# KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

# MONTHLY REPORT

# OCTOBER 1996

97°30'
98°00'
about: 20 KM
HIGHT IN FEET
N
BURMA
CHIANGMAI
THAILAND
RANGOON
BANGKOK
WEAGYI
MAEYEHTA
U DA HTA
KHLOPA
MAESAKUP
SALA
KHUN MAE KONG KHA
MAESAMLEB
MAESARIENG
KYAUKNYA
PAPUN
DAGWIN
PAWHTA
Sob Moei
MAERAMALUANG
Maepohta
Maelaw
KADANGTI
BAN-THASONGYAN
Bawnaw
MAETAWOW
Maeiahi
SHOKLO
MAESEIK
KAMAMAUNG
Klerkho
THASONGYAN
MAETAN
Kamawlaykho
BILIN
SHWEGUN
HLAINBWE
MAELA
PAINGKYONE
MAERAMAD
DON PA KIANG
THATON
PA-AN
WANGKHA
NABU
MAESOT
BURMA
KYONDOE
MYAWADEE
KAWKAREIK
MARTATABAN
POPPHRA
MOULMEIN
MAWKER
WALAY
MUDON
TAPERPOO
NOPADOH
KYAIKKAMI
KYAINSEIKKYI
KYAIKDON
NOH PAH TAW WAH
UMPANG
another southern part, Pakdar & Sankraburi area
MAE TA RAW KHEE
HTEE HTA BAW
T'KWEE KLAW
RIVER
HIGH-HILL
ROAD
RAILWAY
TOWN
VILLAGE
STRATEGIC -POINT
REFUGEE -CAMP
EX-REFUGEE -CAMP
4324
5115
3859
6178
4879
4754
4044
4308
3783
3074
4839
5430
6214
6293
3890
5394
3983
6825
4888
5197
18° 00'
17° 30'
17° 00'
16° 30'
16° 00'
97°30'
98°00'
98°30'

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We, the Karen Refugee Committee, can hardly find words to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to all concerned - the Thai authorities for their kindness in granting a temporary refuge to the Karen refugees, allowing the aid agencies to provide the refugees with their basic needs and providing some measure of security for the camps - and the individuals, organizations and agencies for their kindness, assistance and support, in many ways, to the refugees in their time of trouble and need.

In this report, we would like to make a special mention of the emergencies assistances given by HELP AGE to victims of a flash flood in Mae La camp, and by the ICS-Asia and the ABW Aid for rebuilding the school buildings and a church building, respectively, washed away by the flood.

The refugee population is now stable, but we can not predict that it would remain unchanged. Now is the bcgining of the dty season wliich has been termed by the villagers as the season of "road building" and "voluntary labor." hi addition to this, an increase in military activeties would certainly make many thousands more to flee into the border area of Thailand for refugee. One other matter is the threat by the so-called Democratic Kayin Buddhist Army (DKBA) to attack some refugee camps if they failed to move back to the other side of the border, by the end of this year. It is our opinion that it would not be inappropriate if these camps were relocated to safer places.

We have never lost the hope to return to our hearths and homes, but, as we have reiterated on several occasions, our return should be to a free and peaceful situation and with dignity and self-respect befitting a human being.

It is our earnest hope and prayers that the authorities, agencies, organizations and individuals would continue to provide help and support to the refugees until there is stable peace and security on the other side of the border and inthe Union of Burma.

Yours sincerely,

Robert, Htwe
Chairman.
Karen Refugee Committee.

