domestic uses is close to 0 per cent.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Bottled water



Secondary source
Tap water

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source
Tap water



Secondary source River/ lake/ pond

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Close to 0%
Masks



Close to 0%
Soap





Between 50% and 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- Lack of access to personal protective equipment
- Lack of knowledge on sanitation and hygiene practices

Secondary barriers

People are aware of sanitation and hygiene practices but do not follow them

^{**} Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



NGAO SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME







IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in 4 out of 5 villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- Insufficient income
- Unemployment

Secondary challenges

- Wage reduction
- Transportation

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

No home schooling

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Transport



Safety and security

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, local hospitals and village chiefs are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In all villages information and communication materials are being distributed by local hospitals and government sources. The information materials are being understood by the population. The KIs reported that there are no myths or misperceptions on COVID-19 in Ngao sub-district.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Public megaphone



Religious leaders



Community volunteers



Phonecall/ text



PAK NAM SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



13,628* (100%) individuals living in 6 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



1,087 (8%) persons with vulnerabilities



22 (close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



638 (5%) persons over 60 years old



365 (3%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



62 (close to 0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



5,638 (41%) non-Thai residents



4,961 (36%) Myanmar migrants



677 (5%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that there are no stranded migrants in Pak Nam sub-district. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 58 migrants returned to their country of origin. Between 50 and 75 per cent of migrants in Pak Nam are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar, Yawi and Morgan.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water is less than 25 per cent while the share of people without daily access to water for cleaning and other domestic uses is close to 0 per cent. In 2 villages the share of people without daily access to drinking water is between 25 and 50 per cent.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Bottled water



Secondary source River/ lake/ pond

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source
Tap water



Secondary source Rain water

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Less than 25% Masks



Close to 0%
Soap



Between 25% and 50% Hand sanitizer



Between 50% and 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- Lack of access to personal protective equipment
- Cannot afford to buy personal protective equipment

^{*} According to February 2020 registration data, the total population of Pak Nam is 8,294. ** Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



PAK NAM SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME







IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in all villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- Insufficient income
- Unemployment

Secondary challenges

- Debt
- Wage reduction

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

 Limited access to education Secondary challenges

- Insufficient food intake
- Limited access to healthcare

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Food



Education



Transport

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19



Aware of hygiene and sanitation
More than 75% of the population



COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, local hospitals and village chiefs are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In 1 of 6 villages, information and communication materials are not being distributed. In the other villages, information is being distributed by local hospitals and government sources. Information materials are not being understood in 1 village because they are shared in a different language from that spoken in the village.

The KIs reported that there are some myths and misperceptions on COVID-19 in 2 villages. Some people have misperceptions on risks of contracting COVID-19 as well as on prevention methods.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Public megaphone



Community leaders



Facebook



LINE



RATCHAKRUT SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



9,531 (100%) individuals living in 8 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



442 (5%) persons with vulnerabilities



11 (close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



267 (3%) persons over 60 years old



145 (2%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



19 (close to 0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



1,167 (12%) non-Thai residents



1,064 (11%) Myanmar migrants



103 (1%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that less than 25 per cent of the migrants in Ratchakrut sub-district would like to return to their country of origin but are unable to do so. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 88 migrants returned to their country of origin. Between 25 and 50 per cent of migrants in Ratchakrut are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar and Yawi language.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water and water for cleaning and other domestic uses is less than 25 per cent. However, between 25 and 50 per cent of people lack daily access to drinking water in 1 village, to water for domestic uses in 1 village and to both drinking water and water for domestic uses in 1 village.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Private water trucking



Secondary source Bottled water

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source River/ lake/ pond



Secondary source Public water trucking

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Less than 25% Masks



Close to 0%
Soap



Between 50% and 75% Hand sanitizer



More than 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- Cannot afford to buy personal protective equipment
- People are aware of sanitation and hygiene practices but do not follow them

Secondary barriers

- Lack of access to running water
- Lack of access to personal protective equipment

^{**} Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



RATCHAKRUT SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME

Partial loss of income Between 50% and 75% of the population





IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in all villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges Insufficient income

Secondary challenges

Debt

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- No access to education
- No access to home schooling

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Transport



ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, village chiefs and local hospitals are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In all villages, information and communication materials are being distributed by government and local hospitals. This information is not being understood in 4 out of 8 villages. Reasons for this include beneficiaries being unable to read, information materials using complex language, or information being shared in a different language from that spoken by the population.

