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MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

June

2008

Aim and Objectives of Mon Relief and Development Committee

Aim:

Provide temporary shelters, basic needs and development assistance to refugees and the displaced persons who homeless and helpless situation due to the oppression of Rangoon military regimes in Mon territory along Thailand-Burma border.

Objectives:

1. To help the welfares of the refugees in border areas and IDPs who are displaced inside the country, with foods, shelter and possible protection.
2. To coordinate with local Mon people in developing the grassroots community in the fields of health, education, literacy, agriculture and other rural development projects.
3. To empower the local community for the participation of decision making processes for their own lives and communities.
4. To struggle for the human rights.

The Organization of Mon Relief and Development Committee

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| 1. Nai Wongsala Pala | - Chairman |
| 2. Nai Kasau Mon | - Vice Chairman |
| 3. Nai Kem Kom Kao | - General Secretary |
| 4. Mi Wing Ah Bloa | - Joint Secretary |
| 5. Nai Hong Janu | - Administrator |
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| 7. Nai Bayar Nwe | - Member |
| 8. Nai Ong Htaw Mon | - Member |
| 9. Nai Kon Tala Bloa | - Member |

Monthly Report of Mon Relief and Development Committee

(June 2008)

Before the end of 2007, MRDC staff from Community Development Program also conducted a 'development need assessment' survey in three resettlement sites- Halockhani, Bee Ree and Tavoy; and other IDPs village; Palaing-Japan, Che-daik, Wae-Zin, Hlae-seik, Kwan-tamoit and Phan-peung village in order to plan for adopting development projects that requested by the displaced communities.

Most communities requested for infrastructure projects in their respective resettled villages and sections. MRDC gave more priorities to infrastructures such as building bridges, building schools, connecting water pipe and distributing latrine pots because the communities were need for it. In relation to the livelihood of the community people, MRDC has supported for agriculture training in providing knowledge and skills to the people.

MRDC Coordinator for Community Development Program has faced some difficulties during last year's implementation and therefore MRDC still has to solve the following problems.

- Even some community people in some resettlement sections and in IDPs villages want to get assistance from MRDC, but the village leaders or development committees in the village has no capacity to do these projects especially in Tavoy resettlement site.
- The estimation of some projects are varied especially in bridge construction. First, when the village development committees sent proposals to MRDC, they have excluded some costs and when they really implemented the projects especially in bridge construction, the budget was significantly increased.
- In some communities especially in Tavoy District area even did not know how to propose their needs to MRDC and they have kept silence whenever MRDC demanded for the projects.

Since MRDC has founded these problems, its members have traveled to all communities in Bee Ree and Tavoy resettlement sites, Hlae-seik, Che-daik, Palaing-japan, and Wae-zin IDPs communities and conducted the following activities:

- Ensuring the village development committees understand the needs of the people and how they have to propose to MRDC. MRDC Coordinator had to explain the summary points of proposed project and estimated cost.
- MRDC requested the village administration committee to coordinate with development committees and the experts in cost estimation for the projects.
- The community development training and about the needs assessment in the community were provided in some communities.

MRDC's Coordinator for Community Development has to take about two months for the preparation of program in January and February 2008 in order to ensure the participation of the community people to implement their own development projects, as MRDC's stance is in monitoring role.

Project in details are as below:

1. Bee Ree resettlement site

Coordinator and staffs provided assistance in the repairs of the water-pipe in Jo-ha-prao and Panan-peung sections of Bee Ree resettlement site. MRDC also provides a new bridge and latrine in Panan-peung section.

2. Tavoy resettlement site

In this site MRDC provide the projects of the repairs of the primary school in Weng-nike section and extension of the water pipeline in Meip-zeip section.

3. Halockhani resettlement site

MRDC consistently coordinated with community groups, implemented in this site are as following projects:

- (1) Completely provide to build a new primary school in Kyone-kwee.
- (2) Provided to repair the school roof and main road in Htee-wa-doe.
- (3) Providing a new bridge in Baleh-donphai.
- (4) In Haalockhani site, provided to build of the ware house and local office.

4. In IDPs villages

MRDC provide to build the primary schools in (Hlae-seik, Kwan-tamoit and Panan-peung) were funded by development fund.

5. CAN activities

By coordinating with CAN (community agriculture nutrition) Project, MRDC's Development Program participated in coordinating and monitoring the installation of a new agriculture training center in Baleh-donphai section in Halockhani resettlement site and arranged the training for home garden at that training center.

During the **Implementation process**, MRDC hold the meeting with all community development committees in each resettlement site and IDPs village. The Coordinator gave responsibilities to them in order to find or assess the community's development needs and proposed to MRDC. First, MRDC received many requests from community development committees, which hold the meeting; recollect of the data from each site and then identified the financial need for project plan. However, they are complied proposals and sent to MRDC. MRDC coordinator and staff themselves made a regular visit to the site and find out the information are correct or not, and argued with community people whether they can implement some projects. When agreed, MRDC Coordinator provided the budget for them and then monitored the progresses of the condition of implementation, problem and financial accounting system in each development community groups.

