Myanmar SE Operation - Return Assessments

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Background information

Since June 2013, UNHCR has been piloting a system to assess spontaneous returns in the Southeast of Myanmar, a process that may start in the absence of an organized Voluntary Repatriation operation. A **verified return village**, therefore, is a village where UNHCR field staff have confirmed there are refugees and/or IDPs who have returned since January 2012 with the intention of remaining permanently. During the assessments, communities are also asked whether their village is a **refugee village of origin**, by definition a village that is home to people residing in a refugee camp in Thailand. A village where UNHCR completes an assessment can be both a verified return village and a refugee village of origin, as the two are not mutually exclusive.

Using a "do no harm" approach based around community level discussion, the return assessment collect information about the patterns and needs of returnees in the Southeast. The project does not, however, attempt to represent the total number of returnees in a state, or the region as a whole. As of December 2013, the returnee monitoring project is underway in Kayah State, Mon State, and Tanintharyi Region, and recently expanded to Kayin State.

Total Assessments	154
Verified Return Villages	34
Refugee Villages of Origin	84

Verified Return Villages by State/Region

Mon	77 / 8
Kayah	23 / 10
Kayin	7 / 2
Tanintharyi	47 / 14

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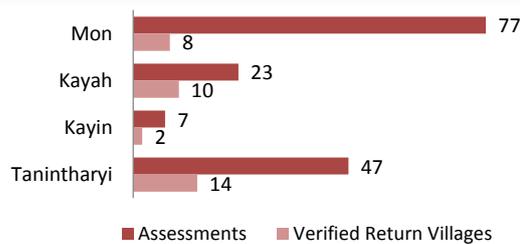
No. of Returnees in assessed villages by State/Region

State	IDP Returnee		Refugee Returnee	
	HH	Individuals	HH	Individuals
Mon	14	62	7	13
Kayah	184	912	15	19
Kayin	20	120	1	4
Tanintharyi	173	945	41	192
Grand Total	**391**	**2.039**	**64**	**228**

No. of Verified Return Villages by Type

State	IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee	Both IDP & Refugee Returnee
Mon	3	4	1
Kayah	5	2	3
Kayin	1	1	0
Tanintharyi	3	10	1
Grand Total	**12**	**17**	**5**

Verified Return Villages by Type

35.3%	50.0%	14.7%

■ IDP Returnee ■ Refugee Returnee
■ Both IDP & Refugee Returnee

Kayah
10
Return Villages

Kayin
2
Return Villages

Mon
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Tanintharyi
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Legend

