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FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Message from Thailand Representative



UNHCR's Mission

Dear UNHCR Supporters,

More people were forced to flee their homes during 2013 than ever before in recent history. Nearly 2 million people fled the brutal conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic and hundreds of thousands escaped war, violence and persecution in the Central African Republic, the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and Sudan. By the end of 2013, over 51 million people – the highest number ever – were forced to be displaced. These alarming levels of mass suffering cannot be borne by UNHCR alone. We call on the international community to overcome its differences and find solutions to these conflicts.

As the UNHCR Representative in Thailand, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your long term support. With your donation, you have helped us to continue with our operations in the country without being too dependent on global funding. You have made a difference to the lives of thousands of refugees in Thailand. I hope you will be pleased to see in this report how UNHCR spent your donation to change their lives.

Conflicts and war continue to force people out of their homes. UNHCR is there to take care of refugees from the beginning to the end of their exile. I hope you will stand by UNHCR until together we find lasting solutions for refugees.

Thank you again for your generosity.

With my Warmest Regards,

Signature


Mireille Girard

Representative UNHCR Thailand

The High Commissioner for Refugees is mandated by the United Nations to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems.

UNHCR's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. In its efforts to achieve this objective, the office strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another state, and to return home voluntarily. By assisting refugees to return to their own country or to settle permanently in another country, UNHCR also seeks lasting solutions to their plight.

Basic Facts


 42,876,586
People of concern to the High Commissioner

 2,971,824,815
Total 2013 UNHCR expenditure (USD)


 123
Countries in which UNHCR is present

 459
Number of UNHCR offices worldwide


 7,211
UNHCR regular staff members

 7,638
Staff members in the field

 991
Staff members at Headquarters

 1 per 4,970
Ratio of staff members to people of concern

 733
NGOs working as implementing partners

 148
States parties to the 1951 Convention and/or the 1967 Protocol

UNHCR's presence in Thailand



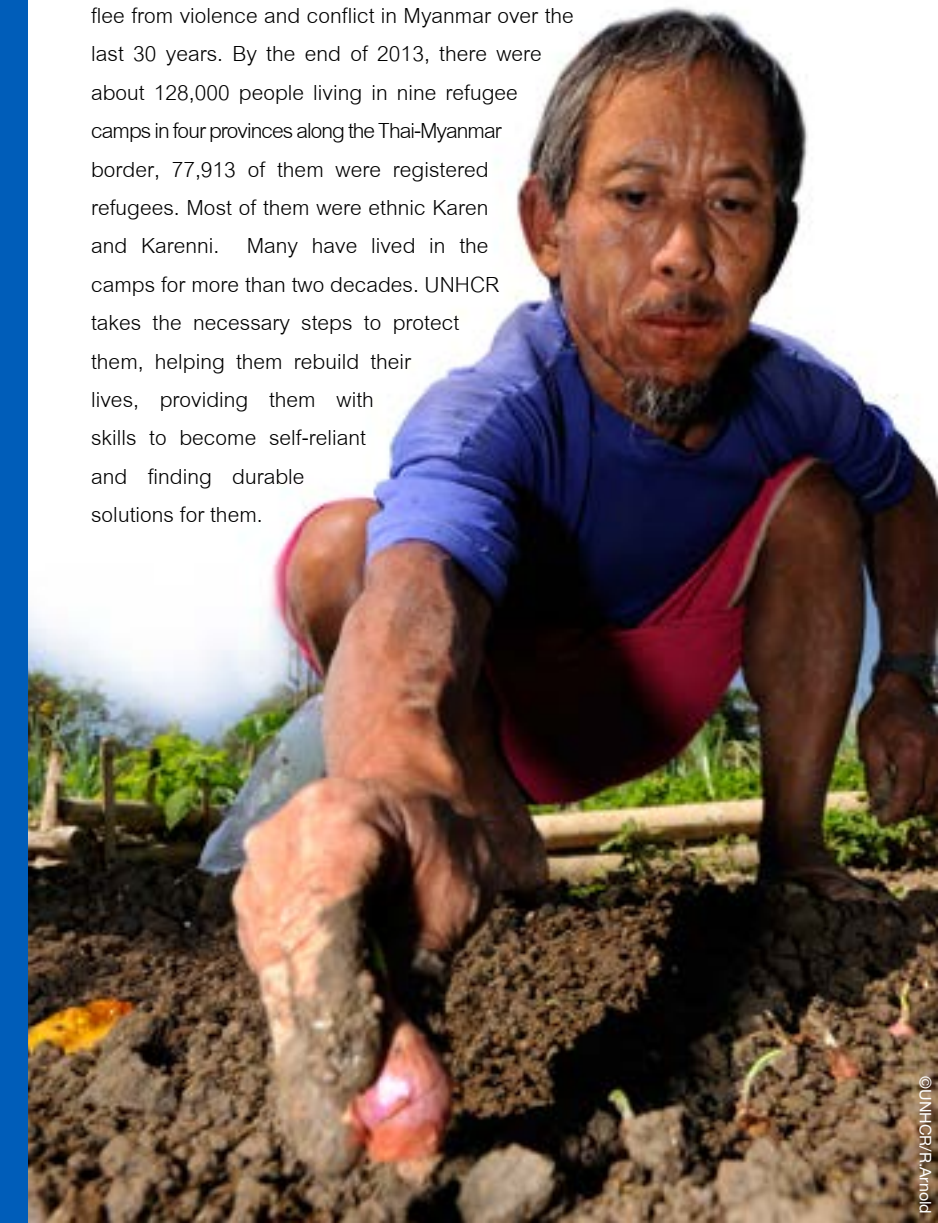
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Number of offices



