

Background information

Since June 2013, UNHCR has been piloting a system to assess spontaneous returns in the Southeast of Myanmar, a process that may start in the absence of an organized Voluntary Repatriation operation. A **verified return village**, therefore, is a village where UNHCR field staff have confirmed there are refugees and/or IDPs who have returned since January 2012 with the intention of remaining permanently. During the assessments, communities are also asked whether their village is a **refugee village of origin**, by definition a village that is home to people residing in a refugee camp in Thailand. A village where UNHCR completes an assessment can be both a verified return village and a refugee village of origin, as the two are not mutually exclusive.

Using a “do no harm” approach based around community level discussion, the return assessment collect information about the patterns and needs of returnees in the Southeast. The project does not, however, attempt to represent the total number of returnees in a state, or the region as a whole. As of October 2013, the returnee monitoring project is underway in Kayah State, Mon State, and Tanintharyi Region, with plans to

Total Assessments

85

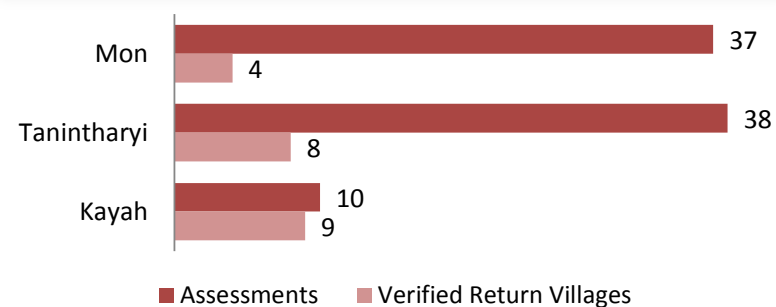
Verified Return Villages

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Refugee Villages of Origin

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Verified Return Villages by State/Region



