

Tham Hin Temporary Shelter

Profile



September 2017

Verified Population* - September 2017

6,167

Population profile

Gender
Female 52% Male 48%

Age
18 years and above: 54%
5-17 years: 34%
Below 5 years: 12%

Ethnicity
Karen 99% Burman 1%

Religion
Christian 91% Buddhist 9%

**According to Verification Exercise conducted from Jan-Apr 2015 and subsequent changes in population*

Governance

The Thai Ministry of Interior (MOI) is responsible for managing the nine camps along the border. A Deputy District Officer of Suan Pueng District serves as the Camp Commander for Tham Hin camp and is directly responsible for camp administration and security. A Camp Committee, comprised of and elected by refugees, is responsible for day-to-day camp governance and receives support from the Karen Refugee Committee.

A Thai Military Taskforce is stationed near the camp to monitor security, in conjunction with the border police and border rangers. 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
6	1	0	0

Background

Tham Hin camp was established in 1997 following the arrival in Thailand of thousands of Myanmar citizens fleeing armed conflict and persecution in Southeast Myanmar. Since its inception, the camp has continued to receive Myanmar nationals seeking asylum. The majority of camp residents are Karen Christians. Most have a rural, agricultural background and originate from the Tanintharyi Region of Myanmar.

Location

Tham Hin camp is located in Suan Pueng District, Ratchaburi Province. It is approximately 12 km. from the Thai-Myanmar border and 28 km. from Suan Pueng District. It has a surface area of 28 acres (0.1 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

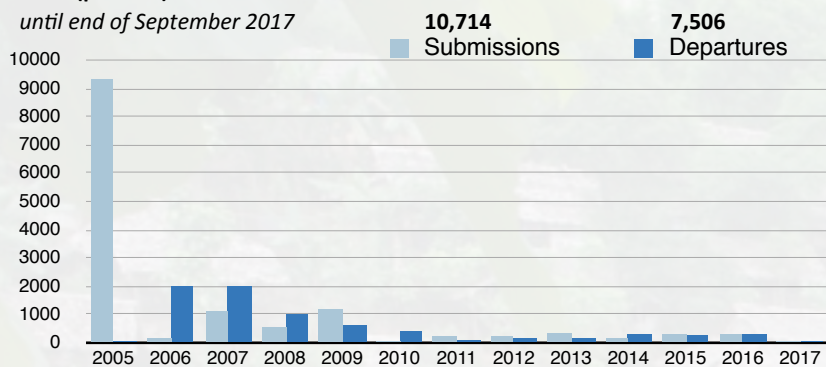
Key Repatriation Activities

- 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

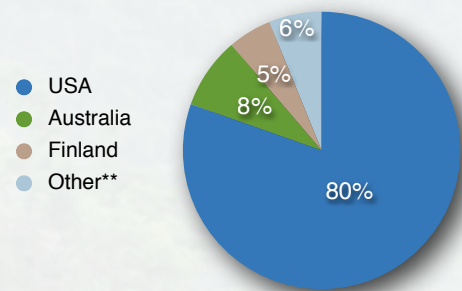
Total (persons)

until end of September 2017



Departures by Country of Resettlement

until end of September 2017



**Norway, New Zealand, Canada, Netherlands and Sweden

Humanitarian Organizations



Health

- Health services: International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Mental health and psychological support: International Rescue Committee (IRC)



Water, Hygiene & Sanitation

- Water and sanitation: International Rescue Committee (IRC)



Protection and Community Services

- Life development skills for children: Right to Play (RTP)
- Child protection, assistance for vulnerable individuals: Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
- Mine risk education for voluntary repatriation: Handicap International (HI)
- SGBV prevention and response: IRC Women Protection and Empowerment (IRC-WPE)



Registration

- Registration and Status Determination: Ministry of Interior (MOI)



Food and Nutrition

- Provision of basic food items and Cash Transfer Program (CTP – pilot food card system): The Border Consortium (TBC)



Shelter

- Provision of shelter materials: The Border Consortium (TBC)



Non-food items

- NFI distribution: The Border Consortium (TBC)
- NFI distribution for repatriation: International Organization for Migration (IOM)



Livelihoods

- Vocational Training: Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)
- Agriculture (organic farming): Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
- Animal raising: Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
- Micro-finance and entrepreneurship: The Border Consortium (TBC)



Education

- School renovation and school supplies: Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)
- Pre-service teacher training: Right to Play (RTP)
- Non-formal education: Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)
- Educational library: Save The Children (STC)
- Basic Education Support towards Transition: World Education (WE)
- Post-secondary education: The Border Consortium (TBC)
- Nursery education: Taipei Overseas Peace Service (TOPS)
- Awareness raising: Film Aid



Resettlement

- Post-approval resettlement services: International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- The US resettlement service: IRC Resettlement Support Center (IRC-RSC)

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For updated sectoral information from Tham Hin Camp, please consult: <https://www.unhcr.or.th> and <http://www.commonservice.info>