



**KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**MONTHLY REPORT**

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# Karen Refugee Committee

## Newsletter & Monthly Report

### November, 2009

The end of year 2009 is drawing near, but we know for sure that our responsibility to manage the over one hundred thousand refugees sheltering in seven camps along Thai-Burma Border is continuing. There are numbers of refugee camps in all over the world which we couldn't definitely mentioned. However, we are certain that the numbers of refugees in the world are continuously increased.

Some peoples say that the Karen refugees are different from other refugees that they have opportunity of self-management. In this case, we are responsive to thank the Thai-government for humanitarian respect and good understanding. Everyone definitely understands that managing the community is a quite hard task. Difficulties are always increasing as different peoples of diverse background, language, ethnicity, culture and belief are integrated into limited camp space.

The Task of KRC includes: -

- (1) Collecting population statistic.
- (2) Distribution of food and materials
- (3) Camp Security
- (4) Setting up judiciary system in camps, and
- (5) Communication between Thai Authority, INGO and NGOs

KRC functions mainly in coordinating role while camp committee responsible in cooperation with different organizations working in the camp.

Camp committee and camp community work with different NGOs, who are working in education, Health and sanitation, and in other aspect of community's needs. KRC as well as the camp committee have no special role in term of resettlement, except informing those who have to report themselves for OPE, DHS and IOM interviewing. KRC as well as camp committee have no mandate in resettlement program and are therefore far beyond to answer any question regarding resettlement fraud. Though we have certain opportunity for self-management, we too, ought to know that we are under the authority of the Royal Thai Government- MOI. We thank the camp commanders for their keen understanding in managing, as there is no serious problem ever took place in the camps. Lack of experience community service staff seems to be consequences of resettlement that currently affect us the most. Nevertheless, we do not give way for the difficulties. NGOs are continuing their support while on the other hand upgrading our capacity building to fill up the needs in their respective aspect. The camp management structures is reviewed and make necessary changes with hope of better and efficient managing system in all--large, medium, and small size of the camps here after.

Currently, (47,155) unregistered persons are living in the camps. The numbers not include (7,735) students who have come from inside Burma and seek schooling opportunity in the camps yet. Additionally, over two thousand new shelter seekers in Thasongyang area

are waiting for the decision of Thai authority for registration. We do not know when and how many will enter in to the camp. TBBC and KRC are working hand in hand providing basic needs for those waiting new arrival.

We offer over gratitude and thanks to the Donors - EU, Christian organization-Churches, International organizations as well as individual donor for their kindness and good deeds toward our people for over (30) years. We also thank the RTG in providing us shelters and most of all, we wish HM The King on his 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday which will due on the next month.

**“You comment and suggestions are welcome”**

**Thank You  
Karen Refugee Committee**

## **KRC’s Activities Report. November – 2009**

- 2/11/09 – The Karen Refugee Committee held monthly staff meeting, reviewed and discussed on the weak and strong points of previous activities, with encouragement and advise for more effective work in future for the staff.
- 3/11/09 - KRC committee met with Donors and TBBC Deputy Director at Hill Hotel, Mae Sot. The information shared includes the condition of IDP, and latest situations of Refugee in the camps. The circumstances of IDP were briefed by KORD.
- 4/11/09 – The secretary of KRC together with social affair Coordinator and TBBC capacity Building officer provide a Camp Management Training in Mae La Camp.
- 4-6/11/09 – KRC with the collaboration of LAC, held a Law Reform workshop at Mae La Camp. KRC will confirm and forward it to camps to be utilized after completion of the work.
- 9-13/11/09 – A committee member of KRC provide leadership Training in Umphiem camp. The trainee participated, thirteen in total, were representatives of KWO, MWO, KSNG and SGBV staff in camp. Follow up training was being done on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 09.
- 9-18/11/09 – KRC with the Joint effort of TBBC provide a capacity building Training in Umphiem which all the invited persons are eagerly participated in the Training.
- 9-27/11/09 – KRC and TBBC have done house mapping survey in Mae La Camp and Umphiem.

- 11/11/09 – KRC Social affair coordinator together with VT staff and ADRA monitored VT activities in Mae La camp.
- 12/11/09 – KRC Social Affair Coordinator attended CDCB workshop related to general Management of Education in Watana Resort, Mae Sot.
- 18-19/11/09 – The Secretary of KRC together with Social Coordinator and TBBC's Capacity Building officer provide a joint training on Camp Management in Nu Poe camp.
- 24-26/11/09 - KRC secretary, Social affair coordinator, office in-charge and office staff attended Budget and workshop plan for 2010, delivered by TBBC capacity Building Coordinator and CB officer, at Watana resort, Mae Sot.
- 24-26/11/09 – KRC and CMSP joint the Budget and work plan workshop conducted by TBBC in Mae Sot.
- 24-27/11/09 – KRC and KWO joint organized men training on “Community Respond to violence against women and girls” which 16 participant from four camps were participated. The aim of this training is to stop violence against women and girls. The training includes activities and group work. Trainers are from new south Wales, and Sydney, Australia.
- 26/11/09 – KRC Social Affair coordinator attended Vocational Strategy Development Training initiated by ZOA and ADRA. During the training ADRA briefed on its background history and previous activities whilst ZOA on social needs, market needs and community need of the camps.

We shall always be grateful to the Thai people and Government for their sympathy and understanding in allowing us safe refuge. We are also indebted to the NGOs for their Supports and Services.

**TBBC** – Support in Food and Shelter Material. TBBC is also supporting with warm clothing for all the camps. TBBC is Supporting with Camps Management program to help with Administration, Management Stability improvements in all (7) Camps.

