Background
Ban Don Yang camp was established in 1997 when a group of Myanmar nationals who had fled Myanmar and sought refuge in Thai villages was transferred into the camp. The camp also continued to receive a smaller number of individuals who fled an armed conflict in many occasions in the past.

The majority of the camp residents are Karen Christians. Most have a rural, agricultural background and originate from the Tanintharyi Region of Myanmar.

Location
Ban Don Yang camp 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.)

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.

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”

Verified Population* - December 2017
2,752

Population profile
Gender
Female 51% Male 49%

Age
18 years and above: 55%
5-17 years: 33%
Below 5 years: 11%

Ethnicity
Karen 94% Mon 3% Other 3%

Religion
Christian 84% Buddhist 16%

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

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Departures by Country of Resettlement until end of December 2017

- **USA**: 18%
- **Australia**: 7%
- **Sweden**: 21%
- **Other**: 54%

**Norway, New Zealand, Canada, Finland, Netherlands, Ireland and Czech Republic**

Humanitarian Organizations

**Health**
- Health services: International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Mental health and psychological support: Right to Play (RTP)

**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: 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**
- 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: International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Animal raising: 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: Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)
- Basic Education Support towards Transition: Save The Children (STC)
- Nursery education: The Border Consortium (TBC)
- Awareness raising: Film Aid

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

For updated sectoral information from Ban Don Yang Camp, please consult: https://www.unhcr.or.th and http://www.commonservice.info