

Umpiem Temporary Shelter

Profile



September 2017

Verified Population* - September 2017

11,592

Population profile

Gender

Female 50% Male 50%

Age

18 years and above: 59%

5-17 years: 31%

Below 5 years: 10%

Ethnicity

Karen 86% Burman 8% Mon 2% Other 4%

Religion

Christian 36% Buddhist 44% Muslim 20%

**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. Umpiem Camp Commander is the Deputy District Officer of Phop Phra 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 September 2017

| Departed | | Pending Departure | |
|-------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Individuals | Families | Individuals | Families |
| 0 | 0 | 40 | 9 |

Background

Umpiem camp was established in 1999 to accommodate refugees relocated from Huaykalok and Mawker which were subject to cross-border attacks at that time, requiring the transfer of their residents to a new and safer location.

The population of Umpiem largely comprises refugees from south east Myanmar who fled an armed conflict.

Location

Umpiem camp is in Phop Phra District, approximately 13 kilometers from the Thai-Myanmar border and 86 kilometers from Mae Sot. It has a surface area of 195 acres (0.8 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

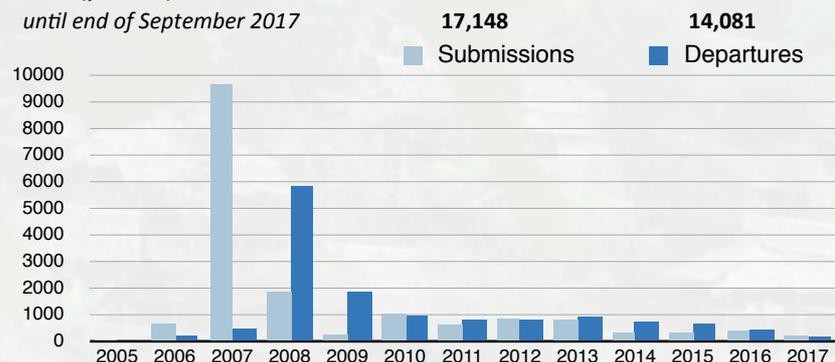
Key Repatriation Activities

- 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

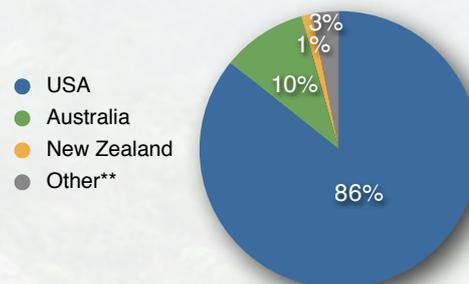
Total (persons)

until end of September 2017



Departures by Country of Resettlement

until end of September 2017



**Norway, Canada, Sweden, Netherlands, Ireland, Great Britain, Japan and South Korea

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) |
| • SGBV prevention and response | IRC Women Protection and Empowerment (IRC-WPE) |
| • Prosthesis, disability social inclusion | Handicap International (HI) |
| • Mine risk education for voluntary repatriation | |
| • Legal assistance, Promotion of Rule of Law, women's protection and empowerment | International Rescue Committee (IRC) |
| Registration | |
| • Registration and Status Determination | Ministry of Interior (MOI) |
| Shelter | |
| • Repair materials for shelters | The Border Consortium (TBC) |
| NFI 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 | |
| • Agriculture and marketing for preparedness | The Border Consortium (TBC) |
| Education | |
| • Education and vocational training | Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA) |
| • Education | Save The Children (STC) |
| • 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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