

# Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter

## Profile



March 2016

### Verified Population - March 2016

2,954 \*

### Population profile

#### Gender

Female 51% Male 49%

#### Age

18 years and above: 53%

5-17 years: 33%

Below 5 years: 14%

#### Ethnicity

Karen 94% Mon 3% Other 3%

#### Religion

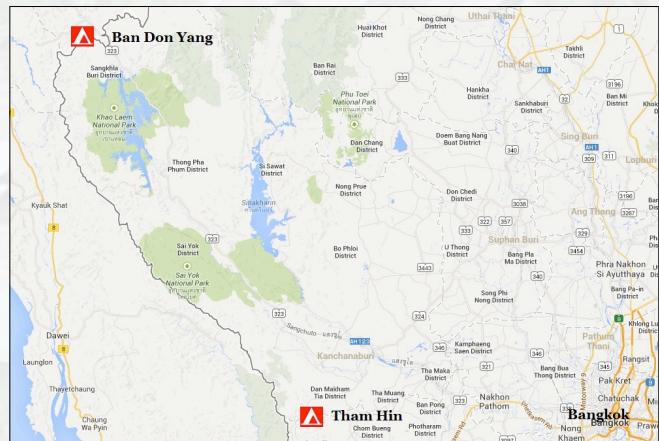
Christian 84% Buddhist 16%

*\*According to Verification Exercise conducted from Jan-Apr 2015 and subsequent changes in population*

### Background

Ban Don Yang camp was established in 1997 when a group of Myanmar nationals who had fled Myanmar and sought refuge in Thai villages was transferred into the camp. The camp also continued to receive a smaller number of individuals who fled an armed conflict in many occasions in the past.

The majority of the camp residents are Karen Christians. Most have a rural, agricultural background and originate from the Tanintharyi Region of Myanmar.



### Location

Ban Don Yang camp is in Sangklaburi District, Kanchanaburi Province, less than 1 km. from the Thai-Myanmar border and 31 km. from Sangklaburi town. It has a surface area of 23.7 acres (0.1 sq.km.)

### Governance

The Ministry of Interior (MOI) is responsible for administration in nine camps. Ban Don Yang Camp Commander is the Deputy District Officer of Sangklaburi District. A refugee Camp Committee is directly involved in camp governance, and received support from the Karen Refugee Committee.

A Thai Ranger is stationed near the camp to monitor security. Territory Defense Volunteers, known as Or Sors, are employed and trained by the MOI to provide internal camp security.

### UNHCR Activities

- Ensure access to asylum, legal, material and physical protection.
- Work towards the elimination of sexual and gender-based violence and improve the quality of response.
- Ensure child protection through the promotion and application of a Child Protection Framework.
- Strengthen self-reliance and help secure livelihood opportunities.
- Secure durable solutions for all refugees from Myanmar.

### Resettlement Statistics

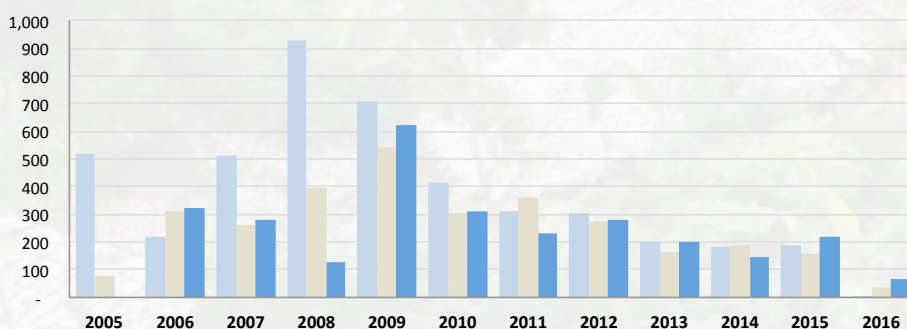
#### Total (persons)

until March 2016

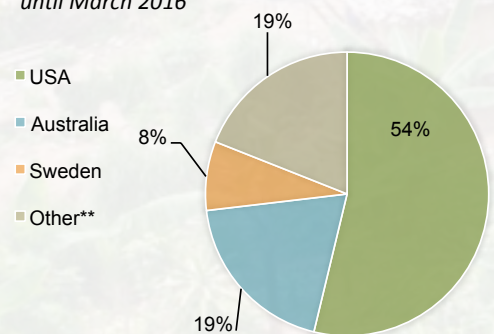
4,490  
Submitted

3,077  
Accepted

2,827  
Departed



### Departures by Country of Resettlement until March 2016














\*\*Norway, New Zealand, Canada, Finland, Netherlands, Ireland and Czech Republic


## Access to Asylum

Thailand is not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol and does not have legislation regulating the status of refugees. In accordance with MOI regulations, admission to the camps and access to asylum in Thailand is the responsibility of the Provincial Admission Boards (PAB).

With UNHCR support in 2012, RTG started conducting a "Fast Track" procedure that provides access to the PAB to the unregistered camp residents in the nine temporary shelters if they are immediate family members of those who were already resettled and/or of the registered camp residents who are in process of resettlement. There have also been submissions for persons with protection and medical concerns. This is not a general registration PAB exercise and the conditions are strict.

## Humanitarian Organizations

 <b>Health</b>	
• Health services	American Refugee Committee (ARC)
 <b>Water, Hygiene &amp; Sanitation</b>	
• Water and sanitation	American Refugee Committee (ARC)
 <b>Protection and Community Services</b>	
• Life development skills for children	Right to Play (RTP)
• Child protection, assistance for vulnerable individuals 	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Mine risk education	Handicap International (HI)
• SGBV prevention and response	American Refugee Committee (ARC)
 <b>Registration</b>	
• Registration and Status Determination 	Ministry of Interior (MOI)
 <b>Food and Nutrition</b>	
• Provision of basic food items	The Border Consortium (TBC)
 <b>Shelter</b>	
• Provision of shelter materials	The Border Consortium (TBC)
 <b>Livelihoods</b>	
• Organic farming and animal raising	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Food Security and Livelihood project (FSL)	The Border Consortium (TBC)
• Entrepreneurship and Development Program (EDP)	The Border Consortium (TBC)
 <b>Education</b>	
• Vocational training	Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)
• School renovation and school supplies	Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)
• Teacher training	Right to Play (RTP)
• Educational libraries	Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)
• Basic Education Support towards Transition	Save The Children (STC)
 <b>Resettlement</b>	
• Post-approval resettlement services	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
• The US resettlement service	IRC Resettlement Support Center (IRC-RSC)

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For updated sectoral information from Ban Don Yang Camp, please consult: <https://www.unhcr.or.th> and <http://www.commonservice.info>