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Counting the duration of the refugee settling in Thailand since the KRC has been founded in 1975, it has reached 34 years. During the 34 years of providing the needs of the refugees, the donors unsparingly have spent millions and millions of dollars. And now they consider that it is time to implement the policy of “Increase self reliance and reduce aid dependency.” In the years 1984 after the fall of Mai Tha Wro one of the KNU strongholds, the donors began to provide the need of the refugees apart from food other social needs through NGOs. The benevolence of the donors is amazing.

During the 2007-2008 global recession, the helping hands remained constant and the refugees received this share as usual. EU the core donor of the refugee hired 2 consultant to carry out survey on the “livelihood” of the refugee in some of the camps under the KRC and KnRC. They spent 5 days in Mae La camp and 2 days in Nu Po camp under KRC. They asked and noted many things on livelihood. The majority of the refugee in the camps according to the survey are farmers for they are descendants of farmers. To get extra money for they families the only way is to go outside and look for casual job. But since they do not have the right to leave the camp life is very hard for them. To live a farmer’s life they do not have land to till which is one obstacle that makes it difficult.

Because of this statement new arrivals refugee later in 2005 had no right to receive provisions and some are faced with trouble. Those who have no friends or relatives are in real hardship. They had to borrow and lessen their meals. The Karen peoples do have the habit for “begging.” They will go into the forest and look for fruits, vegetables, tubers and bulbs as substitute for their staple food. During the forthcoming year 2010, the KRC committee and the (7) camp committee will have an election. Though we cannot predict the result of the election, we can say that because of the resettlement program, most of our eligible and qualified young people had left for Third country and to find replacement for the vacant posts in the camp administration with suitable personnel is rather difficult.

The years 2010 will also bring a democratic political election in Burma. Whether it will be a free and fair general election we do not know, what the result will be and what effect it will have upon the (7) refugee camps is for us to wait and see.

K.R.C – Activities – Report. September– 2009

- 1/9/09 – The Karen Refugee Committee (KRC), LAC and camp committee held law Reform meeting in Mae La Camp.
- 4/9/09 – KRC Education coordinator attended CCSDPT sub Education meeting at ZOA office. Education of New arrival and Education in camp were discussed.
- 8-9/9/09 – KRC Education coordinator attended KRC-EE office Quarterly meeting, Reviewing KRC-EE Activities for Three months, (July, August, September) 2009 and planned for Next Three month (October, November, December) Activities.
- 11/9/09 – KRC and CBOs held a meeting in KRC's office. The participants were briefed on accessing houses in the camps which are necessary to repair.
- 18/9/09 – KRC attended a meeting at TBBC's office in Mae Sot. The news that New arrival were forced repatriated was discussed.
- 21-24/9/09 – Visit and inspected schools in Mae La Oo and Mae La Ma Luang camps. Discussed difficulties that will occur as 40% and 42% of Mae La Oo and Mae La Ma Luang teachers applying for the Third country respectively.
- 22/9/09 – KRC attended a meeting organized by TBBC, which participant include ECHO, and planning for lively hood survey to be conducted in the camp was discussed.
- 22-26/9/09 – KRC with coordination of TBBC provide a one week management Training in Nu Poe camp. The participant were member of KWO, KSNG, KYO and some camp community members. The topic cover -
 - (1) Beginning of Management
 - (2) Approaches to Management
 - (3) Approaches to conflict solution and ,
 - (4) Practical Assignment.
- 28/9/09 – The Karen Refugee committee, TBBC, European Union (EU) consultant and CBOs conduct lively hood survey in Mae La camp. September 30th – 1st October. KRC, TBBC, EU consultant and CBOs conduct lively hood survey in Nu Po camp.

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.

TBBC – Support in Food and Shelter Material. TBBC is also supporting with warm clothing for all the camps. TBBC is Supporting with Camps Management program to help with Administration, Management Stability improvements in all (7) Camps.

TBBC - Has been providing **KRC** with administrative & organizational Support.
It has also supported with remuneration for **KRC** members and workers.

MSF – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

AMI – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

ARC – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

M.I (Malteser International) formerly MHD – Support in Medical and Health facilities.

ZOA (ABW aid) – Support in Educational facilities Teachers' Training.

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

TOPS – Support in Educational facilities Nurseries.

ICS – Asia – Support in Educational facilities, Teaching, Learning Aid.

COERR – Rice and Educational support. **EVI** – To be involved with Extremely Vulnerable people, care and support.

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

UNHCR – For Registration Process Protection and Ultimate Safe Repatriation. Now helping with Resettlement.

SMRU – Support with Malaria Control, Prevention and Treatment.

SVA – To support with Libraries in the camps.

PPAT – Parenthood Planning Association Thailand – Supporting with Family Planning and Preventive/ Education in Refugee Camps.

