

Background information

Since June 2013, UNHCR has been piloting a system to assess spontaneous returns in the Southeast of Myanmar, a process that may start in the absence of an organized Voluntary Repatriation operation. A **verified return village**, therefore, is a village where UNHCR field staff have confirmed there are refugees and/or IDPs who have returned since January 2012 with the intention of remaining permanently. During the assessments, communities are also asked whether their village is a **refugee village of origin**, by definition a village that is home to people residing in a refugee camp in Thailand. A village where UNHCR completes an assessment can be both a verified return village and a refugee village of origin, as the two are not mutually exclusive.

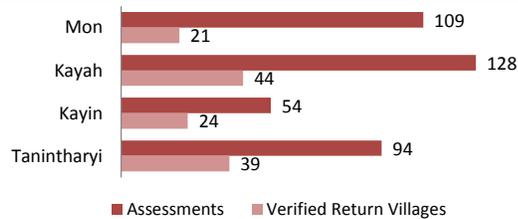
Using a “do no harm” approach based around community level discussion, the return assessment collect information about the patterns and needs of returnees in the Southeast. The project does not, however, attempt to represent the total number of returnees in a state, or the region as a whole. The returnee monitoring project has been underway in Kayah State, Mon State and Tanintharyi Region since June 2013, and expanded to Kayah State in December 2013.

Total Assessments 385

Verified Return Villages 128

Refugee Villages of Origin 236

Verified Return Villages by State/Region



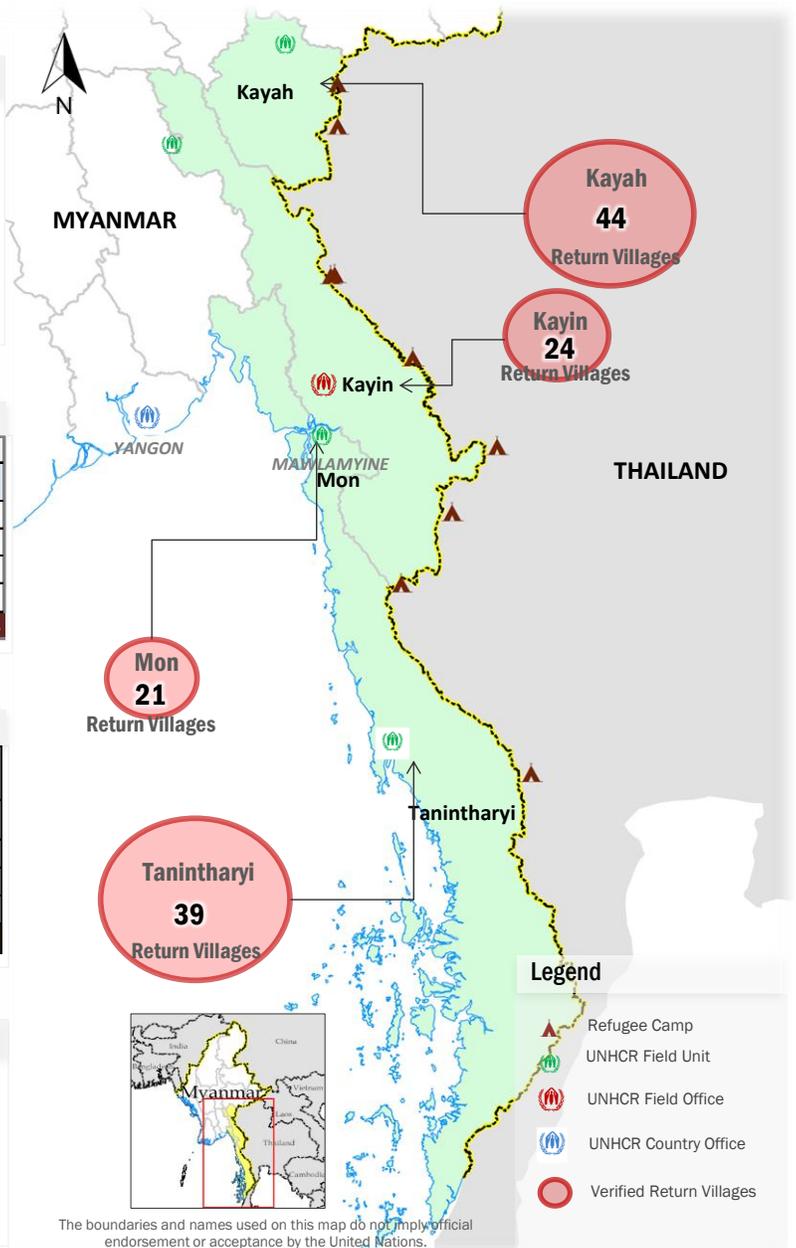
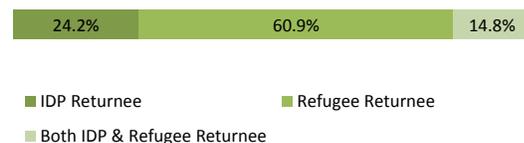
No. of Returnees in assessed villages by State/Region

State	IDP Returnee		Refugee Returnee	
	HH	Individuals	HH	Individuals
Mon	188	1055	21	69
Kayah	283	1525	97	203
Kayin	249	1210	116	524
Tanintharyi	579	3298	176	655
Grand Total	1299	7088	410	1451

