

# Ban Mai Nai Soi Temporary Shelter

Profile



December 2017

## Verified Population\* - December 2017

9,728

## Population profile

### Gender

Female 49% Male 51%

### Age

18 years and above: 58%

5-17 years: 32%

Below 5 years: 10%

### Ethnicity

Karenni 94% Shan/Thai Yai 3% Other 3%

### Religion

Animist 51% Christian 33% Buddhist 15% Other 1%

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

## Governance

The Ministry of Interior (MOI) is responsible for administration in nine camps. Ban Mai Nai Soi Camp Commander is the District Officer of Muang District. A refugee Camp Committee is directly involved in camp governance, and received support from the Karenni Refugee Committee (KnRC).

Some personnel from the Military Taskforce 7 are 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.

## Voluntary Repatriation

Given the significant political and security changes taking place in Myanmar, preparedness for voluntary repatriation (VolRep) began in early 2012. Planning for VolRep has steadily increased following positive events such as the signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in October 2015 and the General Election in November 2015 which led to the formation of the new civilian government led by National League for Democracy (NLD). In order to support the preparedness for voluntary repatriation of refugees who reside in the nine temporary shelters, various tools and activities have been developed and carried out in close consultation with NGOs and the refugee community.

## Facilitated return figures as of December 2017

Departed		Pending Departure	
Individuals	Families	Individuals	Families
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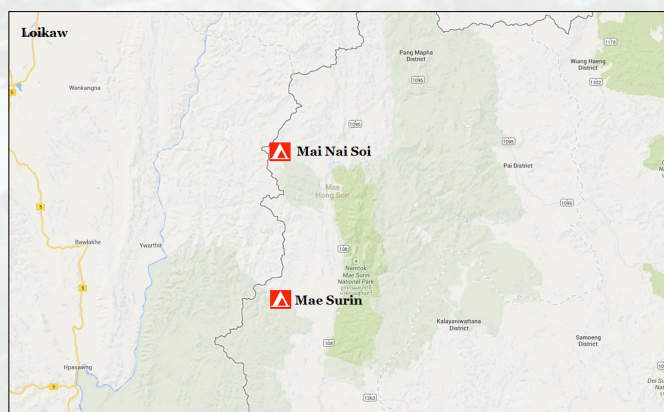
## Background

Ban Mai Nai Soi camp, so-called Site 1, is the result of consolidation of Ban Tractor and Ban Kwai camps in 1996. Initially, Ban Mai Nai Soi accommodated around 1,800 refugees from the two original camps. The camp population grew gradually due to ongoing fighting at the bordering area in Myanmar.

Due to its initial setting which was close to the neighboring Thai villages, the camp was relocated to the present location.

## Location

Ban Mai Nai Soi camp is in Muang District, Mae Hong Son Province, approximately 2 km. from the Thai-Myanmar border and approximately 26 km. from Mae Hong Son town and takes about 45 minutes to reach the camp. It has a surface area of 551 acres (2.23 sq.km.).



## UNHCR Activities

- Facilitate the repatriation of persons who voluntarily want to return to Myanmar
- 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 the Child Protection Framework

## Key Repatriation Activities

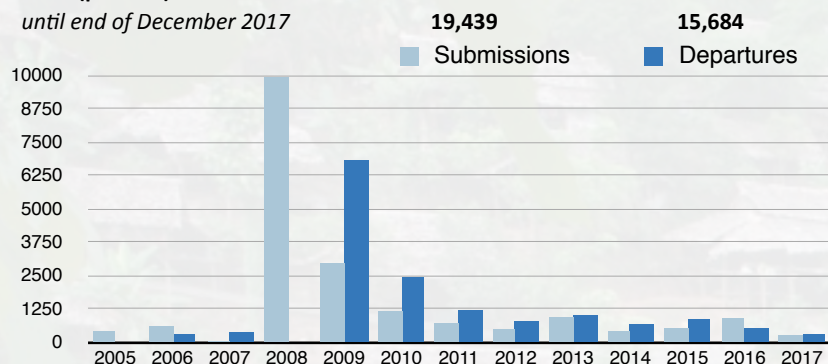
- Facilitated return including protection counseling support for persons with specific needs, mine risk education, organized transport, cash and NFI assistance
- Outreach activities e.g. focus group discussions, public forums and film screening, with a focus on access to civil documentation
- Physical dissemination of information materials
- Stakeholders meetings
- Support for "Go and See" visit among the refugee community
- Cross-border dialogue through joint workshops, meetings and "Come and Tell visits"



## Resettlement Statistics

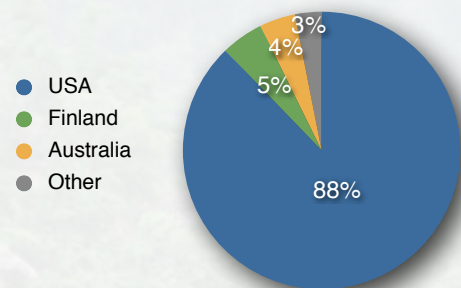
### Total (persons)

until end of December 2017








## Departures by Country of Resettlement

until end of December 2017



\*\*Norway, New Zealand, Canada, Netherlands, Ireland and Sweden

## Humanitarian Organizations

Health	
• Health services	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Water, Hygiene & Sanitation	
• Water and sanitation	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Protection and Community Services	
• Training and awareness raising on legal related issues	International Rescue Committee (IRC) Legal Assistance Centre (LAC)
• Women's protection and empowerment	International Rescue Committee (IRC) Women's Protection and Empowerment (WPE) - <i>working closely with UNHCR</i>
• Prosthesis, disability social inclusion	International Rescue Committee (IRC) Health
• Life development skills for children	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Child protection, assistance for vulnerable individuals 	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Psycho-social assistance	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
• Mine Risk Education for voluntary repatriation 	Handicap International (HI)
Registration	
• Registration and Status Determination 	Ministry of Interior (MOI)
Shelter	
• Repair materials for shelters	The Border Consortium (TBC)
NFI Non-Food Items (NFIs)	
• NFI distribution	The Border Consortium (TBC)
• NFI distribution for voluntary repatriation 	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Food and Nutrition	
• Food distribution	The Border Consortium (TBC)
Livelihoods	
• Livelihoods	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)
• Livelihoods (agricultural project)	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Agriculture and marketing for preparedness	The Border Consortium (TBC)
Education	
• Education	Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
• Nursery school, women study program	Women's Education for Advancement and Empowerment (WEAVE)
Resettlement	
• Post-approval resettlement services	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
• The US resettlement service	IRC Resettlement Support Center (IRC-RSC)
 UNHCR financially supported	

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