121
Total staff

2013 UNHCR Thailand Operation

Refugees living in camps in Thailand were forced to flee from violence and conflict in Myanmar over the last 30 years. By the end of 2013, there were about 128,000 people living in nine refugee camps in four provinces along the Thai-Myanmar border, 77,913 of them were registered refugees. Most of them were ethnic Karen and Karenni. Many have lived in the camps for more than two decades. UNHCR takes the necessary steps to protect them, helping them rebuild their lives, providing them with skills to become self-reliant and finding durable solutions for them.



2013 Achievements and Impact

People with Disability

 **7200** Refugees

Mine Risk Education

UNHCR supported Handicap International to teach 7,200 refugees in nine camps about landmines in order to prevent injury and death.



Social Inclusion

With UNHCR's support, there were 822 people with disabilities in three camps receiving access to basic services in camps. They can lead their lives like other refugees in camps.

 **4500** Children

Protecting Unaccompanied Children

UNHCR supported and monitored the well-being of nearly 4,500 unaccompanied children in camps during 2013.



Birth Registration

UNHCR worked closely with the Thai Government to ensure that refugee children born in camps are registered at birth. In 2013, about 2,573 children born in refugee camps received birth certificates.



Livelihoods

UNHCR helped 4,751 refugees learn a wide range of skills including cooking, sewing, computer, agriculture and Thai language.



322 Cases

Legal Assistance Counselling

Legal assistance centres supported by UNHCR provided 322 cases of counseling, some 70 of which were referred to the Thai legal system.



Refugee Profiling

UNHCR and the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage joined hands to conduct a household-based survey in the nine camps. This assessed the demographics of the refugee population and provide a channel for them to voice their concerns and future aspirations beyond life in a camp. It also evaluated their needs, particularly as it relates to issues of human security, including future livelihoods.



