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The Karen Refugee Committee tenders its profound gratitude to all parties concerned for the noble deeds done in many ways and through many long years already, to help see the refugees through this turbulent time.

Time goes by but the crisis prevails. In fact it has become worse of late. As fighting rages along the border and escalates, more and more civilians are affected. Because of the situation and the need, a new Karen refugee camp has been set up for displaced villagers from Pa Loo, Thay Haw Bo and Wa Lay area. This camp is situated near Maw Ker village of Pop Phra district.

Further down south, there are now many thousands of civilians from 3 Pagodas Pass who fled into Thailand for refuge and shelter. Very recently, another one thousand or more civilians from Mo Daung across from Prachuap Khirikhan have also fled into Thailand because of the fighting there.

As fighting rages along the border, areas quite far from the border should be quiet and relatively safe, but often times, it is not so. During the month of January, Mae Seik and at least three other villages west of the Salween river and north of Kamamaung in South Papun township were burned down by Burma army troops during their military campaign in the area. The villagers and villagers from several other villages as well in the area fled from their homes. Their properties were either taken or destroyed. More than 100 families have been affected by this situation. They are now living in the jungle and among the hills in fear and in dire hardship. Moreover, they are facing disease and starvation.

CAMP	No. of Families.	Over 12 Yrs. M	12 Yrs. F	5 - 12 Yrs. M	2 Yrs. F	Under 5 Yrs. MF	TOTAL
WANG KA	658	700	1166	403	400	193 211	3073
* DONG PA KIANG	485	638	714	196	198	185 141	2072
MAE LA	722	659	1162	483	512	173 161	3150
KAMAW LAY KHO	432	642	788	266	251	123 155	2225
KLER KHO	296	550	552	196	174	84 92	1648
SHO KLO	1185	1841	2372	668	628	362 394	6265
MAE TA WAW	412	597	782	345	356	146 143	2369
MAW KER	724	1385	1200	310	315	318 323	3851
	4914	7012	8736	2867	2834	1584 1620	24653
MAE PO HTA	61	95	110	37	45	16 23	326
KA HTEE HTA	81	128	135	37	51	26 14	391
TOTAL	5056	7235	8981	2941	2930	1626 1657	25370

\*The name of Noh Pa Doh camp has been changed to Dong Pa Kiang and will be referred to as Dong Pa Kiang from now on.

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

From:-	
-CONSORTIUM OP CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)	2153 sacks
-INTER AID (ICA)	300 "
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF	
AMN REFUGEES (COEER)	225 "
-FULL GOSPEL CHURCH	100 "
	2778 sacks
For emergency relief	
CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)	28 sacks
INTER AID (ICA)	100 "
ACHARN SONNY LAGARDO	6
THOMAS VON BURG	5 "
	139 sacks
Total amount of rice received	2778 sacks
	139 "
	2917 sacks

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE RECEIVED (100 kg./sack)

Camp	Rice needed	Rice supplied	Rice needed for March
WANG KA	472	420	479
DONG PA KIANG	276	256	318
MAE LA	472	429	497
KAMAW LAY KHO	344	302	348
KLER KHO	260	235	260
SHO KLO	991	822	981
MAE TA WAW	351	314	371
MAW KER		139	
		2917	

Other items received

From:-CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)

	Salt	162 bags
	Fish Paste	935 tins
- INTER AID (ICA)	Fish Paste	135 tins

Distribution of other items received

Camp	Salt	Pish Paste
WANG KA	24	160
DONG PA KIANG	15	96
MAE LA	23	154
KAMAW LAY KHO	17	118
KLER KHO	14	88
SHO KLO	50	335
MAE TA WAW	19	118
	162	1070

We thank the Thai authorities and the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness in granting refuge to the Karen refugees. Moreover, we are very grateful to the authorities concerned for the permission granted to humanitarian agencies to provide the refugees with the most basic needs. These noble deeds of kindness and goodwill will always be remembered by the Karen refugees and the Karen people.

We also thank our donors and benefactors for the many deeds of kindness that they have done for the refugees through these long years. These help and support mean so much to them in their time of trouble and need.

The situation worsens and the Karen refugee population in the current existing Karen refugee camps is now more than 25,000. This number does not include those displaced civilians from 3 Pagodas Pass and Mo Daung.

Apart from that, there are other people similar to those hundred or more affected families in South Papun township. Countless number of them are scattered everywhere in the countryside and along the border. They are living in fear and utter hardship. What shall they do? Where shall they go? What will become of them? The future is bleak and dreary. Your continued help and support is earnestly required. We appeal to all interested individuals and parties for help. We also need your prayers.

May God bless all of you for the noble deeds that you have done for us.

Yours faithfully,

  
Robert Htwe  
Chairman  
Karen Refugee Committee