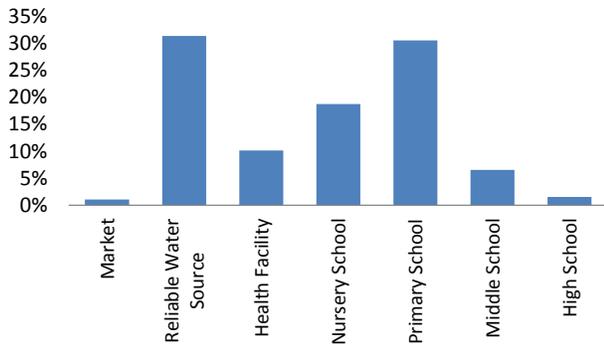
No. of Verified Return Villages by Type

State	IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee	Both IDP & Refugee Returnee
Mon	12	5	4
Kayah	7	28	9
Kayin	3	17	4
Tanintharyi	9	28	2
Grand Total	31	78	19

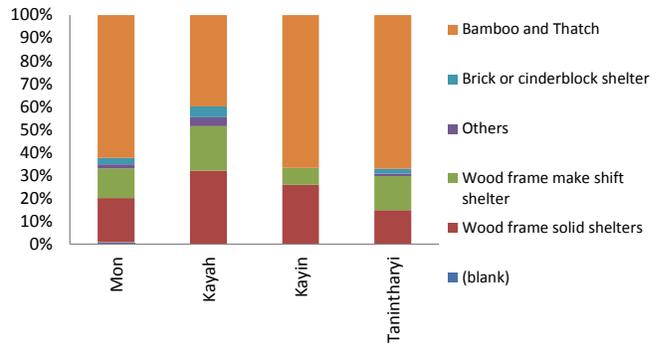
Verified Return Villages by Type



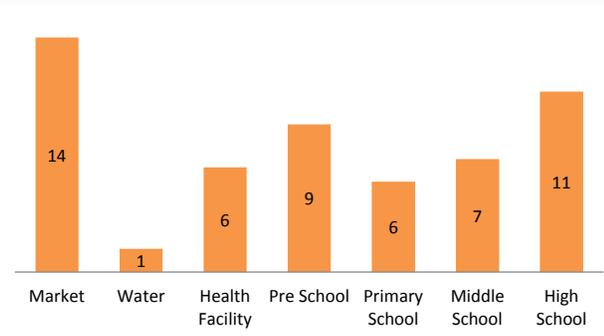
% of Assessed Villages in which key Services are available



% of Shelter Types available in Assessed Villages

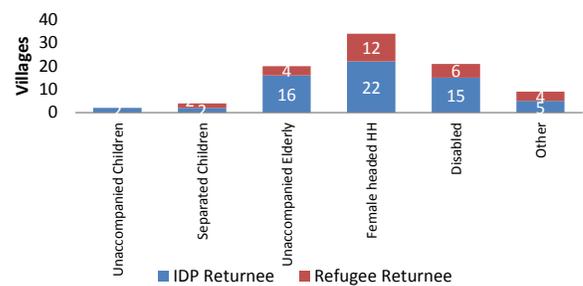


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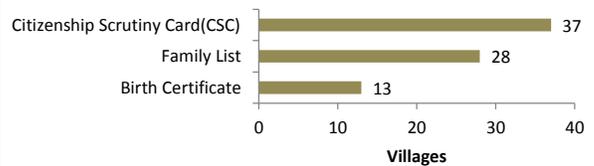


Overview in Verified Return Villages

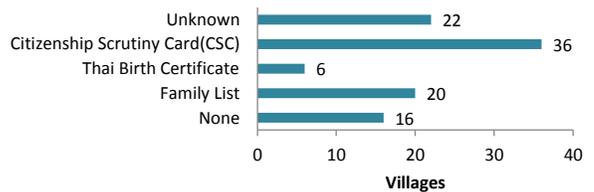
Presence of Vulnerable Returnees



Identity Documents held by IDP Returnee

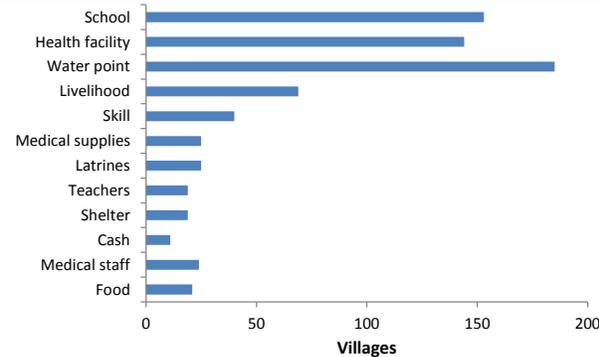


Identity Documents held by Refugee Returnee

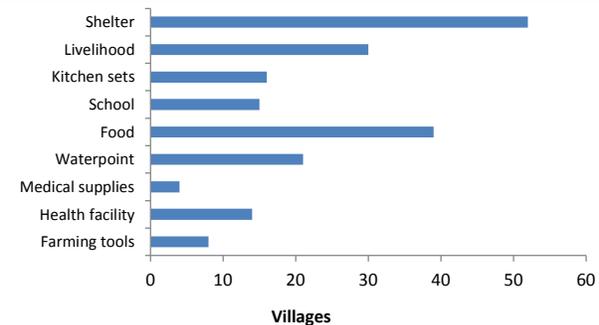


Needs

Community (Assessed Villages)



Returnee (Verified Return Villages)



Problems in re-occupying Land & Property