▲ Refugee Camp
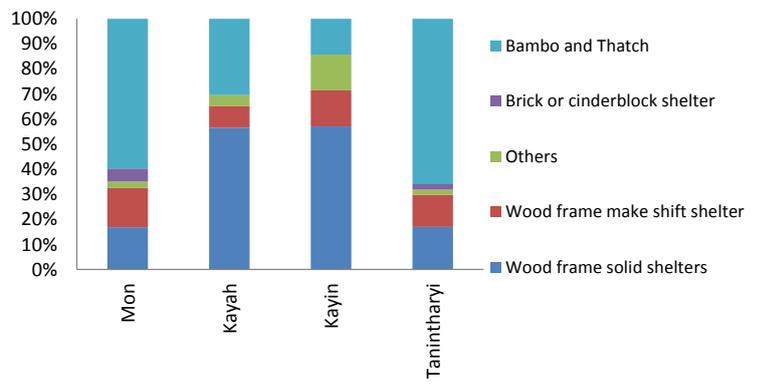UNHCR Field Unit
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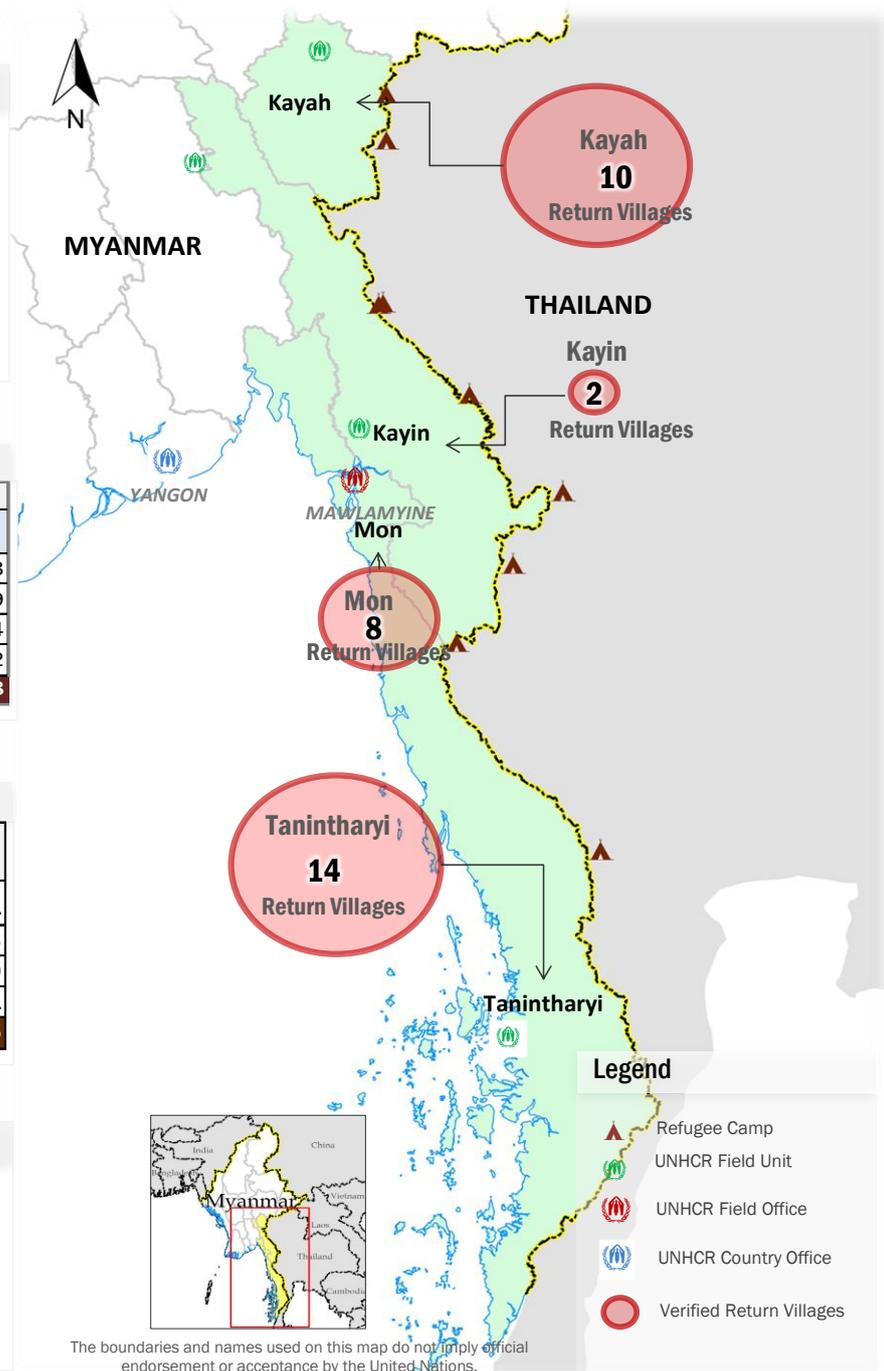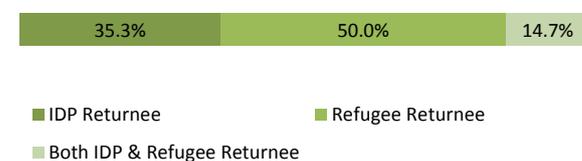
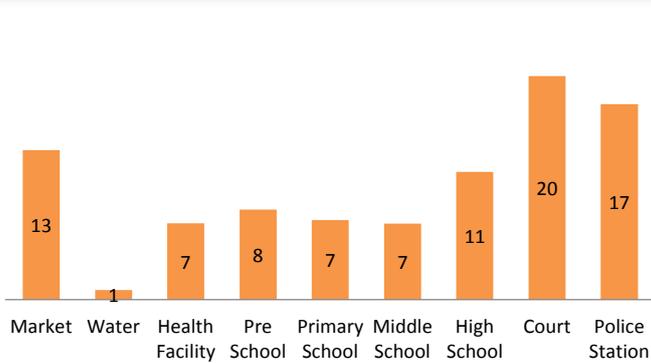The boundaries and names used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

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% of Assessed Villages in which key Services are available

Chart showing % of assessed villages with key services:
- Market: ~1%
- Reliable Water Source: ~33%
- Health Facility: ~8%
- Nursery School: ~18%
- Primary School: ~31%
- Middle School: ~31%
- High School: ~1%
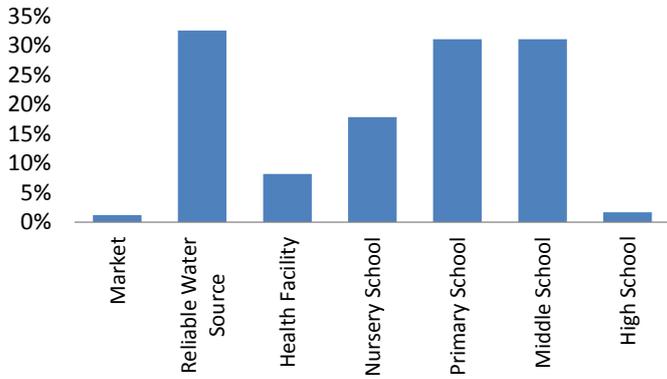
% of Shelter Types available in Assessed Villages

