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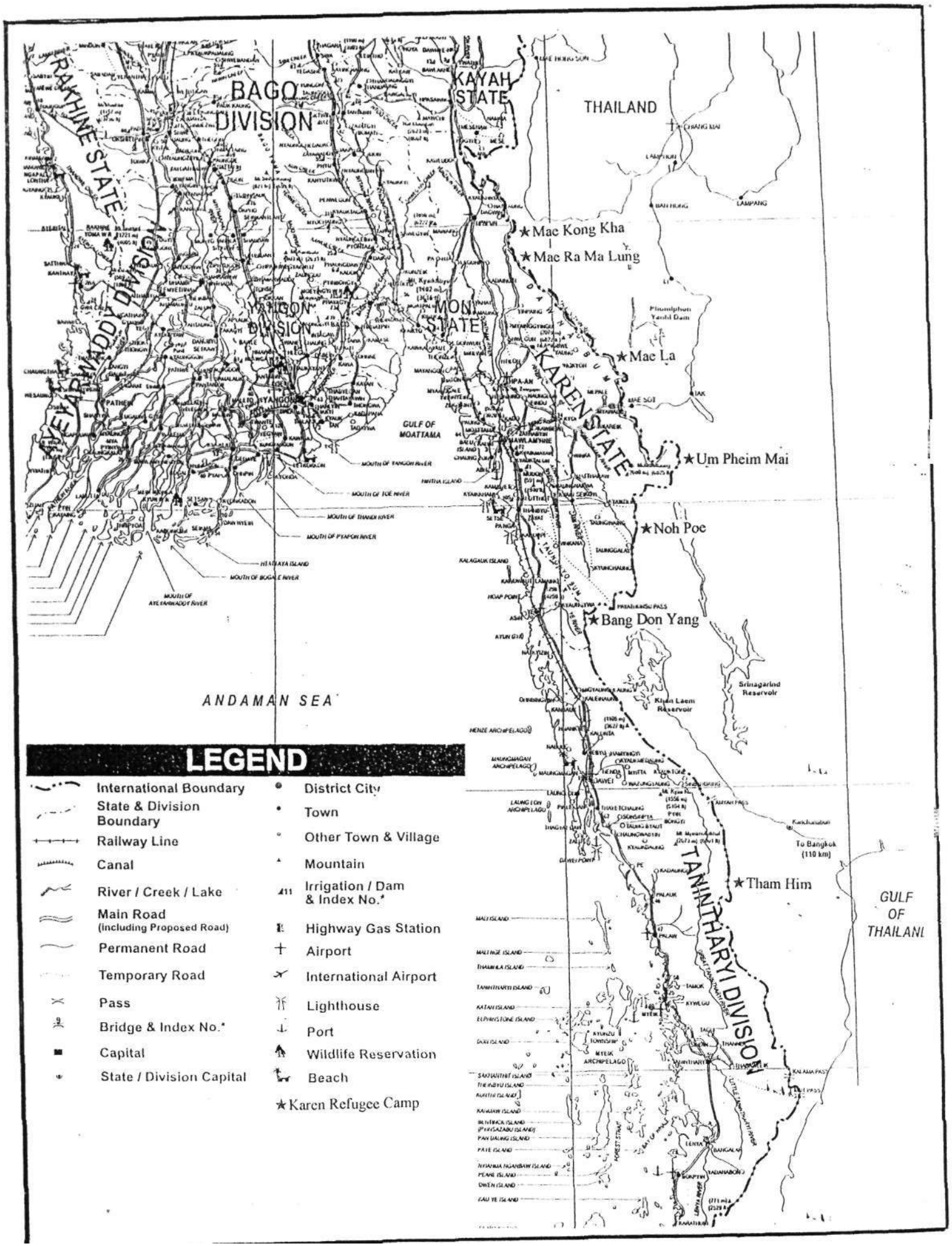
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TANINTHARYI DIVISION
GULF OF MOATTAMA
ANDAMAN SEA
GULF OF THAILAND
★Mae Kong Kha
★Mae Ra Ma Lung
★Mae La
★Um Pheim Mai
★Noh Poe
★Bang Don Yang
★Tham Him
LEGEND
International Boundary
State & Division Boundary
Railway Line
Canal
River / Creek / Lake
Main Road (including Proposed Road)
Permanent Road
Temporary Road
Pass
Bridge & Index No.*
Capital
State / Division Capital
District City
Town
Other Town & Village
Mountain
Irrigation / Dam & Index No.*
Highway Gas Station
Airport
International Airport
Lighthouse
Port
Wildlife Reservation
Beach
★Karen Refugee Camp

