

Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter

VERIFIED POPULATION* (AS OF 30 JUNE 2019)

A total of **2,551** persons of concern to UNHCR

POPULATION PROFILE

Gender: 51% Female | 49% Male

Age: 57% 18 years and above | 32% 5-17 years | 11% below 5 years

Ethnicity: 94% Karen | 3% Mon | 3% Other

Religion: 83% Christian | 16% Buddhist | 1% Other



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

Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter is in **Sangklaburi District, Kanchanaburi Province**, less than 1 km from the Thai-Myanmar border and 31 km from Sangklaburi town. It has a surface area of 23.7 acres (0.1 sq.km)

Background

- Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter was **established in 1997** when a group of Myanmar nationals who had previously fled Myanmar and sought refuge in Thai villages was transferred to the temporary shelter. The majority of residents are Karen Christians. Most residents have a rural, agricultural background and originate from the Tanintharyi Region of Myanmar.

Governance

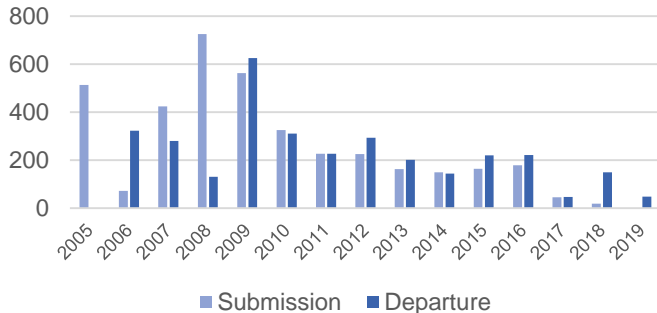
- The Ministry of Interior (MOI)** is responsible for administration in the nine temporary shelters. The Ban Don Yang Camp Commander is the Deputy District Officer of Sangklaburi District. A refugee Camp Committee is directly involved in the governance of Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter, and receives support from the Karen Refugee Committee (KRC).
- A Thai Ranger** is stationed near the temporary shelter to monitor security. Territory Defense Volunteers known as Or Sors are employed and trained by the MOI to provide internal security in Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter.

UNHCR Activities

- UNHCR implements **protection activities** including facilitating refugees' access to the Thai justice system, addressing child protection concerns through its partner and conducting activities to prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).
- In line with amendments to the Civil Registration Act (2008) UNHCR continues to advocate to the Royal Thai Government (RTG) to ensure every child has their **right to birth registration upheld**. As of 30 June 2019, 884 birth certificates have been issued in Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter.
- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Thai and Myanmar governments, the refugee community and other stakeholders to unlock a **multi-solutions approach** to find a dignified, sustainable and comprehensive end to the situation of protracted encampment on the Thai-Myanmar border.
- UNHCR works in collaboration with the Resettlement Support Center (RSC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and third countries' embassies on the **resettlement process for refugees** with serious protection needs including lifesaving medical care. As of end-June 2019, a total of 3,217 individuals have been resettled from Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter.
- Through the Facilitated Voluntary Return (FVR) programme led by the governments of Thailand and Myanmar with UNHCR and other partners in support, UNHCR **facilitates voluntary repatriation** for Myanmar refugees who through their own initiative approach UNHCR and express their wish to return home. As of 30 June 2019, a total of 46 individuals (14 families) from Ban Don Yang Temporary Shelter have returned to Myanmar through the FVR programme.

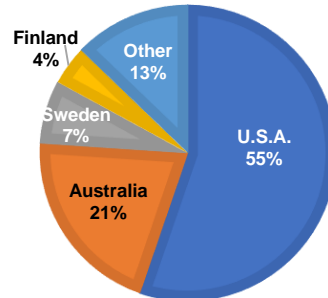
Resettlement Statistics

Total individual submissions (30 June 2019): 3,123
Total individual departures (30 June 2019): 3,217



DEPARTURES BY COUNTRY OF RESETTLEMENT (30 JUNE 2019)

■ U.S.A. ■ Australia ■ Sweden ■ Finland ■ Other



Humanitarian Organisations



Health

- The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: health services, mental health and psychosocial support



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: water and sanitation



Protection and Community Services

- **Catholic Office for Emergency Relief (COERR)**: child protection, assistance for vulnerable adults*
- **Humanity and Inclusion (HI)**: mine risk education for FVR*
- The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: SGBV prevention and response
- **Right to Play (RTP)**: life development skills for children



Registration

- **Ministry of the Interior (MOI)**: registration and status determination for fast-track PAB*



Shelter

- The **Border Consortium (TBC)**: provision of shelter materials



Non-Food Items (NFIs)

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



Food and Nutrition

- The **Border Consortium (TBC)**: basic food assistance via food card system, supplementary / therapeutic feeding programmes, infant and young child feeding campaign, bi-annual nutrition survey



Livelihoods

- **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)**: vocational training
- **Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)**: agriculture (organic farming) and animal raising
- The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: Micro-finance and entrepreneurship



Education

- **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)**: school renovation and supplies
- **Right to Play (RTP)**: non-formal and nursery education
- **Save the Children (SCI)**: basic education support towards transition, pre and in-service teacher training
- **Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)**: educational libraries



Resettlement

- **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**: post-approval resettlement services
- **IRC Resettlement Support Centre**: US resettlement service

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