

Umpiem Temporary Shelter

Profile



May 2016

Verified Population - May 2016

12,230 *

Population profile

Gender

Female 50% Male 50%

Age

18 years and above: 56%

5-17 years: 31%

Below 5 years: 13%

Ethnicity

Karen 86% Burman 8% Mon 2% Other 4%

Religion

Christian 36% Buddhist 44% Muslim 20%

**According to Verification Exercise conducted from Jan-Apr 2015 and subsequent data changes to-date*

Background

Umpiem camp was established in 1999 to accommodate refugees relocated from Huaykalok and Mawker 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 south east Myanmar who fled an armed conflict.



Location

Umpiem camp 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.)

Governance

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

A Thai Ranger Unit 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.

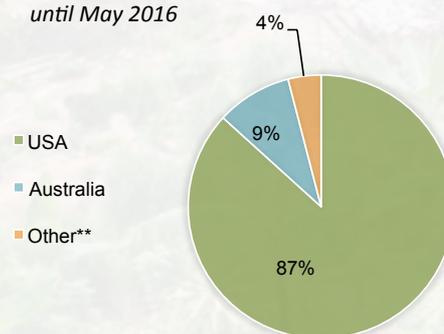
UNHCR Activities

- 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



Departures by Country of Resettlement until May 2016



**Norway, New Zealand, Canada, Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden, UK & N.Ireland and Japan

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). At the end of 2005, the Tak PAB, assessed the status of “persons fleeing fighting” and “persons fleeing political persecution” for thousands of asylum seekers in Umpiem. Between 2005 and 2006 the PAB recognized virtually all of the unregistered population at that time.

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

 Health	
• Health care, health information system and psycho-social support	Premiere Urgence Aide Medicale Internationale (PU-AMI)
 Water, Hygiene & Sanitation	
• Sanitation	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Water and sanitation	American Refugee Committee (ARC)
 Protection and Community Services	
• Child protection, assistance for vulnerable individuals 	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• SGBV prevention and response	American Refugee Committee (ARC)
• Prosthesis, disability social inclusion and mine risk education	Handicap International (HI)
• Legal assistance, women’s protection and empowerment	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
 Registration	
• Registration and Status Determination 	Ministry of Interior (MOI)
 Shelter	
• Repair materials for shelters	The Border Consortium (TBC)
 Non-Food Items (NFIs)	
• NFI distribution	The Border Consortium (TBC)
 Food and Nutrition	
• Food distribution	The Border Consortium (TBC)
 Livelihoods	
• Agriculture and marketing for preparedness	The Border Consortium (TBC)
 Education	
• Education and vocational training	Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)
• Education	Save The Children (STC)
• Educational libraries	Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)
• Education, skills and knowledge building	World Education / Consortium (WE)
 Resettlement	
• 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 sectorial information from Umpiem Camp, please consult: <https://www.unhcr.or.th> and <http://www.commonservice.info>