

Umpiem Temporary Shelter

VERIFIED POPULATION* (AS OF 30 JUNE 2019)

A total of **11,155** persons of concern to UNHCR

POPULATION PROFILE

Gender: 50% Female | 50% Male

Age: 62% 18 years and above | 30% 5-17 years | 8% below 5 years

Ethnicity: 86% Karen | 8% Burman | 2% Mon | 4% Other

Religion: 43% Buddhist | 36% Christian | 21% Muslim



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

Umpiem Temporary Shelter is in **Phop Phra District**, approximately 13 kilometers from the Thai-Myanmar border and 86 kilometers from Mae Sot. It has a surface area of 195 acres (0.8 sq. km).

Background

- Umpiem Temporary Shelter was **established in 1999** to accommodate refugees relocated from the previous Huaykalok and Mawker temporary shelters which were subject to cross-border attacks at that time, requiring the transfer of their residents to a new and safer location.
- The population of Umpiem largely comprises **refugees from southeast Myanmar** fleeing armed conflict.

Governance

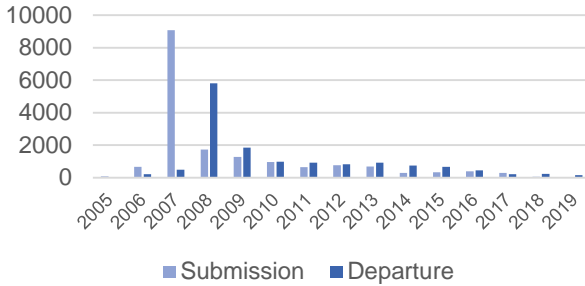
- **The Ministry of Interior (MOI)** is responsible for administration in the nine temporary shelters. The Umpiem Camp Commander is the Deputy District Officer of Phop Phra District. A refugee Camp Committee is directly involved in the governance of Umpiem Temporary Shelter, and receives support from the Karen Refugee Committee (KRC).
- **A Thai Ranger** is stationed near the temporary shelter to monitor security. Territory Defense Volunteers known as Or Sors are employed and trained by the MOI to provide internal security in Umpiem Temporary Shelter.

UNHCR Activities

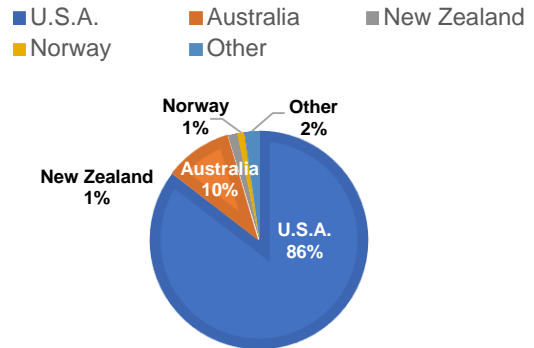
- UNHCR implements **protection activities** including facilitating refugees' access to the Thai justice system, addressing child protection concerns through its partner and conducting activities to prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).
- In line with amendments to the Civil Registration Act (2008) UNHCR continues to advocate to the Royal Thai Government (RTG) to ensure every child has their **right to birth registration upheld**. As of 30 June 2019, 2,704 birth certificates have been issued in Umpiem Temporary Shelter.
- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Thai and Myanmar governments, the refugee community and other stakeholders to unlock a **multi-solutions approach** to find a dignified, sustainable and comprehensive end to the situation of protracted encampment on the Thai-Myanmar border.
- UNHCR works in collaboration with the Resettlement Support Center (RSC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and third countries' embassies on the **resettlement process for refugees** with serious protection needs including lifesaving medical care. As of end-June 2019, a total of 14,472 individuals have been resettled from Umpiem Temporary Shelter.
- Through the Facilitated Voluntary Return (FVR) programme led by the governments of Thailand and Myanmar with UNHCR and other partners in support, UNHCR **facilitates voluntary repatriation** for Myanmar refugees who through their own initiative approach UNHCR and express their wish to return home. As of 30 June 2019, a total of 224 individuals (54 families) from Umpiem Temporary Shelter have returned to Myanmar through the FVR programme.

Resettlement Statistics

Total individual submissions (30 June 2019): 17,250
Total individual departures (30 June 2019): 14,472



DEPARTURES BY COUNTRY OF RESETTLEMENT (30 JUNE 2019)



Humanitarian Organisations



Health

- The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: health services



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- **Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)**: community-based waste management
- The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: water and sanitation



Protection and Community Services

- **Catholic Office for Emergency Relief (COERR)**: child protection, assistance for vulnerable individuals*
- **Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education Network (DARE)**: drug and alcohol abuse prevention
- **Humanity and Inclusion (HI)**: mine risk education for FVR*
- The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: SGBV prevention and response, psychosocial support, access to justice and promotion of rule of law



Registration

- **Ministry of the Interior (MOI)**: registration and status determination for fast-track PAB*



Shelter

- The **Border Consortium (TBC)**: repair materials for shelters



Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**: NFI distribution for FVR*
- The **Border Consortium (TBC)**: NFI distribution



Food and Nutrition

- The **Border Consortium (TBC)**: food distribution



Livelihoods

- **Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)**: small-scale livelihood activities
- The **Border Consortium (TBC)**: agriculture and marketing for preparedness



Education

- **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)**: education and vocational training
- **Film Aid**: awareness raising
- **Right to Play (RTP)**: non-formal learning class and recreation activities
- **Save the Children (SCI)**: education
- **Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)**: educational libraries
- **World Education (WE)**: education, skills and knowledge building



Resettlement

- **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**: Post-approval resettlement services
- **IRC Resettlement Support Centre**: US resettlement service

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