Stacked bar chart by region (Mon, Kayah, Kayin, Tanintharyi):
- Bambo and Thatch
- Brick or cinderblock shelter
- Others
- Wood frame make shift shelter
- Wood frame solid shelters

Average Distance to Services (Miles)

- Market: 13
- Water: 1
- Health Facility: 7
- Pre School: 8
- Primary School: 7
- Middle School: 7
- High School: 11
- Court: 20
- Police Station: 17

Overview in Verified Return Villages

Presence of Vulnerable Returnees

Bar chart (Villages) by category:
- Unaccompanied Children
- Separated Children
- Unaccompanied Elderly
- Female headed HH
- Disabled
- Other

Legend: IDP Returnee, Refugee Returnee
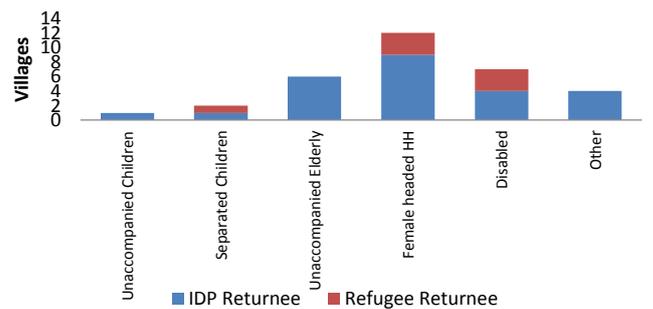
Identity Documents held by IDP Returnee

- Citizenship Scrutiny Card(CSC): 12
- Family List: 11
- Birth Certificate: 2
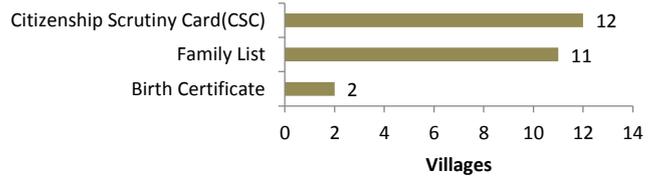
Identity Documents held by Refugee Returnee

- Unknown: 9
- Citizenship Scrutiny Card(CSC): 4
- Thai Birth Certificate: 1
- Family List: 2
- None: 5

Problems in re-occupying Land & Property

- Agriculture Plot: 4 (Refugee Returnee)
- Household Plot: ~5 (IDP Returnee ~1, Refugee Returnee ~4)

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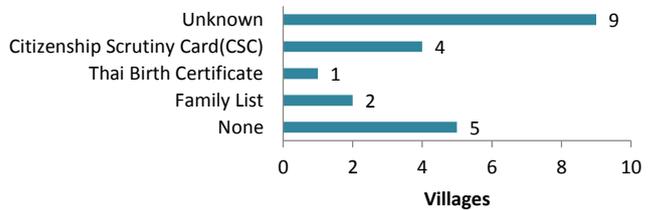
Needs

Community (Assessed Villages)

Bar chart (Villages):
- School: ~57
- Health facility: ~57
- Water point: ~62
- Livelihood: ~35
- Skill: ~28
- Medical supplies: ~17
- Latrines: ~11
- Teachers: ~10
- Shelter: ~9
- Cash: ~3
- Medical staff: ~8
- Food: ~4
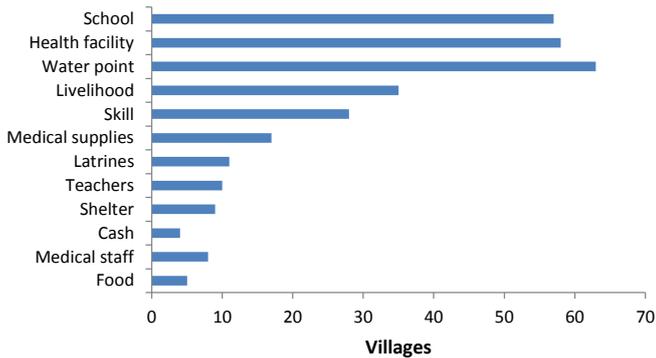
Returnee (Verified Return Villages)

Bar chart (Villages):
- Shelter: ~12
- Livelihood: ~10
- Kitchen sets: ~7
- School: ~5
- Food: ~5
- Waterpoint: ~4
- Medical supplies: ~2
- Health facility: ~3
- Farming tools: ~2

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