



**KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

**NEWSLETTER**

**&**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

**DECEMBER, 2009**

**Karen Refugee Committee**  
**Newsletter & Monthly Report**  
**December 2009.**

The last month of 2009 has passed. If we recall, since 1975, we have been sheltering in Thailand for 34 years, but we have seen not even a small glow of repatriation where as the resettlement program is going on. Most of the people in seven camps under the supervision of KRC seems rather prefer repatriation than resettlement.

We share the happiness with all Thai people in this December as it is the month of the 9<sup>th</sup> king of Charkari dynasty was born and more over because of the king himself recovering from a long suffering of the illness. We wish the king **“Many Happy returns of the days and Happy New Year.”**

Under favorable and flexibility of RTG Policy, and the support of international Organizations, we the Karen refugee Committee are be able to serve the refugee in seven camps through various difficulties so far. Though we are impact by resettlement and have certain advantages such as old age and fatigue, KRC still active through the support of international organizations. It is important to keep awareness of participation and cooperation of the youth, because thirty four years is not a blink of eyes. We know that due to the agreement of Thai and Laos’s governments, over four thousand Hmong was repatriated to Laos in December. There are also over thirty thousand new arrivals that are not registered yet sheltering in 7 camps which are under the management of KRC. They will surely worry about what would happen to them in future. We clarify to them the difference attitude and policy of Laos and Burma’s Government has toward their ethnic nationality. We hope for NGOs and responsible organizations to protect us from force repatriation. We do not against voluntary repatriation. The momentous hope we have in this New Year (2010) is for new arrivals, from (2006-2009), to be counted eligible. TBBC is collecting the statistic of new arrivals with hope for them to receive food for the coming year. Nevertheless, all the opportunities depend on the attitude of donors and government of the Host country.

We request NGOs and donors to over look our weakness and continue the support and cooperation in order that we may maintain our opportunity of self management as previous stated. We are happy to see all NGOs are peacefully working hand in hand with good understanding in the camps. We acknowledge that NGOs have been facilitating various humanitarian needs that we cannot solve by ourselves. (eg GVB, SGVB, Child care, Child Protection, PSAE Health Care Sanitation and Education). We appreciate the cooperation between NGOs, Camp Committee and as well with the community.

Good understanding of camp committee, community members and NGOs will surely result in the benefit of the people. Nevertheless, it is not a surprised that all of us including NGOs and donors are getting tired as years have passed. The camp people usually ask “if the resettlement has come to an end, shall we continue receiving the support?” what would be the comment of readers?

Finally, KRC wishes all of the readers.....

**Happy New Year!**

**“We are looking forward to hearing of your comment and Suggestion!!”**

## **KRC's Activities Report.**

### **December – 2009**

- 7-11/12/09- KRC's Social Coordinator attended "Competence Development and Capacity Building" workshop related to management organized by ZOA. The participants involve KED, KRC-EE and KYO representatives in 7 Camps.
- 9/12/09 – KRC's Social Coordinator attended V.T meeting organized by ADRA and discussed CCSDPT's strategy planning related to livelihood, and vocational training to be done for next five year in the camps.
- 9/12/09 – CMSP and TBBC together with Umphiem Camp Committee discussed to open a "Camp Community Management Centre" in Umphiem camp.
- 10/12/09 – KRC- CMSP team and TBBC Capacity Building Coordinator discussed and review on CMSP's activities, structure, Job description and planning for 2010.
- 11/12/09 – KRC member attended GBV and SGBV meeting in Umphiem camp organized by ARC.
- 14/12/09 –KRC's Joint Secretary attended Law reform workshop in MaeLa camp organized by IRC - LAC.
- 15/12/09 – KRC members participated and addressed on the (2749) Karen New Year Ceremony held in NU Po, Umphiem, Mae La and Mae La Ma Lunag camps.
- 18/12/09 – KRC Joint secretary attended Law reform workshop again in Mae La camp.
- 22/12/09 – KRC, UNHCR, IRC-LAC, AMI, Camp Commander ( P'La) and Camp Committee attended the opening ceremony of "Camp Rehabilitation Centre" in Mae La camp.

