Mae La Oon Temporary Shelter
Profile

Verified Population* - December 2017
9,565

Population profile
Gender
Female 50% Male 50%

Age
1-18 years and above: 53%
5-17 years: 33%
Below 5 years: 14%

Ethnicity
Karen 99% Other 1%

Religion
Christian 65% Buddhist 32% Animist 2% Other 1%

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

Background
Mae La Oon was officially established in March 2004, following a relocation exercise from other sites which commenced in 2003. The population is largely comprised of people moved from Mae Khong Kha camp, which was severely affected by flash floods in September 2002.

Mae La Oon and Mae Ra Ma Luang are the most remote of all nine camps along the Thai-Myanmar border.

Location
Mae La Oon camp is in Sob Moei District, Mae Hong Son Province, approximately 3 km. from the Thai-Myanmar border and 83 km. from Mae Sariang. It has a surface area of 316 acres (1.28 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.

Facilitated return figures as of December 2017

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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

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Departures by Country of Resettlement
until end of December 2017

- USA: 1%
- Canada: 7%
- Australia: 21%
- Other**: 72%

**Norway, New Zealand, Finland, Netherlands, Great Britain, Sweden and Japan

Humanitarian Organizations

- **Health**
  - Health services
  - Reproductive health services
  - Malteser International (MI)
  - Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT)

- **Water, Hygiene & Sanitation**
  - Sanitation
  - Malteser International (MI)

- **Protection and Community Services**
  - Drug and alcohol abuse prevention
  - Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education Network (DARE)
  - Life development skills for children
  - Right to Play (RTP)
  - Child protection, assistance for vulnerable individuals
  - Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
  - Prostheses, disability social inclusion
  - Handicap International (HI)

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

- **Shelter**
  - Repair materials for shelters
  - The Border Consortium (TBC)

- **Non-Food Items (NFIs)**
  - NFI distribution
  - The Border Consortium (TBC)
  - NFI distribution for repatriation
  - International Organization for Migration (IOM)

- **Food and Nutrition**
  - Food distribution
  - The Border Consortium (TBC)

- **Livelihoods**
  - Livelihood and rehabilitation
  - Handicap International (HI)
  - Agricultural and animal raising project
  - Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR)
  - Agriculture, entrepreneurship and marketing for preparedness
  - The Border Consortium (TBC)
  - Grant for skill development and vocational training
  - Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)

- **Education**
  - School supplies and infrastructure
  - Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)
  - Basic education, in-service teacher training
  - Save The Children (STC)
  - Educational libraries
  - Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)
  - Pre-service teacher training and Non-formal learning class (NFL)
  - Right to Play (RTP)
  - Post-secondary
  - World Education (WE)
  - 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 Mae La Oon Camp, please consult: https://www.unhcr.or.th and http://www.commonservice.info