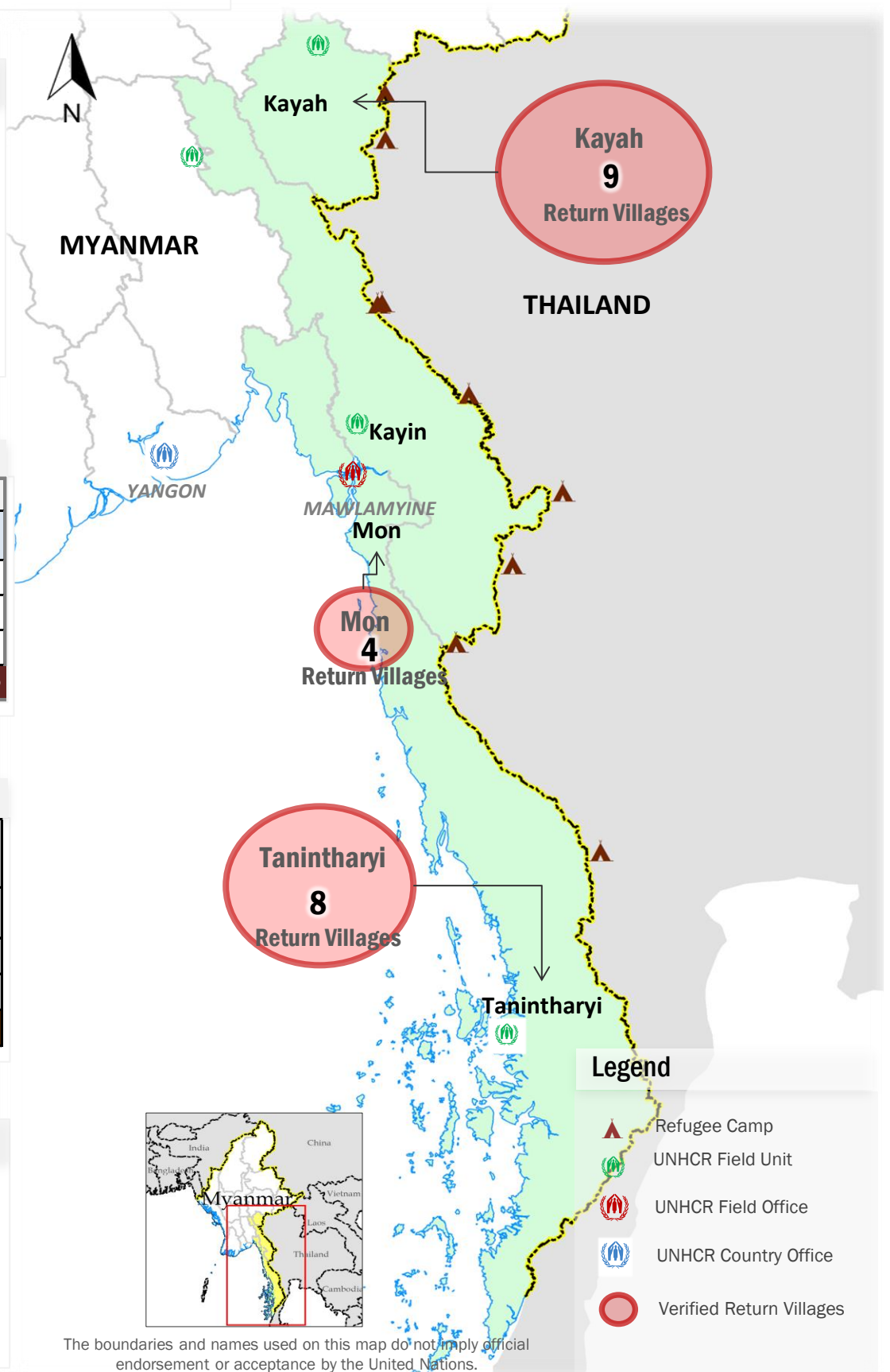
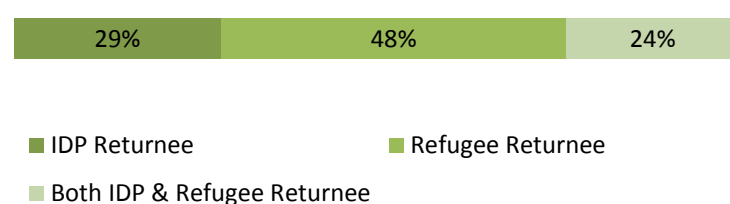
No. of Returnees in assessed villages by State/Region

| State | IDP Returnee | | Refugee Returnee | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| | HH | Individuals | HH | Individuals |
| Mon | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| Kayah | 184 | 912 | 13 | 17 |
| Tanintharyi | 11 | 5 | 30 | 89 |
| Grand Total | 195 | 917 | 49 | 115 |

No. of Verified Return Villages by Type

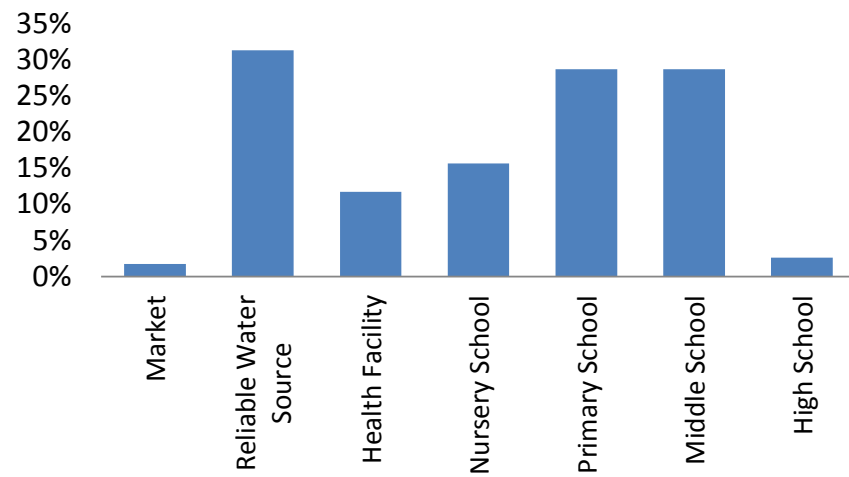
| State | IDP Returnee | Refugee Returnee | Both IDP & Refugee Returnee |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mon | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Kayah | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Tanintharyi | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 6 | 10 | 5 |