Typhoon Haiyan and Syria Crisis

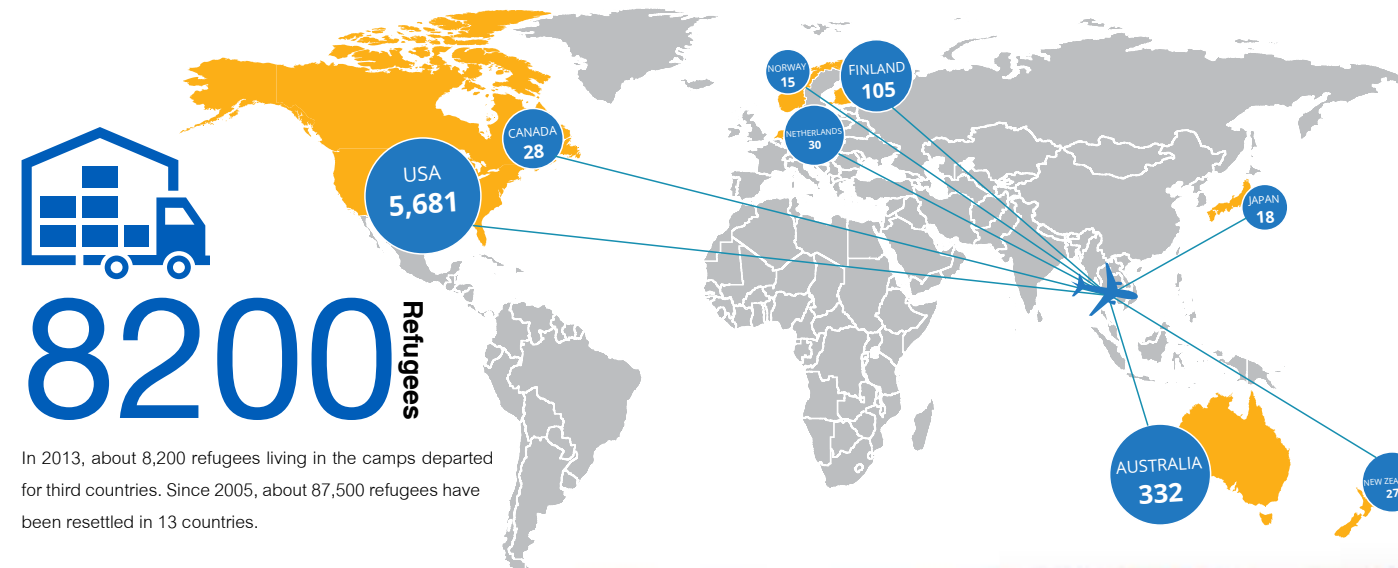
In 2013, UNHCR sent out special appeals to support people affected by Typhoon Haiyan and the Syria Crisis. We raised 751,756 Baht which helped UNHCR to provide assistance to refugees and displaced people. Your donation helps keep them safe and warm, providing them with shelter, sleeping mats, blankets, food, medical care and access to education.



Funding Shortage

The lack of resources to address identified refugee needs has hampered UNHCR's efforts to sufficiently provide lasting support for refugees. Your continued support is essential for UNHCR to take the steps necessary to help refugees to start a new life in safety and with dignity.

