



KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

JULY

1993

KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 1993

Even in the middle of the rainy season when travelling in the hills and across the mountains is very difficult, more villagers, men, women and children from far inside Burma kept arriving at the refugee camps. Most of them are from villages more than 30 to 40 kilometers away in Hlaing Bwe township, and they had to walk for many days through hills and across the Dawna mountain range in order to get to the border. They could bring very little with them and had to leave everything behind in their flight to the border.

The situation here along the border continues to be quiet and it is believed to remain so for some time at least until rain is over. Rainfall had been rather light during the first half of the rainy season. This could affect rice crops in some areas.

In the refugee camps, life goes on as usual. The refugees are provided with the most basic items of need and on their part, they struggle from day to day according as the situation enables them, so as to acquire those other items of daily necessity that life demands.

The medical personnels and the camp communities work together for the maintenance of health and sanitation. Cases of hemorrhagic fever had occurred in some camps.

The refugees dream of home and the chance to go back, but the future for them is bleak and uncertain. The fact that villagers from far inside Burma keep fleeing to the border even in the middle of the rainy season clearly points to the sad reality that life for villagers in those areas from where they came, is perilous and intolerable. People are living in constant fear and in utter poverty. The situation has not improved. On the contrary, it could even be getting worse.

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	
WANG KA	733	1133	1475	458	417	291	264	4038
DON PA KIANG	483	910	821	286	271	175	212	2675
MAE LA	1071	1311	1838	678	709	271	314	5121
KAMAW LAY KHO	652	1114	1148	367	332	274	269	3504
KLER KHO	521	1010	977	333	327	228	269	3144
SHO KLO	1505	2417	3079	1108	1030	487	569	8690
MAE SA LIT	612	1079	1232	417	423	163	171	3485
MAE TA WAW	792	1364	1583	732	726	342	351	5098
MAW KER	865	1778	1612	379	311	544	578	5202
KLER THAY LU	163	274	316	83	86	55	50	864
MAE PO HTA	224	396	419	133	131	44	35	1158
MAE PAW MOO HTA	383	763	849	295	266	168	192	2533
KA HTEE HTA	390	557	672	314	329	131	176	2179
	8394	14106	16021	5583	5358	3173	3450	47691
<u>SOUTHERN CAMPS</u>								
PER KLER	566	952	1043	459	409	221	206	3290
PANG SA NOK	501	754	768	298	269	191	180	2460
NAT IN DAUNG	271	375	393	119	127	89	86	1189
TOTAL:	9732	16187	18225	6459	6163	3674	3922	54630

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC) ... 5459 sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF
AND REFUGEES (COSRR) ... 350 sacks

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)
Salt ... 14,400 kgs.
Fish Paste ... 2146 tins

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>RICE (sacks)</u>	<u>SALT (kgs.)</u>	<u>F. PASTE (tins)</u>
WANG KA	582	1460	210
DON PA KIANG	382	970	142
MAS LA	730	315@	272
KAMAW LAY KHO	500	1310	186
KLER KHO	444	1030	165
SHO KLO	1231	2960	450
MAE SA LIT	492	1220	183
MAE TA WAW	708	1560	263
MAW KER	740	1740	275
	5809	14400	2146

The Karen Refugee Committee is sincerely grateful to the Thai authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness in granting refuge to the Karens and other displaced people of Burma who are in trouble and in need. This manifestation of kindness and goodwill is sincerely appreciated.

The committee is also sincerely grateful to the individuals and organisations concerned, for their help and support through the years to make life easier for the Karens and other displaced people of Burma who are in dire need of help.

These noble deeds will always be remembered by the Karen refugees as well as by the Karens of Burma.

The future for the Karen refugees remains bleak and uncertain. We therefore are earnestly counting on the continued help and support from sympathisers and peace loving people around the world. It is our fervent wish that, through the concerted effort of every peace loving people around the world, a solution could be found that will bring peace and justice back to Burma.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee