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. The returnee monitoring project has been underway in Kayah State, Mon State and Taninthary Region since June 2013, and expanded to Kayin State in December 2013.
### Services

#### % of Assessed Villages in which key Services are available

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<th>Service</th>
<th>IDP Returnee</th>
<th>Refugee Returnee</th>
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<td>Market</td>
<td>14%</td>
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#### % of Shelter Types available in Assessed Villages

- Bamboo and Thatch: 0%
- Brick or cinderblock shelter: 0%
- Others: 100%
- Wood frame make shift shelter: 0%
- Wood frame solid shelters: 100%

### Needs

#### Community (Assessed Villages)

- School: 50% (54% of IDP returnees, 54% of refugee returnees)
- Water point: 11% (11% of IDP returnees, 11% of refugee returnees)
- Health facility: 35% (35% of IDP returnees, 35% of refugee returnees)
- Skill: 7% (7% of IDP returnees, 7% of refugee returnees)
- Livelihood: 3% (3% of IDP returnees, 3% of refugee returnees)
- Teachers: 7% (7% of IDP returnees, 7% of refugee returnees)
- Latrines: 6% (6% of IDP returnees, 6% of refugee returnees)
- Medical supplies: 3% (3% of IDP returnees, 3% of refugee returnees)

#### Returnee (Verified Return Villages)

- Shelter: 3% (3% of IDP returnees, 3% of refugee returnees)
- Livelihood: 3% (3% of IDP returnees, 3% of refugee returnees)
- Kitchen sets: 3% (3% of IDP returnees, 3% of refugee returnees)
- School: 5% (5% of IDP returnees, 5% of refugee returnees)
- Food: 4% (4% of IDP returnees, 4% of refugee returnees)
- Waterpoint: 1% (1% of IDP returnees, 1% of refugee returnees)
- Medical supplies: 1% (1% of IDP returnees, 1% of refugee returnees)
- Health facility: 1% (1% of IDP returnees, 1% of refugee returnees)
- Farming tools: 1% (1% of IDP returnees, 1% of refugee returnees)

### Overview in Verified Return Villages

#### Presence of Vulnerable Returnees

- IDP Returnee: 2% (2% of all returnees)
- Refugee Returnee: 2% (2% of all returnees)

#### Identity Documents held by IDP Returnee

- Citizenship Scrutiny Card (CSC): Unknown
- Family List: 11% (11% of all returnees)
- Birth Certificate: 8% (8% of all returnees)

#### Identity Documents held by Refugee Returnee

- Citizenship Scrutiny Card (CSC): 1% (1% of all returnees)
- Thai Birth Certificate: 2% (2% of all returnees)
- Family List: 5% (5% of all returnees)
- None: 0% (0% of all returnees)

#### Problems in re-occupying Land & Property

- Agriculture Plot: 1% (1% of all returnees)
- Household Plot: 1% (1% of all returnees)

### Source

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