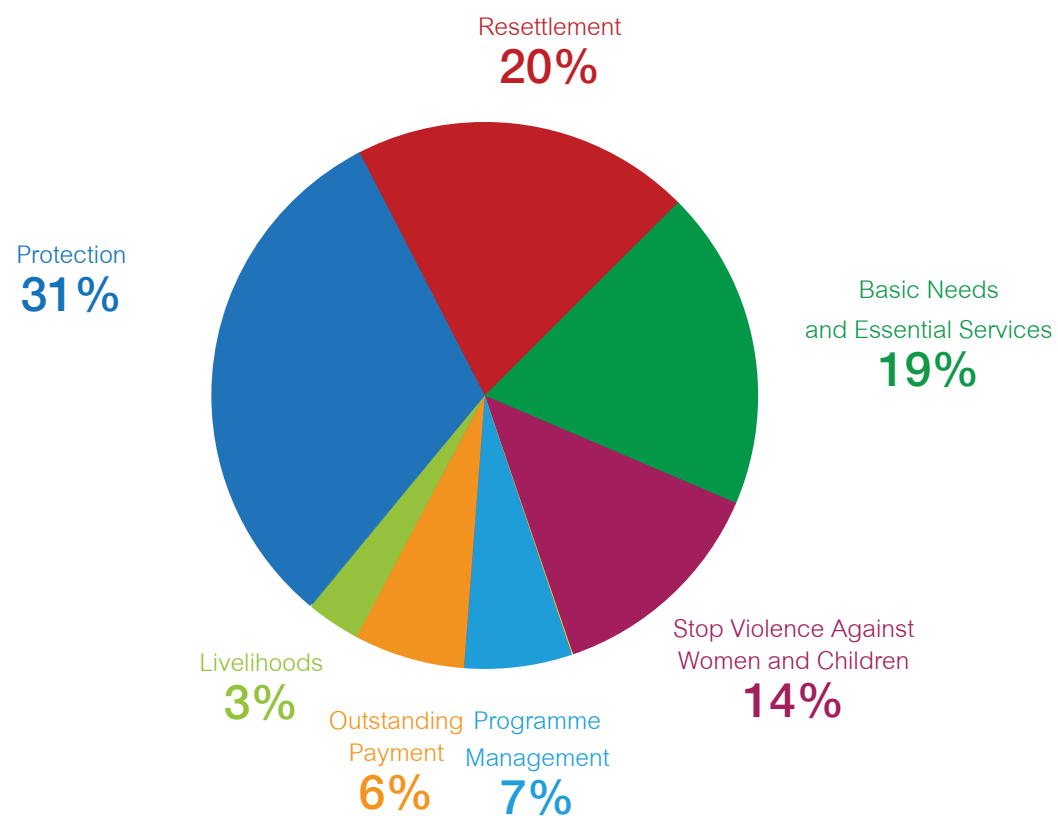
Resettlement Countries in 2013



Statement of Revenue and Expenditure

Source of Income	Thai Baht	%
Income from abroad	286,789,026	68.5%
Income from individual donors in Thailand*	132,079,424	31.5%
Total Funds Available	418,868,450	100%

*100% of donations from individual donors in Thailand is used for the benefit of refugees in Thailand



Expenditure	\$US	Thai Baht
Protection	4,230,603	130,302,572
Resettlement	2,758,410	84,959,028
Basic Needs and Essential Services	2,556,038	78,725,970
Stop Violence Against Women and Children	1,842,854	56,759,903
Programme Management	913,827	28,145,872
Outstanding Payment	867,852	26,729,842
Livelihoods	430,041	13,245,263
Total	13,599,625	418,868,450

*Exchange rate 1 \$US = 30.8 Baht

EVENT



UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie marks World Refugee Day in Thailand. Angelina Jolie visited Ban Mai Nai Soi camp in Mae Hong Son. She spent time with Karenni refugees from Myanmar – one of the longest-running refugee situations in the world. Jolie called for urgent action to end the vicious cycle of violence and displacement as the world's displaced exceeds 50 million people for the first time since World War II.



UNHCR announces Ploy, Chermarn, as the First Celebrity Supporter in Thailand. Renowned Thai actress Ploy, also known as Chermarn Boonyasak, joined forces with the UN Refugee Agency and celebrities around the world to release video messages in support of refugee families and asking the public to show solidarity by sharing their stories.

UNHCR reveals that global forced displacement exceeds 50 million for first time in post-World War II era.

- 51.2 million people were forcibly displaced at the end of 2013
- 16.7 million refugees (11.7 million under UNHCR's care)
- 33.3 million internally displaced people (23.9 million under UNHCR's care)
- 1.2 million asylum seekers



Plan B promotes World Refugee Day. As the leading company in outdoor media, Plan B helps UNHCR to speak up for refugees throughout the year by promoting online fundraising spots, World Refugee Day messages and the Refugee Film Festival.



Refugee Film Festival in Bangkok. Over 2,000 people attended the Refugee Film Festival in Bangkok, watching six quality films about refugees. The audience included UNHCR donors, students, media and the general public. Their post-screening feedback was unanimous, with everyone agreeing that refugees need urgent help.



Our Goals in 2014

- Access to legal assistance and legal remedies is improved.
- Civil registration and civil status documentation are strengthened. All children in the camps who are under 12 months of age are issued official birth certificates by national authorities.
- Protection of children strengthened
- The risk of sexual violence in camps is reduced and the timing and quality of responses are improved.
- All refugees identified to be in need of resettlement are referred to resettlement countries.
- Access to information on conditions in potential return areas in Myanmar and on basic protection standards regarding voluntary repatriation.
- Comprehensive Solutions Strategy developed, strengthened and updated

Many refugees in Thailand have very little choice but to spend decades in a camp. Your commitment to donate for **five years or more** allows UNHCR to take the steps necessary 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.

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