



**KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**MONTHLY REPORT**

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**Karen Refugee Committee**  
**Newsletter & Monthly Report**  
**February, 2009**

The first message we are to give for this month is to express our sincere gratitude and thank donors who are supporting both KnRC as well with KRC in managing of 9-camps situated along Thai Burma Border.

We are happy of being praised sometimes by stranger that we are a committee who manage our own camps. But, it's a quite severe task that often require a keen mind in cooperation with both host country and different parties. Its not an easy way that we are going to deal with legal of the host country, different rules and regulations of NGOs and different opinion, attitude of our own peoples. However, we have to take responsibilities for being elected by the people, to respect human right and abide by law of the host country.

People know that the camps we are living now is only temporary shelter sites and we have to go back to Burma as soon as peace restore and political situation return to normal. After long temporary sheltering, resettlement programme come to existence. Numbers of people have been resettle to the third countries. The program has both negative and positive effect. It's getting more and more difficult as experience people left and those remained are less capacities to serve the community.

At time, one of our camps was visited by a journalist, to collect, write news and share information to the world. We are not against the media. There are some informations which are correct and some are not. The indefinite informations finally bring about side effect to the camp people as well as our management body.

For instance, section leaders, and camp committee are blame for corruption. People substitute before 2005 re-register could not be happened unless household leader or family member were agreed with it. Regard to the house selling there will be some household leaders who sold the house for extra money, but we should remember that some houses were free given to their relatives or very close friends and resold it later. In the accessing process for resettlement the staff who involve were mainly outsiders and do not well known the applicants as do the camp and section committee. If the camps managing body get involve in the process, there would be surely less fraud.

Once KRC have a discussion with a country's representative (country name with held) suggested that it would be better by far if the camps managing body participate in checking people process, because camps managing body much better known who trade the people or

not more than outsiders .KRC insisted that section leaders are knowing their camp resident better than the main committee.

Royal Thai government has started pre-screening process in some camps. We have to wait and see what would be the result. The pre-screening of new arrival from 2006 to 2008, is not an easy-going for concerned organizations. The numbers of new arrival in seven camps, which are under KRC supervision come to over 48,000 by the end of 2008.

During last week of February, some KRC committee member met with people of every section in Mae La Camp. The aim are: –

- (1) – to have close relationship between KRC and camp community
- (2) – to share informations of current situation.
- (3) – to listen to the people.

We realise that new arrivals are coming for many reasons. Among them, some are the people who directly suffer from the oppression of military ruling. The livelihood of those people are really harsh inside the camps. The main expression of new arrivals are the shortage of food and non food items.

Thank you!

## **K.R.C – Camps – Activities – Report. February– 2009**

- 4/2/09 – KRC and TBBC Mae la Camp Committee held a meeting and discussed on New arrival and Ration Book distribution issues.
- 7/2/09 – KRC, LAC and Camp Judicial Team held a meeting and discussed on Rule reform in the Camp.
- 11/2/09 – KRC, CMSP and CBC held a meeting and discussed on Code of Conduct for Camps.
- 13/2/09 – KRC, TBBC and Camp Committee held a workshop and discussed on distribution of Ration Book to new arrival in Mae La, Umphiem and Nu Po Camp.
- 16-20/2/09 – KRC with Camps Committee visited Camp resident, section by section- in Mae La Camp.
  - \* **Eleven meetings with people**
  - \* **Total number of attendance in all the meeting (4,300 )**
  - \* **The aim and objective are: -**
    - (1) To have close relationship with people.**
    - (2) To share information with the people.**
    - (3) To give ears to voices of the people.**
- 20/2/09 – KRC, LAC, and Authority Concern in Mae La Camp had a meeting, and discussed about Law Reform in 2009.
- 25/2/09 – KRC attended knowing children documented children with civil Registration that is independent of National Registration.
- 27/2/09 – KRC + staff meeting during the meeting: -
  - (1) Review on previous meeting
  - (2) Discussing on future activities
  - (3) Substitute two Vaccan Position ie. Vice chair person, and Cashier.

## Resettled Myanmar Refugees by Locations (Year 2006)

Locations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tham Hin	-	27	21	9		12	23	270	813	202	518	199	2094
Ban Don Yang	1	11	25	27	36	60	59	52	86	16	24	3	400
Nupo	5	39	40	11	11	14	62	25	26	76	63	28	400
Mae La	13	23	12	24	56	67	17	34	17	51	35	52	401
Umpium	4	17	9	14	17	1	63	7	10	47	13	6	208
Mae La Oo (HGN)		15		7	4	-		24	100	125	458	22	755
Mae Rama Luang (HGN)			9		120	53	14	20	29	5	9	2	261
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>4519</b>

## Resettled Myanmar Refugees by Locations (as of 31 Dec 2007)

Locations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tham Hin	128	162	215	90	303	337	139	80	401	33	161	54	2103
Ban Don Yang	15	10	45	8			12	5	93	54	48	69	359
Nupo	26	6	32	16	91	28	33	21	22	19	55	24	373
Mae La	41	35	85	205	214	794	1905	2026	3360	193	181	122	9161
Umpium	26	12	54	51	109	68	16	7	22	45	29	43	482
Mae La Oo (HGN)	3				47	178	266	23	170	35	88	24	834
Mae Rama Luang (HGN)				1	2		201	52	183	56	233	10	738
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<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>1405</b>	<b>2572</b>	<b>2214</b>	<b>4251</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>14050</b>

## Resettled Myanmar Refugees by Locations (Year 2008)

Locations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tham Hin	53	71	195	183	115	76	47	114	171	7	45		1077
Ban Don Yang	12	7	11	15	4	16	33	21	25	-	7		151
Nupo	33	58	31	24	16	473	853	508	415	262	93		2766
Mae La	560	763	1363	310	545	554	617	903	586	56	151		6408
Umpium	46	30	164	1083	1401	1344	548	389	327	158	326		5816
Mae La Oo (HGN)	12	6	44	21	12		39	8	132	-	-		274
Mae Rama Luang (HGN)	7	4	11	16	25	144	51	13	103	-	7		381
<b>Total</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>1819</b>	<b>1652</b>	<b>2118</b>	<b>2607</b>	<b>2188</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1759</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>629</b>		<b>16873</b>

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS February, 2009.

MAE SOT AREA	CAMP	No. of Families	Over – 12 Yrs		6 – 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
	Mae La	7,205	11,994	12,043	4,152	3,800	2,338	2,207	36,534
	UmPhiem Mai	4,328	6,134	5,959	1,533	1,397	1,685	1,552	18,260
		<b>11,533</b>	<b>18,128</b>	<b>18,002</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>5,197</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>54,794</b>
NORTH	Mae Ra Moe	2,894	5,746	5,599	1,827	1,638	1,197	1,257	17,264
	Mae La Oo	2,843	5,502	5,415	1,596	1,494	1,081	1,016	16,104
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,737</b>	<b>11,248</b>	<b>11,014</b>	<b>3,423</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>33,368</b>
SOUTH	Noh Poe	4,698	6,644	5,956	1,484	1,551	1,214	1,162	18,011
	Ban Dong Yang	865	1,436	1,499	373	375	359	331	4,373
	Htam Him	1,099	1,598	1,708	559	500	359	331	5,055
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,662</b>	<b>9,678</b>	<b>9,163</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>27,439</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23,932</b>	<b>39,054</b>	<b>38,179</b>	<b>11,524</b>	<b>10,755</b>	<b>8,233</b>	<b>7,856</b>	<b>115,601</b>

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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