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**MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

**December 2008**

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## **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 are homeless and helpless situation due to the oppression of Rangoon military regimes in Mon territory along Thailand-Burma border.

### **Objectives:**

1. To help the welfare of the refugees in border areas and IDPs who are displaced inside the country, with food, 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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| <b>1. Nai Wongsa Pala</b>   | <b>- Chairman</b>          |
| <b>2. Nai Kasauh Mon</b>    | <b>- Vice Chairman</b>     |
| <b>3. Nai Kem Kom Kao</b>   | <b>- General Secretary</b> |
| <b>4. Mi Wing Ah Bloa</b>   | <b>- Join Secretary</b>    |
| <b>5. Nai Hong Janu</b>     | <b>- Administrator</b>     |
| <b>6. Mi Seik Jyanda</b>    | <b>- Member</b>            |
| <b>7. Nai Bayar Nwe</b>     | <b>- Member</b>            |
| <b>8. Nai Ong Htaw Mon</b>  | <b>- Member</b>            |
| <b>9. Nai Kon Tala Bloa</b> | <b>- Member</b>            |

# Monthly Report of Mon Relief and Development Committee (December 2008)

## MRDC General Meeting and Its Programs

In order to review its programs in 2008 and to consider the activities in 2009, MRDC main committees, resettlement site committee and development committees held its yearly General Meeting from December 24 to 27 in Bee Ree resettlement sites. In the General Meeting, MRDC's concerned Coordinators reported the activities of 3 Programs – Resettlement Site Relief Program, Community Development Program and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Relief Program – and adjusted all these programs with the needs of Mon displaced population in 3 resettlement sites – Halockhani, Bee Ree and Tavoy – and other IDPs villages situated in NMSP controlled areas.

Additionally, MRDC also reviewed its camp management and appointed responsible persons to take responsibility for relief and development programs. It also reviewed strengths and weaknesses of each programs and explored the strategies to strengthen the programs. MRDC main office and resettlement site committees also tried to find the ways to improve communication amid various difficulties.

From the General Meeting, some important relief and development programs are reviewed as below:

### Food Assistance:

The returned refugees and IDPs still need food assistance from MRDC in both resettlement sites and IDP villages. About 60-70% of the returnees and over 80% of IDPs could not rely on the food products produced from their communities. Many of returned families are struggling in creating gardens and planned to produce crops from fruit trees and rubber from rubber plantations. They have to take time.

**They said, 3 months food assistance will be insufficient for many families.** They did not want donor agencies to receive the assistance less than 3 months. If they received only 3 months assistance, they want MRDC to distribute in rainy season as before, but do not want to distribute in one-round distribution.

There are many local and displaced persons those **falls into cracks** as they are not returned refugees and are not fixed with relief criteria of IDPs relief programs. However, these people who live between or within the areas of resettlement sites and IDPs villages also faced the same problem of food-shortage in the rainy season and they have approached to MRDC to provide some food assistance when they faced food-shortage problems.

### Setting up Agriculture Center:

In 2008, with the technical and material assistance from donor agencies, MRDC can set up an Agriculture Center in Baleh-donophai village, Halockhani resettlement site. When the direct food assistance has been gradually reduced, MRDC decided to create agriculture center in every resettlement sites. Currently, it plans to create an agriculture center in Bee Ree resettlement sites, but also in Tavoy resettlement. Now, the building of agriculture center in Bee Ree site is on-building process and MRDC Site Committee is still finding a location appropriate for locations.

Along with setting up Agriculture Centers, MRDC also planned to have more training on Agriculture especially on home-garden activity and arrange **Training for Trainers** to produce more agriculture trainers to help community people and local farmers to understand on agriculture and participate actively for the plans adopted from these agriculture centers.

However, MRDC still has to support for some **Infrastructure** in the resettlement sites such as bridge, school, clinic building or repairs.

MRDC expects the donor agencies still need to consider for the food amount of assistance and assistance for development projects for the people while they could not get peaceful situation.