In the **Monitoring Activities**, MRDC coordinator and staff themselves have made a regular visit to the site and look the progress of implementation with their eyes. Additionally, Secretary of each site and MRDC staff who appointed for community development program has to monitor all these activities and have to report to MRDC Coordinator on the progress of all projects in the site. The community development committees have taken responsibility to collect all required building materials, hiring carpenters, organizing the villagers (by the help of village headmen) to contribute labour, set the time to complete the works, and other management in the projects. If they could not find good carpenters and use them effectively, the set time will be changed and they have to report to MRDC immediately on their difficulties. At the end of project implementation, the community development committees have to report to MRDC resettlement site committee and then they compiled all reports and sent to MRDC.

**THE REFUGEE POPULATION OF THE THREE
RESETTLEMENT SITE**

(June, 2008)

No	Camp	Numpr of Family	Over 5 years		Under 5 years		Total
			M	F	M	F	
1	Halockhai	650	1534	1360	109	129	3132
2	Che-daik	139	250	259	44	46	599
3	Bee Ree	627	1488	1486	184	156	3314
4	Tavoy	451	1055	997	148	122	2322
TOTAL		1867	4327	4102	485	453	9367

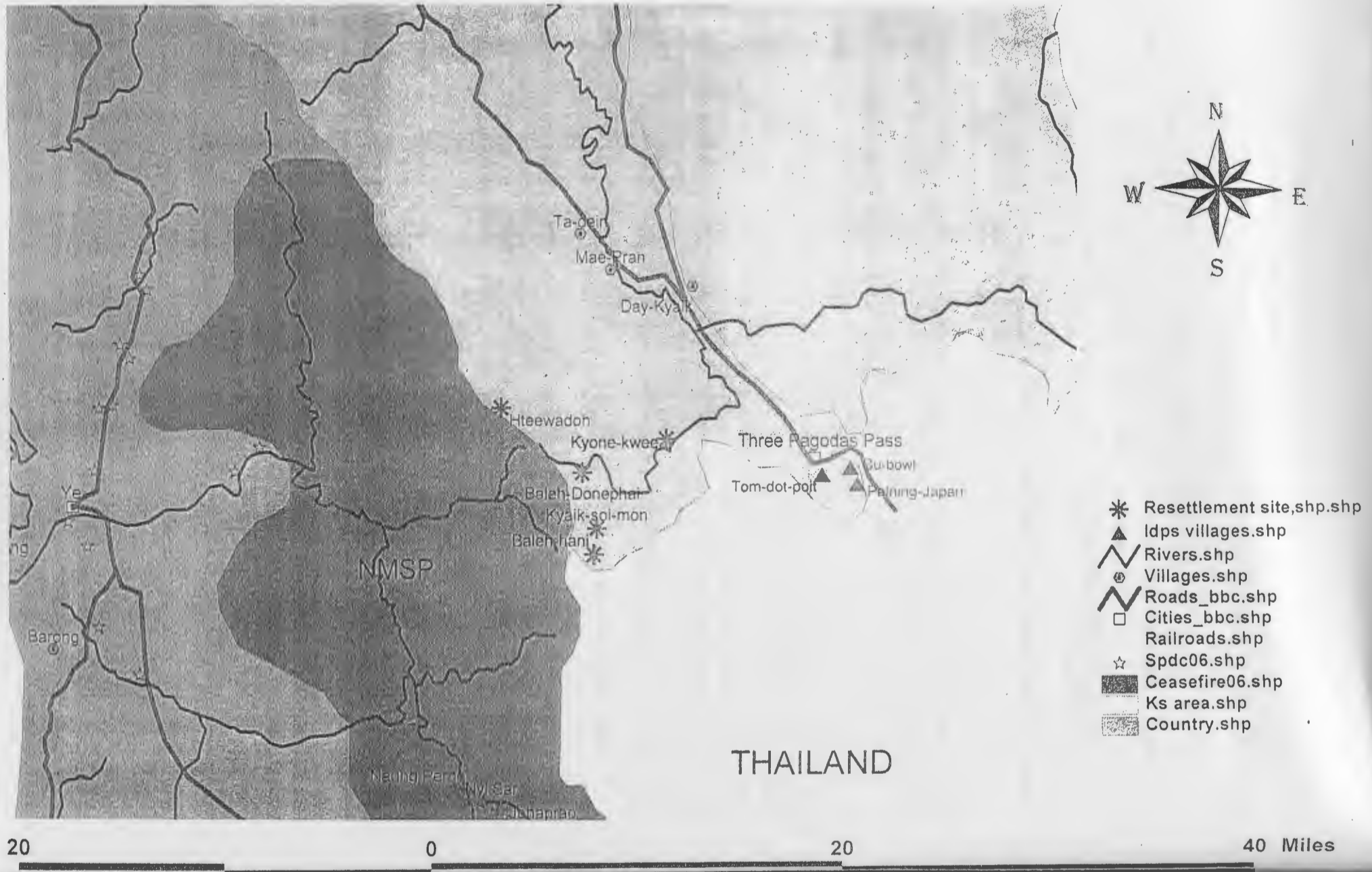
THE MATERIALS RECEIVED

BY THE MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(June, 2008)

