



HIGHLIGHTS

109,039

Myanmar refugees in nine camps were verified in 2015 and their biometric data was recorded

1,194

newborn within the registered refugee camp population received a birth certificate in 2015

1,274

New arrivals seeking asylum in urban settings since January 2015

3,599

Persons departed for resettlement since January 2015

Population of concern

A total of **0.6 million** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Stateless ¹	506,000
Myanmar	110,000
Other	9,000
Total	625,000

Funding

USD 38.4 Million requested

USD 2.9 Million contributions

8% funded



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

130 national staff
35 international staff

Offices:

6 offices located in: Bangkok, Hat Yai, Kanchanaburi, Mae Hong Son, Mae Sariang and Mae Sot

¹ Latest population figures confirmed by Royal Thai Government in December 2011

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR continues to lead and support an inclusive preparedness and planning process for durable solutions for Myanmar refugees. An Operations Plan aiming at preparing the facilitation of possible return movements that could occur towards the end of the year or next year is progressively developed by UNHCR and key stakeholders. UNHCR chairs the Donor Humanitarian Agencies Working Group, bringing together donors and international organizations (IOM and NGOs), and the Voluntary Repatriation Coordination Group. UNHCR also coordinates the inter-agency Detention Task Force, and works closely with the Statelessness Support Group, the UN Working Group on Human Rights and Access to Justice and the UN Working Group on the Deep South.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Durable Solutions

- A joint RTG-UNHCR Verification Exercise of the refugee population in all nine camps was undertaken between January and April by a mobile team of more than 75 persons. The exercise, which employed UNHCR's new Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) and smart cards, was the most comprehensive review of the refugee population since 2005 with 109,035 verified persons (49% male, 51% female, 43% minors).
- UNHCR continues to scale-up activities in line with the *Global Action Plan to end Statelessness*. UNHCR has deployed 20 Community Statelessness Workers (CSW) operating in 6 districts of 3 provinces. A total of 1,486 stateless persons have been identified as being entitled to Thai nationality and 2,100 stateless persons as being entitled to permanent residency, out of which 846 applications are finalized and processed to Provincial Civil Registration. UNHCR also funded the reproduction of 7,504 copies of a new Nationality and Civil Registration Handbook and has shipped in July to 2,581 Civil Registration Units across Thailand.
- 3,473 refugees from the camps, 109 refugees from urban areas, and 17 Rohingya persons at IDCs and government shelters departed for resettlement to 9 different countries from January to July.

Fair Protection Processes and Documentation

- The Fast Track Provincial Admission Boards (FTPAB) have met and are expediting the review of family reunification/family unity submissions. For the first time five serious medical "test cases" will be assessed by the FTPAB, opening the door for additional protection/medical cases to be considered on an urgent basis.
- Over 12,000 Myanmar refugee children received a birth certificate since 2010. The verification has created the conditions for UNHCR to engage the RTG on the coverage of children of unregistered parents who, since the law was enacted, were not provided with a birth certificate.
- In absence of a national legal framework for refugee protection, UNHCR continues to conduct registration, RSD and identifies durable solutions for urban persons of concern. A total of 1,274 new asylum-seekers have been registered this year.

Security from Violence and Exploitation

- SGBV prevention and response coordination, referrals and interagency cooperation is continuing in all camps and 39 survivors were referred so far this year to appropriate services. UNHCR also undertook training on basic rights of LGBTI individuals and worked with male leaders to adjust attitudes towards gender and violence.

Basic Needs and Essential Services

- UNHCR provided 36,000 sanitary kits (6 month supply) to girls and women of reproductive age in the nine camps. The UNHCR supported Health Information System (HIS) is producing weekly bulletins and monthly reports. Mental health services and psychosocial support benefitted 1,491 persons so far this year and UNHCR also assisted 111 refugees with disabilities including 67 with prosthetics and assistive devices produced locally.
- Efforts at promoting social integration of PoCs through existing Thai institutions including health insurance, formal education and birth registration continued. UNHCR provides a subsistence allowance to, on average, 650 vulnerable urban refugees. The medical treatment of 1,272 cases in various hospitals was covered financially by UNHCR. Intensive Thai language training was

provided free of charge to 683 school age children, and 485 students enrolled in Thai public schools were also supported financially.

Favourable Protection Environment

- The Bay of Bengal Crisis in May placed renewed attention and emphasis on protection issues in the context of mixed-migratory flows. UNHCR was able to screen and establish family links for 206 Rohingya and 208 Bangladeshi who arrived at the peak of the crisis. UNHCR continues to provide protection, counseling, core relief items and hygiene kits, best interest determination and durable solutions (mostly resettlement). There are 527 Rohingya persons of concern (236 adult male, 62 adult female, 229 minors) currently in Thailand. The Office continues to promote improved detention conditions and pursue plans for the construction of a humanitarian rehabilitation center in Sadao district (Songkhla province). A Field Unit is established in Hat Yai to improve overall coordination and response.

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