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

**(December 2008)**

No	Camp	No. of Family	Over 5 years		Under 5 years		Total
			M	F	M	F	
1	Halockhani	669	1588	1410	122	122	3242
2	Che-daik	134	234	244	41	37	556
3	Bee Ree	610	1435	1464	196	170	3265
4	Tavoy	434	1004	1029	166	142	2341
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1847</b>	<b>4261</b>	<b>4147</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>9404</b>

**THE MATERIALS RECEIVED**

**BY THE MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**(December 2008)**

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



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Map of Ye River Resettlement Site (Feb, 2008)



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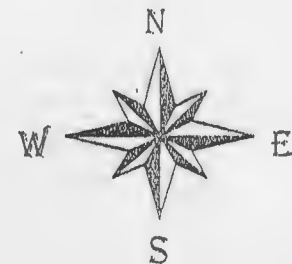
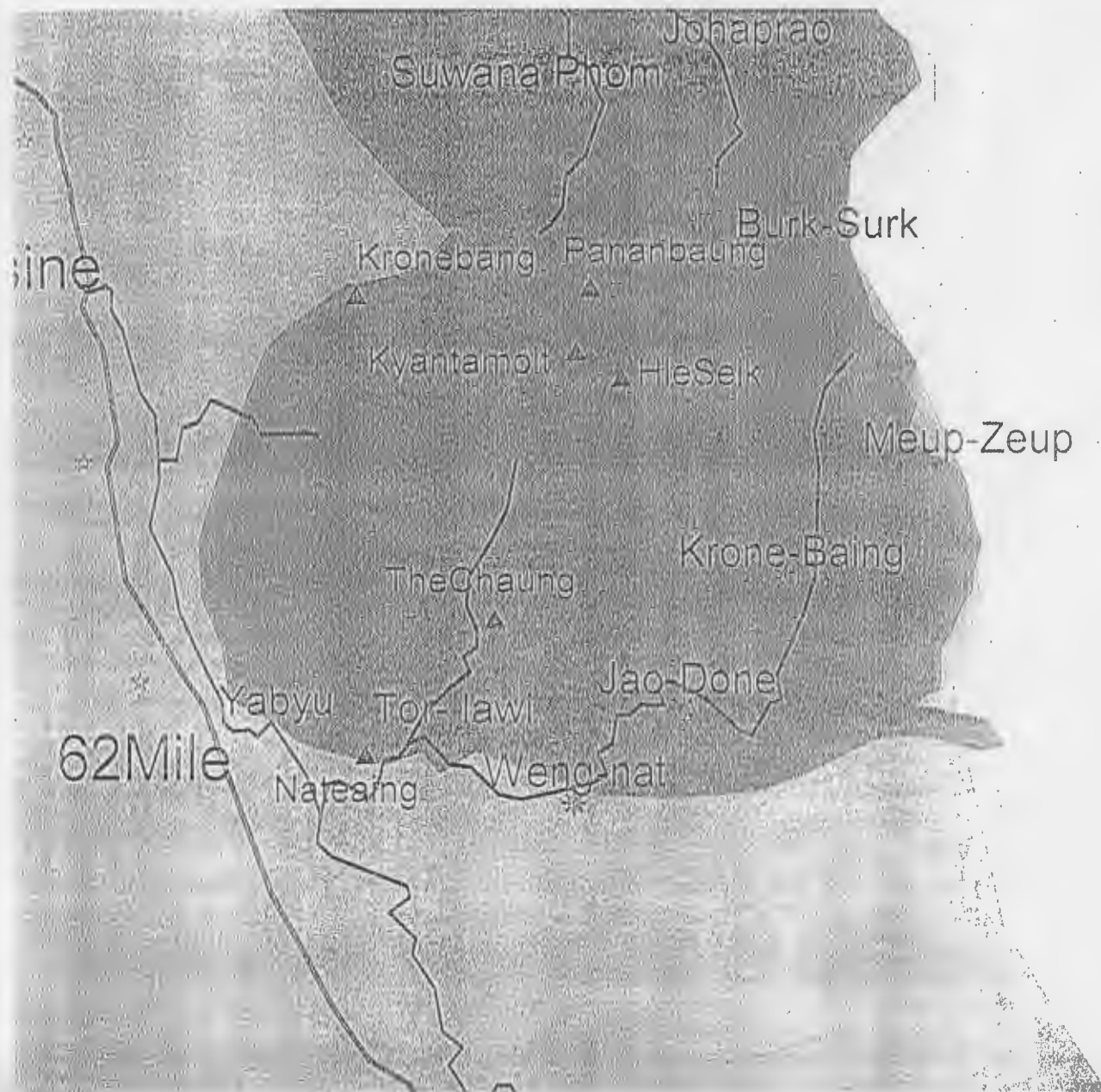
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Map of Tavoy District and Tavoy Resettlement Site (Feb, 2008)



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