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

| | CAMP | No. of families | Over 12 Yrs | | 5- 12 Yrs | | Under 5 Yrs | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | M | F | M | F | M | F | |
| Mae Sot Area | Wang Ka | 1216 | 1922 | 2277 | 670 | 625 | 6.16 | 585 | 6695 |
| | Don Pa Kiang | 752 | 1351 | 1192 | 356 | 359 | 337 | 307 | 3902 |
| | Mae La | 3961 | 8946 | 7893 | 2919 | 2742 | 1294 | 1317 | 25111 |
| | Sho Klo | 1126 | 1731 | 2115 | 1158 | 1552 | 366 | 349 | 7271 |
| | Maw Ker | 1326 | 2813 | 2441 | 625 | 590 | 753 | 743 | 7965 |
| | **Total** | **8381** | **16763** | **15918** | **5728** | **5868** | **3366** | **3301** | **50944** |
| NORTH | Mae Ra Ma Luang | 769 | 1472 | 1373 | 483 | 435 | 365 | 315 | 4443 |
| | Khun Mae Kong Ka | 451 | 729 | 817 | 348 | 352 | 228 | 245 | 2719 |
| | Sa La | 294 | 638 | 545 | 200 | 159 | 97 | 115 | 1754 |
| | Mae Sa Kup | 315 | 606 | 598 | 216 | 195 | 134 | 157 | 1906 |
| | Khlo Pa | 242 | 506 | 460 | 183 | 170 | 119 | 112 | 1550 |
| | U Da Hta | 267 | 585 | 493 | 189 | 195 | 123 | 130 | 171^ |
| | Mae Ye Hta | 276 | 577 | 477 | 204 | 165 | 125 | 106 | 16.. |
| | **Total** | **2614** | **5113** | **4763** | **1823** | **1671** | **1191** | **1180** | **15741** |
| SOUTH | Ta Per Poo | 432 | 890 | 627 | 259 | 233 | 132 | 137 | 2278 |
| | No Pa Doh | 154 | 290 | 229 | 117 | 106 | 52 | 61 | 855 |
| | Noh Pa Htaw Wah | 378 | 766 | 654 | 175 | 210 | 171 | 173 | 2149 |
| | Mae Ta Raw Khee | 225 | 505 | 516 | 303 | 237 | 66 | 102 | 1729 |
| | Le Po Hta | 145 | 334 | 304 | 242 | 204 | 50 | 63 | 1197 |
| | Ta La Ku | 45 | 78 | 78 | 29 | 34 | 12 | 16 | 247 |
| | Htee Hta Baw | 381 | 628 | 663 | 360 | 287 | 141 | 132 | 2211 |
| | T Kwee Klaw | 162 | 250 | 270 | 85 | 102 | 73 | 58 | 838 |
| | **Total** | **1922** | **3741** | **3341** | **1570** | **1413** | **697** | **742** | **11504** |
| | **Grand Total** | **12917** | **25617** | **24022** | **9121** | **8952** | **5254** | **5223** | **78189** |

## RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH.

| FROM | ITEMS | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rice sacks | Salt kgs | F.Paste tins | Blanket 40/box | Ex.book Pc | Pressed sawdust bundle |
| B.B.C | 7,766 | 20,900 | 3,249 | 812 | - | A 12,050<br>B 2,583 |
| COERR | 350 | - | - | - | - | - |
| I.C.S-Asia | " | - | - | - | 2544 | - |

A - 3 /family B - 2/family - For Mac La & Sho Klo only.

**Items received from HELP AGE**

| plastic mat pc. | Hot Water Flask pc. | Blanket pc. | Bar Soap pc. | Sarong pc. | Con-densed milk doz. | Sugar Kg. | Milo Pk. | Yellow bean viss | Warm clothes pc. | Kero-sene oil gallon s |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 42 | 42 | 126 | 42 | 21 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 48 |

Distributed to 42 aged person affected by flash flood in Mae La camp.

**Distribution of rice and other items received**

| Camp | Rice | Salt/ kgs | F.Paste/ tins | Blanket/boxes | Ex.book/ PC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WangKa | 1055 | 2450 | 420 | 85 | - |
| Don Pa Kiang | 600 | 1500 | 242 | 50 | - |
| Mae La | 4075<br>SMRU 13 | * 12,000 | 1630 | 330 | 2544 |
| Sho Klo | 1156<br>SMRU 6 | 2300 | 462 | 95 | - |
| Maw Ker | 1230 | 2650 | 495 | 100 | - |
| Ta Per Poo | - | - | - | 33 | - |
| Nong luang | - | - | - | 12 | - |
| Noh Pa Htaw Wah | - | - | - | 45 | - |
| Mae Ta Raw Khee | - | - | - | 60 | - |
| K.R.C | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| **Total** | **8116** | **20,900** | **3249** | **812** | **2544** |

* 3/kg. / family - for oct. only, (extra, salt - share with new arrivals.)