Verified Return Villages by Type

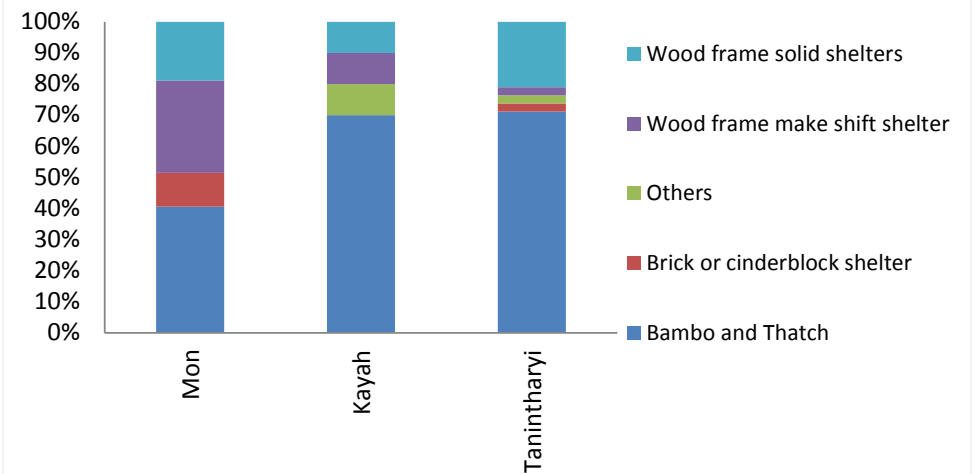


Services

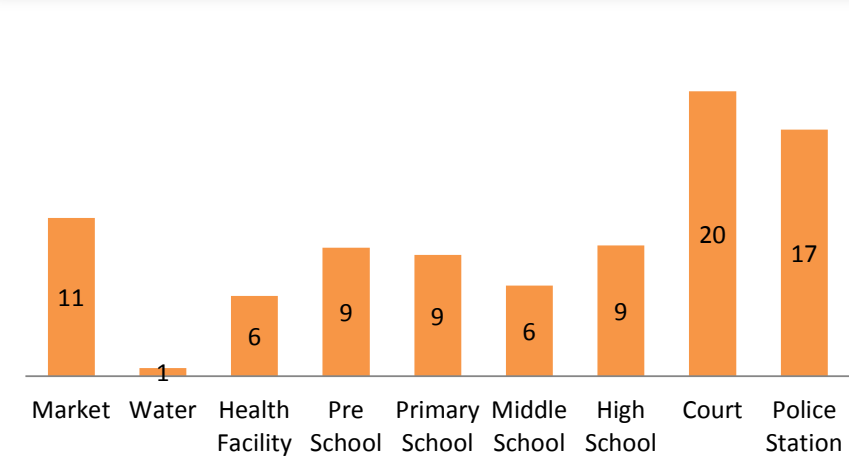
% of Assessed Villages in which key Services are available



% of Shelter Types available in Assessed Villages

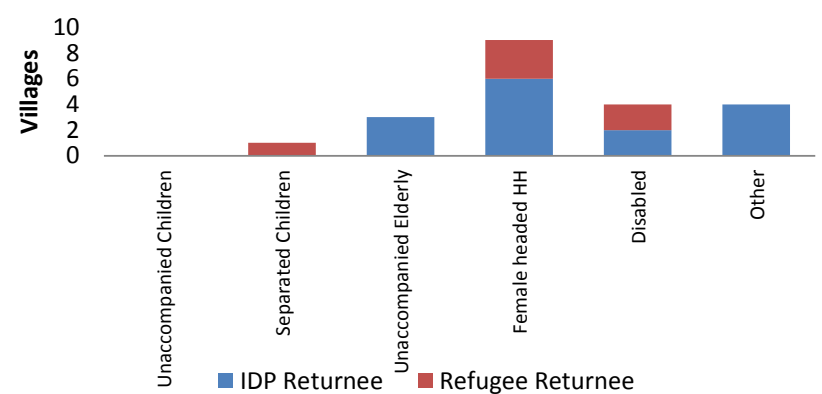


Average Distance to Services (Miles)

