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Sub: Providing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to Health Workers.

Ref: Decision no. 8 in the minutes of the meeting on prevention of COVID -19 held on 24 of March at the Conference Room of RRRC Office.

Please refer to the subject and the meeting minutes mentioned above. This office has been informed that some of the health service centres working in the Rohingya camps have isolation facilities for the infected patients. But it is not clear how many isolation beds are ready by this time and how many are in the offing. It is necessary for this office to know the actors' list who have the preparation of isolation facilities and their location map. On the other hand we don't have any information whether the trained health workers (as briefed by sector) are well equipped with PPE -as PPE is very important for the service providers to protect themselves and others from further spreading of infection.

To that end, it is very important for all Health actors to let us know their preparation for providing treatment to the COVID-19 patients, in particular the isolation and quarantine facilities and procurement of sufficient PPE for their health staffers.

We would appreciate if you convey this urgent message to all concerned.

Please be reminded that Civil Surgeon of Cox's Bazar informed the said meeting that protection equipment is now available in the domestic market and therefore, it is opined that Health actors can procure those from Chattogram or Dhaka easily.

Anticipating immediate action.

Thank you for your continued support.

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