SOLIDARITES – Support the Burmese refugees in the camp addressing sanitation issues.

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Monthly Population Report in Camps (September - 2009

Number of Registered people in camp

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	5883	8715	9152	2826	2674	2205	2026	27,598.00
Umphiem	2804	4729	4693	1108	1018	939	875	13,362.00
Nu Po	2413	3183	3129	879	909	834	768	9,702.00
Htam Hin	933	1326	1406	473	422	372	343	5,275.00
Ban Dong Yang	709	1031	1113	281	258	286	294	3,263.00
Mae Rama Luang	2316	4045	4074	1493	1323	884	971	15,106.00
Mae La Oon	2614	4330	4254	1394	1325	1029	964	15,910.00
Total	17,672.00	27,359.00	27,821.00	8,454.00	7,929.00	6,549.00	6,241.00	90,216.00

Number of PAB, POC, PRE-SCREENING in camps

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Umphiem	530	1024	785	104	102	78	64	2,157.00
Nu Po	2579	2410	2003	453	427	376	421	6,090.00
Htam Hin	794	1061	952	202	179	259	248	2,901.00
Ban Dong Yang	95	325	322	62	59	59	59	886.00
Mae Rama Luang	153	649	524	99	94	99	57	1,522.00
Mae La Oon	23	272	190	15	14	11	8	510.00
Total	4,174.00	5,741.00	4,776.00	935.00	875.00	882.00	857.00	14,066.00

Number of new arrival in camps

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	6540	7094	6248	1710	1621	768	689	18,130.00
Umphiem	3750	4162	3564	1243	997	659	533	11,158.00
Nu Po	120	70	94	24	21	17	18	244.00
Htam Hin	35	209	202	62	54	38	37	602.00
Ban Dong Yang	124	112	114	16	7	24	21	294.00
Mae Rama Luang	488	947	1079	310	297	225	201	3,059.00
Mae La Oon	281	518	445	169	157	137	131	1,557.00
Total	11,338.00	13,112.00	11,746.00	3,534.00	3,154.00	1,868.00	1,630.00	35,044.00

Number of Outside Student in Camps

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La		2247	1260	418	335	17	22	4299
Umphiem	16	280	191	44	27	2	0	544
Nu Po		433	389	56	42	4	0	924
Htam Hin		14	22	1	0	0	0	37.00
Ban Dong Yang		68	69	21	14	0	0	172.00
Mae Rama Luang		337	337	63	40	2	1	780.00
Mae La Oon		522	433	32	16	1	0	1,004.00

Total	16.00	3,901.00	2,701.00	635.00	474.00	26.00	23.00	7,760.00
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Feeding Figure in Camps

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	9146	14318	13757	3115	2671	2217	2090	38,168.00
Umphiem	3897	5283	4973	1498	1383	860	800	14,797.00
Nu Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Htam Hin	1731	2618	2483	733	651	578	537	7,600.00
Ban Dong Yang	1049	3697				503		4,200.00
Mae Rama Luang	2909	5547	5718	1847	1635	1036	1073	16,856.00
Mae La Oon	2903	5476	5152	1599	1507	1173	1103	16,010.00
Total	21,635.00	36,939.00	32,083.00	8,792.00	7,847.00	6,367.00	5,603.00	97,631.00

General Population in Camps

Camp	No.families	Over-12 Yrs		6 - 12 Yrs		Under 5 Yrs		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mae La	12423	18056	16660	4754	4630	2990	2737	49,827.00
Umphiem	7100	10195	9233	2499	2144	1678	1472	27,221.00
Nu Po	5112	6096	5615	1412	1399	1231	1207	16,960.00
Htam Hin	1767	2600	2560	739	655	669	628	7,851.00
Ban Dong Yang	928	1536	1618	380	338	369	374	4,615.00
Mae Rama Luang	2957	5978	6014	1965	1754	1210	1230	18,151.00
Mae La Oon	2918	5642	5322	1610	1512	1177	1104	16,367.00
Total	33,205.00	50,103.00	47,022.00	13,359.00	12,432.00	9,324.00	8,752.00	140,992.00

Resettled Myanmar Refugees by Locations (as of 31 August 2009)

Locations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Mae La Oon	13	21	21	51	8	120	173	86					493
Mae Ra Ma Luang	33	45	55	9	4	179	140	76					541
Mae La	278	666	309	85	124	229	264	287					2242
Umphiem	383	258	240	44	68	89	74	100					1256
Nu Po	257	335	130	30	73	83	40	27					975
Ban Don Yang	152	44	56	73	20	51	49	8					453
Htam Hin	134	35	38	42	49	85	58	66					507
Total	1250	1404	849	334	346	836	798	650					6467