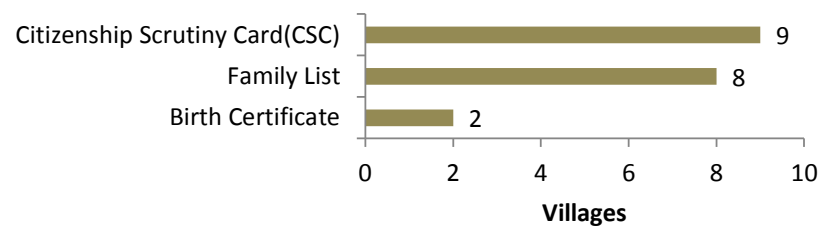


Overview in Verified Return Villages

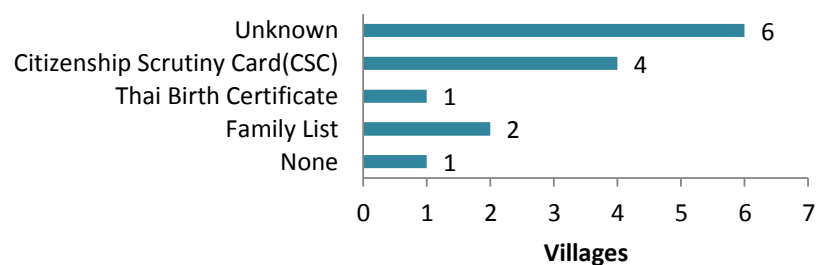
Presence of Vulnerable Returnees



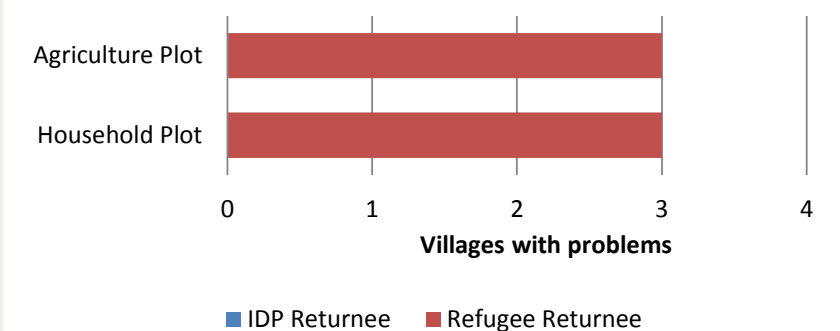
Identity Documents held by IDP Returnee



Identity Documents held by Refugee Returnee

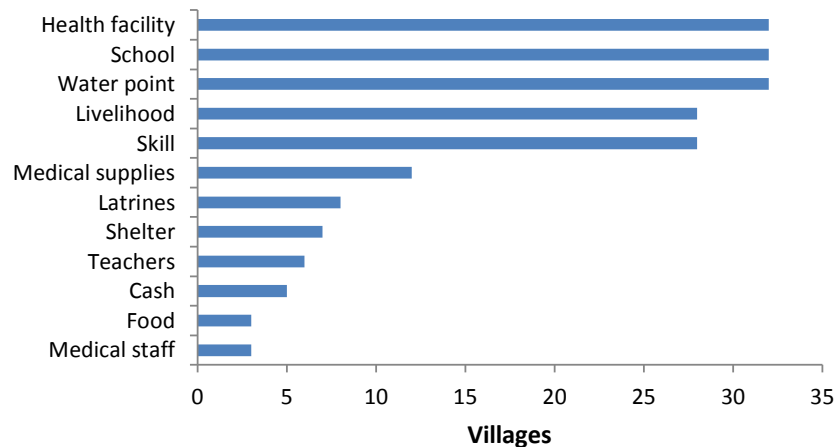


Problems in re-occupying Land & Property



Needs

Community (Assessed Villages)



Returnee (Verified Return Villages)

