

Ban Mae Surin Temporary Shelter

Profile



December 2017

Verified Population* - December 2017

2,282

Population profile

Gender

Female 51% Male 49%

Age

18 years and above: 55%

5-17 years: 33%

Below 5 years: 13%

Ethnicity

Karen 51% Karenni 48% Other 1%

Religion

Christian 96% Buddhist 3% 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 Mae Surin Camp Commander is the District Officer of Khun Yuam District. A refugee Camp Committee is directly involved in camp governance, and received support from the Karenni Refugee Committee (KnRC).

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.

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

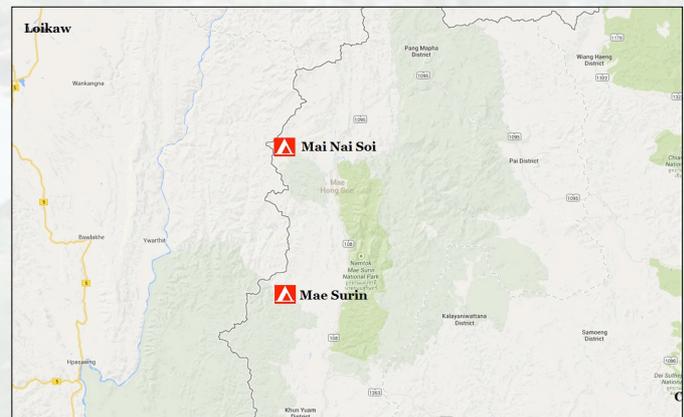
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Individuals	Families	Individuals	Families
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Background

Ban Mae Surin camp, so-called Site 2, was established in 1992 to accommodate some 150 refugee families who fled an armed conflict from Myanmar. It is the site of many refugee camp consolidation, where the camp population expanded following relocation the former Site 4 and Site 6 in 1996. Majority of the population is of Karen ethnicity originating from Kayah State and many come from an agrarian background.

Location

Ban Mae Surin camp is in Khun Yuam District, Mae Hong Son Province, approximately 8 km. from the Thai-Myanmar border and some 90 km. from Mae Hong Son town and it takes about 3 hours to reach the camp. It has a surface area of 74 acres (0.3 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

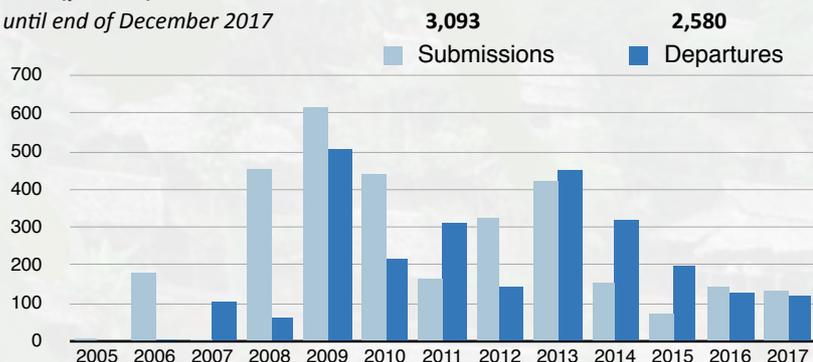
Key Repatriation Activities

- 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

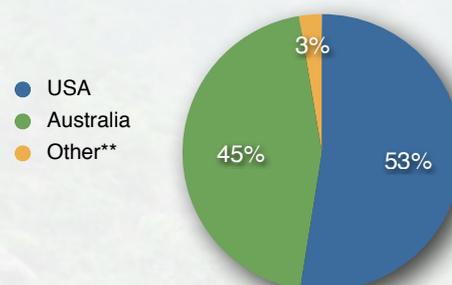
Total (persons)

until end of December 2017



Departures by Country of Resettlement

until end of December 2017



**Norway, New Zealand, Canada, Finland, Netherlands, 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)
• Mine risk education for voluntary repatriation	Handicap International (HI)
• Psycho-social assistance	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)
• 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)

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