

Your donation has brought back hope and changed thousands of refugees' lives in the past year.

Refugees in Thailand have lived in camps for more than two decades. With your kindness, UNHCR is able to help them become more self-reliant while living in camps and to help some of them find new homes in other countries. Here are some of the success stories that were possible because of your donation.

Resettlement

- In 2009, UNHCR submitted over 19,400 refugees of Myanmar nationality to 11 different countries for resettlement; about 16,500 refugees departed to start new lives in other countries.
- With large-scale resettlement underway, the registered refugee population in the camps was reduced to some 104,000 by the end of 2009 compared with 111,000 at the end of 2008.

Our goal in 2010

- Engage stakeholders in discussions on comprehensive solutions to address the protracted situation and increase protection space.
- Support the government to improve the government registration, screening and admissions system.
- Expand the agricultural income generation and skills training in another two camps so that more refugees can increase their household income and self-sufficiency.
- Submit up to 12,000 refugees for resettlement consideration in 2010

List of partners

Implementing partners

Government: Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Education

NGOs: Aide Medicale Internationale, American Refugee Committee, Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees, Forum Asia, Handicap International, International Rescue Committee, Malteser International, Right to Play, Shanti Volunteer Association, ZOA Refugee Care

Others: UNDP (UNV), UNOPS

Operational partners

Government: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, National Security Council

NGOs: TOPS, JRS, Solidaritas, TBBC, ADRA, WEAVE, World Education

Others: FAO, ILO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, IOM, UNESCO

The state of refugees living in camps in Thailand is one of the most protracted situation around the world. Your long-term commitment will allow UNHCR to take the necessary steps to protect them, help them rebuild their lives, provide them with skills to become self-reliant and prepare them for the day when they will be able to start a new life in safety and with dignity.

Thank you for your contribution to help us rebuilding lives of over 100,000 refugees in Thailand.

Thank You



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Restoring Hopes*

The impact of your donation in 2009

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RESETTLEMENT

Protection

- Development of a five-year strategic plan by UNHCR and the Committee for Coordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand (CCSDPT) provided a platform for discussion between all stakeholders on comprehensive solutions to address the protracted situation of refugees on the Thai-Myanmar border.
- UNHCR works in close cooperation with the Royal Thai Government to revitalize the Provincial Admissions Boards' (PAB) as its screening mechanism for Myanmar asylum-seekers. A pilot pre-screening project in four of nine camps, aimed at expediting PAB processing, resulted in the completion of some 11,000 interviews of unregistered persons. The Royal Thai Government is reviewing the result before providing official decision to pursue the complete PAB screening.
- UNHCR supported systematic monitoring of the well-being of more than 7,000 separated and unaccompanied children across the camps. It facilitated third country resettlement especially for 640 children determined to be in greatest need of protection and durable solutions.
- In all reported cases of sexual and gender-based violence, survivors received psychosocial support and referrals in accordance with their wishes.
- The camp-based Legal Assistance Centres (LAC) supported by UNHCR assisted some 370 refugees. It further facilitated legal training of over 3,500 camp residents so that they understand better administration of justice in the camps, the relevant laws of Thailand and procedures for pursuing justice in accordance with national system.

Livelihoods

- UNHCR supported 5,541 refugees in eight camps learn Thai language; 3,898 refugees in seven camps learn English language.
- 2,332 refugees in seven camps attended vocational training and received certificates from Thailand's Ministry of Education. 900 refugees learned computer skills. The refugees can use the acquired skills for income-generation when opportunities arise.
- 10 vocational curricula for refugees are now certified by the Ministry of Education upgrading skills education in the camps to the Thai standards.
- With the delivery of agricultural training in previous years, 37 refugees under the pilot project have now started their own agricultural activities in the camps where they can now produce their own supplementary food supplies and may have some leftover products for sale. Over 150 refugees learnt agricultural skills and generated incomes for their family while working on the pilot lands.
- 789,714 is the number of visits made by refugees of all ages to UNHCR-funded 22 libraries in seven camps. Besides providing reading materials in refugees' own languages, the libraries also served as community centers for various cultural and educational activities.
- 1,246 children and young adults participated in classes that teach them about their own cultures and traditions.
- 3,196 young students enjoyed reading services at their schools.
- 78 refugees with physical disabilities attend vocational and skills training, gained employment, and were placed in regular schools.

Health: Refugees With Special Needs

- Over 8,000 refugees made use of Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) services for HIV/AIDS in five camps despite cultural challenges.
- A series of training on HIV/AIDS, family planning, sexual violence, health and sex education were delivered to refugees.
- 408 refugees with physical disabilities received prosthesis, orthopedic, and assistive devices and 2,010 received physiotherapy care and follow-up services. This greatly facilitates their physical movement in the camps mostly located in rough terrains.



Percentage of our activities in supporting refugees

- Protection 72%
- Resettlement 13%
- Livelihoods 11%
- Health 4%