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This month's reporting will be focussed on the KRC/ Camps Committee- Problem Identification workshop related to Refugees, conducted this month at the General meeting. Where KRC Committee members, Camps Committee members and Coordinators participated.

Problems Identified

(l)Need of Capacity Building for KRC members and workers, Camps Committees and Coordinators, together with responsible people.
Administration / Management.
To upgrade office work procedures and work proficiency in managing, accounting dispatches, compiling statistics, reporting, filing, together with punctuality and uniformity.

- Need for getting proper information and writing relevant and useful reports.
- Communications between KRC, Camps Leaders, NGOs, to be regularised, upgraded and intensified .

(2) **Social Problems**

- Problems with regard to alcoholic intoxication and Drugs abuse
  Sexual problems.
- Family problems.
- Problems related to works absence - e.g gambling.
- Many young people idling around because of lack of work activities or further educational pursuits.

(3) Medical and Health.

- Need of Herbal Medicine Clinics. Rural inhabitants used to have access only to herbal medicine.
- Need of 1 Medical facility in Mae Kong Kha Camp, Mid Section, and 1 Medical facility in Mae La Camp, Zone A, because of distance of Medical service in these places.
  Dietary supplement food for Blood Donors.
  Convalescent food for recuperating patients.
- In camps where ARC is not involved , personal needs support in Personal /Hygiene e.g Soap , water-containers, other facilities.
- Education for Prevention of contagious/ Infectious diseases, especially HIV/ AIDS, STD, and for others like , water treatment of chlorine, usage and handing outs of condoms.(The Karen Community is very reserved and disinclined with regard to condoms.)

(4) Education.

- Camps Education stop at Secondary level.
  Need of Higher Education for Refugee young people in Camps.
- Need of Vocational and skill promotion Education in Camps.
- Need of increase in support for School Teachers.
- Need to have more qualified Teachers.
- Need of lighting facilities for School Children's night learning.
  Insufficiency of Curriculum Text Books.
- Education in Environment, Drugs and Mine Awareness.

Summary.

The above mentioned are some of the relevant problems that came out at the work-shop discussions. It may be possible to address some problems/needs in a matter of some weeks or months, but many will need sustained time and effort to be addressed.

Many things have to be taken into consideration, given the unstable situation of the Refugees, the distance of the Camps, the diversity of the problems, the difficulty in travel and communications.

Still, what is apparem is trat there need to be improvement in work capacity, efficiency and commitment on the part of responsible people. Also, there need to be more works coordination and cooperation between, KRC, Camps Committees and support NGOs, together with upgrading of communications, information and reporting.

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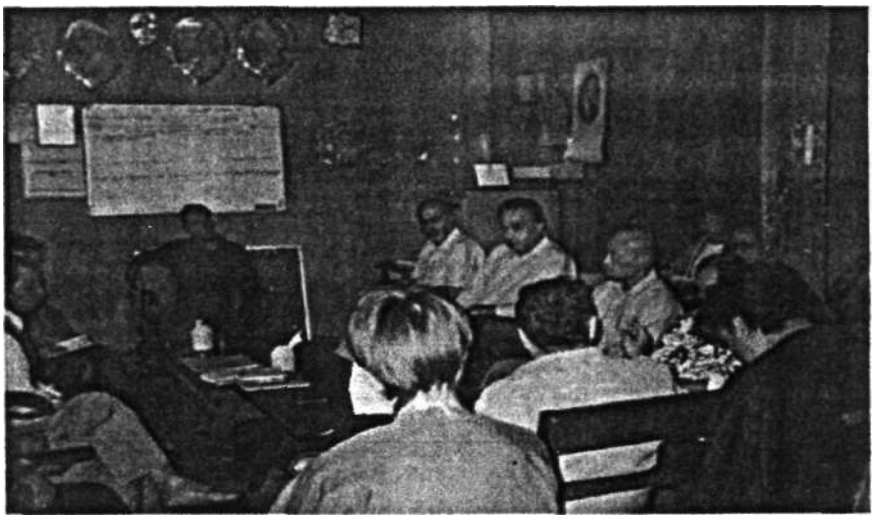

UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
MEET WITH K.R.C.

IN UMPHIEM CAMP.
DESPITE EXTREME COLD, UNDER MIST & FOG
CHILDREN ENJOY LEARNING.

PLASTIC SHEETS FOR THAM FUN CAMP
SUPPORT BY B.B.C.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS NOVEMBER, 2001,

	CAMP	No. of families	Over- 12 Yrs		5-12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		f0rai i
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
MAE SOT AREA	Mae La	6,534	12,103	11,932	3,831	3,621	2,654	2,511	38,455
	Um Pheim Mai	3,323	5,422	5,119	2,030	1,867	1,159	1,178	16,775 \
	Total	**9,857**	**17,525**	**17,051**	**5,861**	**5,488**	**3,813**	**3,689**	**55,230** j
NORTH *	Mae Ra Mu Luang	1,629	3,239	2,814	1,247	1,150	667	662	9,779 I
	Mae Kha & Sa la	2,361	4,741	4,410	1,065	962	1,803	1,736	14,717 **i**
	Total	**3,990**	7,980	7,224	**2,312**	**2,112**	**2,470**	**2,398**	**24,496** \
SOUTH	Noe Poe	1,846	3,025	2,893	1,242	1,120	604	691	9,575 \
	Ban Dong Yang	749	997	1,134	457	440	362	360	3,750 {
	Htam Him	1,652	2,390	2,545	1,052	1,011	669	617	8,284 **f**
	Total	**4,247**	**6,412**	**6,572**	**2,751**	**2,571**	**1,635**	**1,668**	**21,609** |
	Grand total	**18,094**	**31,917**	**30,847**	**{ 10,924**	**10,171**	**7,918**	**7,755**	**101,335** |

RICE AND OTHGER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

| FROM	**CAMP**	**Rice 100 Kg Sack**	**Salt Kilos**	**F -paste 15-Kg Tin**	**Yellow Bean Kilos**	**Chilies Kilos**	**Cooking Oil 200 ltr**	**Cooking Fuel 30-Kg Sacks**
	Um Pheim Zone- A	2,329	3,647	606	143	1,136	43	2,838
B.B.C.	Um Pehim Zone- B	2,383	3,075	513	121	960	37	2,418
	Mae La	12,626	16,250	2,711	638	5,084	192	9,600
COERR	Um Pheim	350	-	-	-	-	-	

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.

BBC- Support in Food and Shelter Material. Beginning this year BBC is to provide two more vehicles for KRC.

iSF - Support in Medical and Health facilities.

AMI-

ARC-

MHD-

ZOA (ABWaid) - Support in Educational facilities Teachers' Training.

Consortium - Support in Educational facilities, Teachers' Training and Education for Deaf/ Mute / Blinds.

TOPS - Support in Educational facilities.

COERR - Rice and Educational support. EVI- to be involved with Extremely Vulnerable People.

H.I - Support for Refugee Handicaps with Prosthesis and rehabilitation and also year- end sporting events for Handicaps.

ICS (Asia) - Support in Education facilities, school buildings.

NCA-(Norway Church Aid) has been providing KRC with administrative & Organizational Support. It has also supported with remuneration for KRC members and workers.

UNHCR- For Registration Process Protection and Ultimate Safe Repatriation.

SMRU - Support with Malaria Control, Prevention and Treatment.