

Nupo Temporary Shelter

Profile



December 2017

Verified Population* - December 2017

10,646

Population profile

Gender

Female 51% Male 49%

Age

18 years and above: 57%

5-17 years: 32%

Below 5 years: 11%

Ethnicity

Karen 86% Burman 10% Other 4%

Religion

Christian 49% Buddhist 43% Muslim 8%

**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. Nupo Camp Commander is the Deputy District Officer of Umphang 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.

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
65	19	99	30

Background

Nupo camp was established in 1997 to accommodate refugees fleeing offensive attacks from Myanmar. It is the smallest and the most remote camp in Tak Province.

In March 2005, a number of refugees recognized under UNHCR's mandate in Mae Sot were transferred to Nupo camp, in line with the policy of the Royal Thai Government that all recognized refugees from Myanmar must reside in the temporary shelters.

Location

Nupo camp is in Umphang District, approximately 10 kilometers from the Thai-Myanmar border and 228 kilometers from Mae Sot. It has a surface area of 158 acres (0.64 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

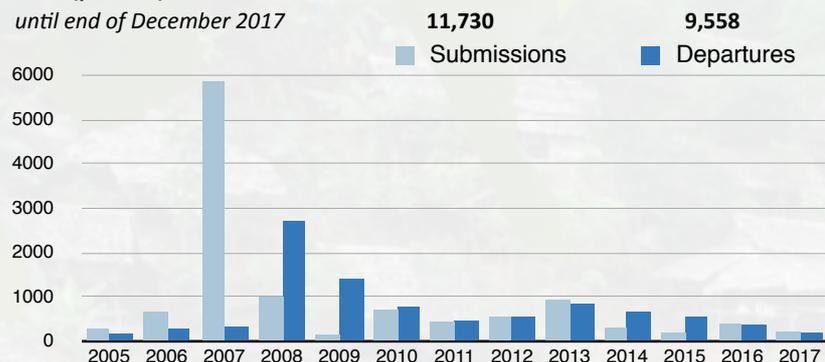
Key Repatriation Activities

- 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
- 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

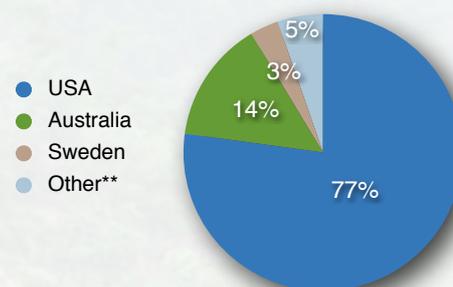
Total (persons)

until end of December 2017



Departures by Country of Resettlement

until end of December 2017



**Norway, New Zealand, Canada, Finland, Netherlands, Great Britain, Denmark and Japan

Humanitarian Organizations

Health	
• Health services	International Rescue committee (IRC)
Water, Hygiene & Sanitation	
• Sanitation	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Water and sanitation	International Rescue committee (IRC)
Protection and Community Services	
• Child protection, assistance for vulnerable individuals	Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
• Prosthesis, disability social inclusion	Handicap International (HI)
• Min risk education for voluntary repatriation	
• SGBV prevention and response	IRC Women Protection and Empowerment (IRC-WPE)
• Legal Assistance and Promotion of Rule of Law	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 for repatriation	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Food and Nutrition	
• Food distribution	The Border Consortium (TBC)
Education	
• Education and vocational training	Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)
• Education	Save The Children (STC)
• Non-formal learning class (NFL)	Right to Play (RTP)
• 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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