No	Organization	Rice	Fish Paste (kg.)	Salt (kg.)	Bean (kg.)	Remark
1	TBBC	-	-	-	-	
2	TBBC (for Halockhani)					
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	

Map of Three Pagoda Pass and Halockhani Resettlement Site (Feb,2008)

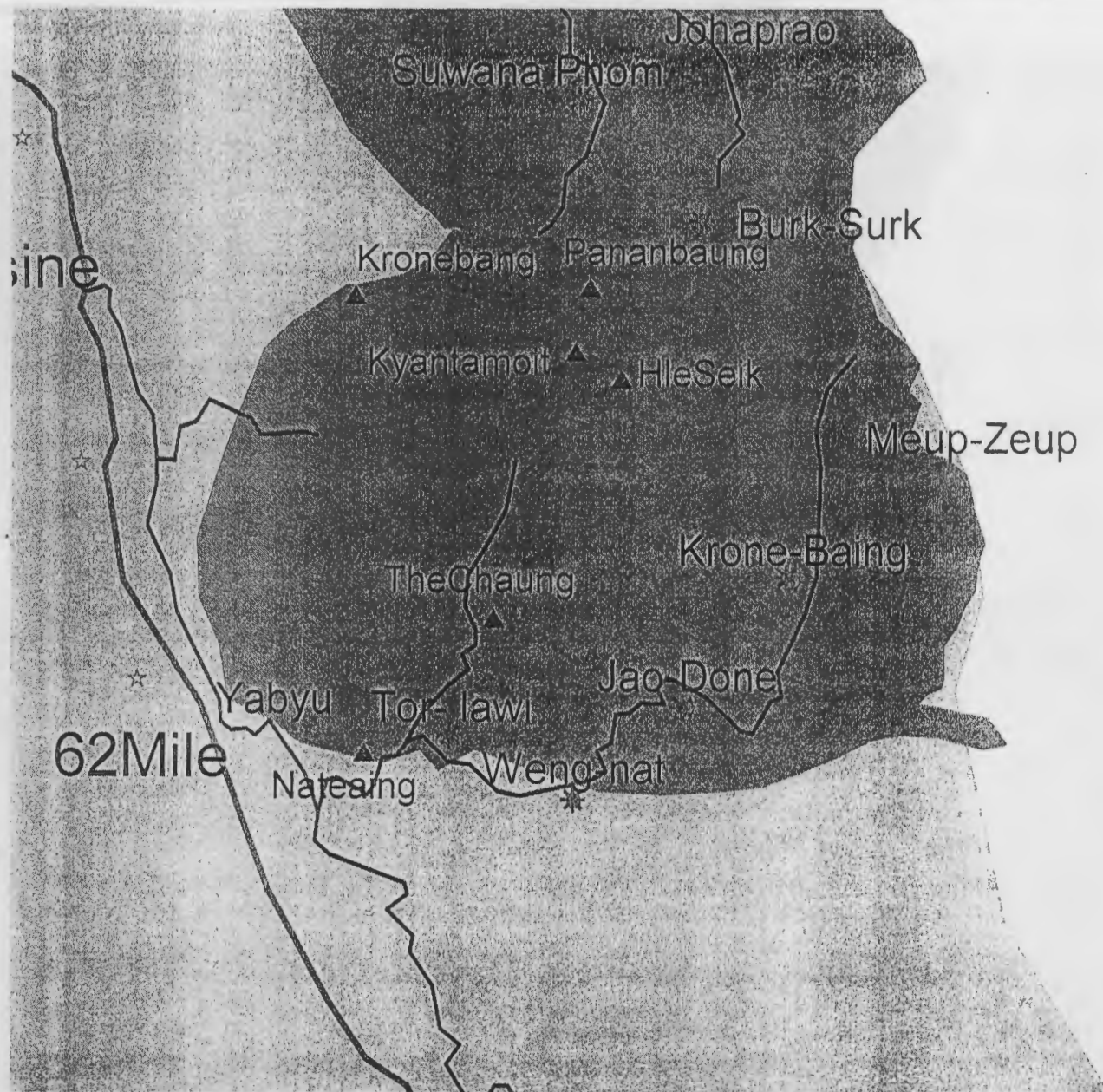




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Map of Tavoy District and Tavoy Resettlement Site (Feb, 2008)



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