The KIs reported that there are some myths and misperceptions on COVID-19 in 2 villages. Some people have misperceptions on the transmission and prevention of COVID-19.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



LINE



Community volunteers



Car with speaker



Television/ radio/ print



SAI DAENG SUB-DISTRICT

POPULATION



3,352* (100%) individuals living in 4 villages

VULNERABLE POPULATION**



769 (23%) persons with vulnerabilities



(close to 0%) persons with fever, cough, respiratory symptoms



577 (17%) persons over 60 years old



179 (5%) persons with chronic diseases/ serious medical conditions



11 (close to 0%) pregnant women

NON-THAI POPULATION



389 (12%) non-Thai residents



285 (9%) Myanmar migrants



104 (3%) other non-Thai residents

MIGRATION

The results of this assessment indicate that there are no stranded migrants in Sai Daeng sub-district. In total, over the past 4 weeks, 13 migrants returned to their country of origin. Nearly 100 per cent of migrants in Sai Daeng are employed in agriculture and food preparation services. The most commonly spoken language in the sub-district is Thai followed by Myanmar language.

WASH

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER

The number of people without daily access to drinking water is close to 0 per cent while the share of people without daily access to water for cleaning and other domestic uses is below 25 per cent.

MAIN SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER



Primary source Bottled water



Secondary source River/ lake/ pond

MAIN SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES



Primary source
Tap water



Secondary source Public water trucking

SHARE OF PEOPLE WITHOUT DAILY ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Less than 25% Masks



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Between 25% and 50% Hand sanitizer



More than 75% Alcohol for sanitizer purposes

MAIN BARRIERS TO COVID-19 RELATED SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Primary barriers

- Lack of access to running water
- People are aware of sanitation and hygiene practices but do not follow them

Secondary barriers

- Lack of access to personal protective equipment
- Cannot afford to buy personal protective equipment

^{*} According to February 2020 registration data, the total population of Sai Daeng is 4,087. ** Please refer to the annex for missing data points.



SAI DAENG SUB-DISTRICT

IMPACT OF COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCOME







IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

Over the past 4 weeks, concerns about not having enough food to eat due to the impacts of the CO-VID-19 pandemic were reported in 3 out of 4 villages. In all villages, some families had to significantly reduce the amount of food they consume.

MAIN CHALLENGES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

Primary challenges

- Unemployment
- Insufficient income

Secondary challenges

 Lack of hope for the future

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN SINCE THE **OUTBREAK OF COVID-19**

Primary challenges

- Limited access to healthcare
- No access to alternative care

Secondary challenges

Insufficient food intake

SERVICES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19



Livelihoods



Transport



INFORMATION ON COVID-19

KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON COVID-19







COVID-19 POINTS OF CONTACT IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The overall knowledge and awareness level of the population on COVID-19 is rated as very good. The population is aware of who to contact in case they get sick. Local health volunteers, village chiefs and local hospitals are identified as the primary points of contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

In all villages, information and communication materials are being distributed by government sources and local hospitals. This material is being understood by the population.

The KIs reported that there are some myths and misperceptions on COVID-19 in 2 villages. Some people have misperceptions on the risks and symptoms of COVID-19.

INFORMATION SOURCES ON COVID-19



Phonecall/ text



Community leaders



LINE



Community volunteers

ANNEX

Missing data table

	villages/	Total# of		Total # of villages with missing data by variable and geographical unit	es with mi	ssing data by	variable and	d geographic	al unit	
	communities	villages	Total # of individuals	Persons with fever, cough	Persons over 60	Persons with	Pregnant	Myanmar	Other non-Thai	Returned
			in the	and respiratory	years	chronic)	residents)
			village	symptoms	plo	diseases/				
						serions				
						m edical				
						conditions				
Bang Non 4	4	4	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	
Bang Rin 6	5	9	0	2	2	2	2	2	· -	X
Hat Som Paen 3	3	3	0	2	_	2	3	0	0	0
Khao Niwet 2	20	20	0	19	18	20	19	3	3	4
Ko Phayam	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ngao 5		5		0		1	0	0	0	
Pak Nam	9	9	0	3	0	<u>-</u>	2	0	0	0
Ratchakrut 8	3	8	0	4	4	4	4	0	0	0
Sai Daeng 4	4	4	0	1	<u> </u>	-	_	0	0	0
Mueang Ranong 5	58	58	ar-c	33	29	33	33	5	4	7
District (8 sub-districts, 1 municipality)										



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