**TBBC** - Has been providing **KRC** with administrative & organizational Support.  
It has also supported with remuneration for **KRC** members and workers.

**MSF** – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

**AMI** – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

**ARC** – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

**M.I (Malteser International) formerly MHD** – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

**ZOA (ABW aid)** – Support in Educational facilities Teachers' Training.

**World Education / Consortium** – Support in Educational facilities, Teachers' Training and Education for Deaf / Mute / Blinds.

**TOPS** – Support in Educational facilities Nurseries.

**ICS** – Asia – Support in Educational facilities, Teaching, Learning Aid.

**COERR** – Rice and Educational support. **EVI** – To be involved with Extremely Vulnerable people, care and support.

**H.I** – Support for Refugee Handicaps with Prosthesis and rehabilitation and also year – end sporting events for Handicaps.

**UNHCR** – For Registration Process Protection and Ultimate Safe Repatriation. Now helping with Resettlement.

**SMRU** – Support with Malaria Control, Prevention and Treatment.

**SVA** – To support with Libraries in the camps.

**PPAT** – Parenthood Planning Association Thailand – Supporting with Family Planning and Preventive/ Education in Refugee Camps.

**SOLIDARITES** – Support the Burmese refugees in the camp addressing sanitation issues.

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**Monthly Population Report in Camps ( November - 2009 )**

**Number of Registered people in camp**

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	5,804	8,466	8,939	2,775	2,625	2,234	2,051	27,090.00
Umphiem	2,793	4,699	4,661	1,103	1,012	950	890	13,315.00
Nu Po	2,342	3,062	3,018	855	877	838	780	9,430.00
Htam Hin	918	1,296	1,382	470	418	381	354	4,301.00
Ban Dong Yang	712	1,006	1,089	274	252	285	309	3,215.00
Mae Rama Luang	2,305	4,019	4,042	1,513	1,338	891	973	12,776.00
Mae La Oon	2,620	4,319	4,290	1,409	1,306	1,014	949	13,287.00
Total	17,494.00	26,867.00	27,421.00	8,399.00	7,828.00	6,593.00	6,306.00	83,414.00

**Number of PAB, POC, PRE-SCREENING in camps**

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La								
Umphiem	529	1,021	783	103	100	79	64	2,150.00
Nu Po	2,633	2,410	2,003	453	427	376	421	6,090.00
Htam Hin	787	1,051	930	205	184	263	252	2,885.00
Ban Dong Yang	116	325	323	61	60	61	63	893.00
Mae Rama Luang	152	658	530	102	100	101	57	1,548.00
Mae La Oon	22	268	186	15	14	12	8	503.00
Total	4,239.00	5,733.00	4,755.00	939.00	885.00	892.00	865.00	14,069.00

**Number of new arrival in camps**

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	6,540	7,094	6,248	1,710	1,621	768	689	18,130.00
Umphiem	3,750	4,162	3,564	1,243	997	659	533	11,158.00
Nu Po	120	70	94	24	21	17	18	244.00
Htam Hin	107	161	142	46	45	30	27	451.00
Ban Dong Yang	77	86	92	15	10	21	18	242.00
Mae Rama Luang	499	961	1,097	309	302	236	205	3,110.00
Mae La Oon	303	556	470	188	174	134	124	1,646.00
Total	11,396.00	13,090.00	11,707.00	3,535.00	3,170.00	1,865.00	1,614.00	34,981.00

**Number of Outside Student in Camps**

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La		2,247	1,260	418	335	17	22	4,299
Umphiem	16	280	191	44	27	2		544
Nu Po		433	389	56	42	4	0	924
Htam Hin		14	22	1				37.00
Ban Dong Yang		68	69	21	14	0	0	172.00
Mae Rama Luang		335	334	63	40	2	1	775.00
Mae La Oon		523	435	34	16	0		1,008.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>3,900.00</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>	<b>637.00</b>	<b>474.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>7,759.00</b>

**Feeding Figure in Camps**

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	9,183	14,282	13,748	3,118	2,701	2,292	2,149	38,290.00
Umphiem	3,870	5,214	4,919	1,483	1,372	945	879	14,812.00
Nu Po	3,941	4,808	4,602	1,519	1,397	980	1,008	14,314.00
Htam Hin	1,711	2,426	2,412	686	617	622	582	7,345.00
Ban Dong Yang	1021	3573				509		4,082.00
Mae Rama Luang	2,907	5,496	5,701	1,859	1,668	1,039	1,061	16,824.00
Mae La Oon	2,930	5,457	5,209	1,666	1,522	1,171	1,084	16,109.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,563.00</b>	<b>41,256.00</b>	<b>36,591.00</b>	<b>10,331.00</b>	<b>9,277.00</b>	<b>7,558.00</b>	<b>6,763.00</b>	<b>111,776.00</b>

**General Population in Camps**

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	12,344	17,807	16,447	4,903	4,581	3,019	2,762	49,519.00
Umphiem	7,088	10,162	9,199	2,493	2,136	1,690	1,487	27,167.00
Nu Po	5,041	5,974	5,505	1,388	1,366	1,235	1,220	16,688.00
Htam Hin	1,808	2,505	2,454	719	647	674	633	7,632.00
Ban Dong Yang	905	1,485	1,573	371	333	366	393	4,521.00
Mae Rama Luang	2,956	5,973	6,003	1,987	1,780	1,230	1,236	18,209.00
Mae La Oon	2,945	5,666	5,381	1,646	1,510	1,160	1,081	16,444.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,087.00</b>	<b>49,572.00</b>	<b>46,562.00</b>	<b>13,507.00</b>	<b>12,353.00</b>	<b>9,374.00</b>	<b>8,812.00</b>	<b>140,180.00</b>