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.

**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.

**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 ( December - 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	5,770	8,389	8,864	2,760	2,607	2,239	2,065	26,924.00
Umphiem	2793	4699	4661	1103	1012	950	890	13,315.00
Nu Po	2,342	3,062	3,018	855	877	838	780	9,430.00
Htam Hin	907	1281	1372	466	416	380	353	4,268.00
Ban Dong Yang	711	973	1072	269	249	280	290	3,133.00
Mae Rama Luang	2300	4017	4052	1490	1318	908	990	12,775.00
Mae La Oon	2622	4182	4278	1412	1304	1027	960	13,163.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,445.00</b>	<b>26,603.00</b>	<b>27,317.00</b>	<b>8,355.00</b>	<b>7,783.00</b>	<b>6,622.00</b>	<b>6,328.00</b>	<b>83,008.00</b>

**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	530	1021	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	2889	929	205	184	267	252	4,726.00
Ban Dong Yang	132	321	321	60	59	61	64	886.00
Mae Rama Luang	152	651	541	106	94	99	56	1,547.00
Mae La Oon	23	268	186	15	14	12	7	502.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,257.00</b>	<b>7,560.00</b>	<b>4,763.00</b>	<b>942.00</b>	<b>878.00</b>	<b>894.00</b>	<b>864.00</b>	<b>15,901.00</b>

**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	3750	4162	3564	1243	997	659	533	11,158.00
Nu Po	120	70	94	24	21	17	18	244.00
Htam Hin	107	164	145	46	46	31	28	460.00
Ban Dong Yang	81	84	92	13	11	20	19	239.00
Mae Rama Luang	503	983	1110	306	298	214	188	3,099.00
Mae La Oon	305	557	478	191	179	134	117	1,656.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,406.00</b>	<b>13,114.00</b>	<b>11,731.00</b>	<b>3,533.00</b>	<b>3,173.00</b>	<b>1,843.00</b>	<b>1,592.00</b>	<b>34,986.00</b>

**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	17	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		73	70	14	11			168.00
Mae Rama Luang		77	334	63	40	2	1	517.00
Mae La Oon		512	437	34	16	0	0	999.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3,636.00</b>	<b>2,703.00</b>	<b>630.00</b>	<b>471.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>7,488.00</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	9,143	14,228	13,698	3,106	2,690	2,292	2,149	38,163.00
Umphiem	4569	6271	5825	1730	1647	1119	1010	17,602.00
Nu Po	3,941	4,808	4,602	1,519	1,397	980	1,008	14,314.00
Htam Hin	1721	2420	2406	686	617	623	580	7,332.00
Ban Dong Yang	1100				3771		525	4,296.00
Mae Rama Luang	2905	5492	5623	1856	1660	1152	1165	16,948.00
Mae La Oon	2940	5470	5220	1642	1512	1184	1109	16,137.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,319.00</b>	<b>42,460.00</b>	<b>37,374.00</b>	<b>10,539.00</b>	<b>9,523.00</b>	<b>7,875.00</b>	<b>7,021.00</b>	<b>114,792.00</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	12,130	17,730	16,372	4,888	4,563	3,024	2,776	49,353.00
Umphiem	7088	10162	9199	2493	2136	1690	1487	27,167.00
Nu Po	5,041	5,974	5,505	1,388	1,366	1,235	1,220	16,688.00
Htam Hin	1797	2494	2446	715	646	678	633	7,612.00
Ban Dong Yang	924	1451	1555	356	327	361	376	4,426.00
Mae Rama Luang	2955	5986	6037	1965	1750	1223	1235	18,196.00
Mae La Oon	2950	5519	5379	1652	1513	1173	1084	16,320.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,885.00</b>	<b>49,316.00</b>	<b>46,493.00</b>	<b>13,457.00</b>	<b>12,301.00</b>	<b>9,384.00</b>	<b>8,811.00</b>	<b>139,762.00</b>