## 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 Tanintharyi Region since June 2013, and expanded to Kayin State in December 2013.

Total Assessments	409
Verified Return Villages	136
Refugee Villages of Origin	250

Verified Return Villages by State/Region

State/Region	Assessments	Verified Return Villages
Mon	116	24
Kayah	134	45
Kayin	63	27
Tanintharyi	96	40
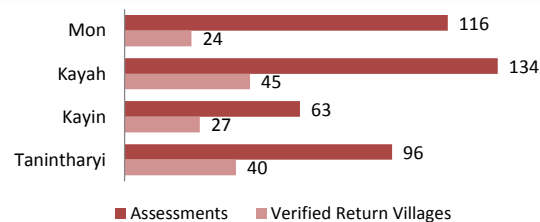
No. of Returnees in assessed villages by State/Region

State	IDP Returnee		Refugee Returnee	
	HH	Individuals	HH	Individuals
Mon	188	1055	24	85
Kayah	293	1575	97	203
Kayin	299	1460	224	1066
Tanintharyi	579	3298	182	672
Grand Total	**1359**	**7388**	**527**	**2026**

No. of Verified Return Villages by Type

State	IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee	Both IDP & Refugee Returnee
Mon	12	8	4
Kayah	8	28	9
Kayin	3	19	5
Tanintharyi	9	29	2
Grand Total	**32**	**84**	**20**

Verified Return Villages by Type

IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee	Both IDP & Refugee Returnee
23.5%	61.8%	14.7%

MYANMAR

YANGON

MAWLAMYINE

THAILAND

Kayah
45
Return Villages

Kayin
27
Return Villages

Mon
24
Return Villages

Tanintharyi
40
Return Villages

Legend

- ⛺ Refugee Camp
- UNHCR Field Unit
- UNHCR Field Office
- UNHCR Country Office
- ⬤ Verified Return Villages

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

Bar chart showing percentages for: Market, Reliable Water Source, Health Facility, Nursery School, Primary School, Middle School, High School
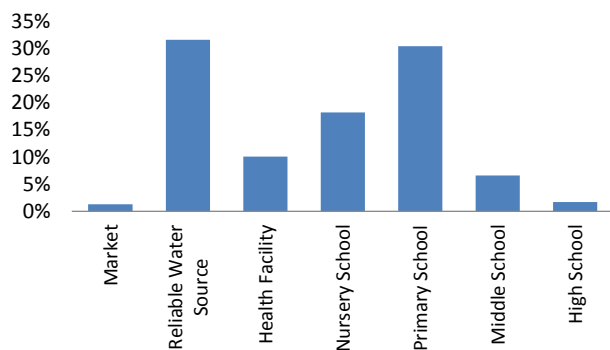
% of Shelter Types available in Assessed Villages

Categories: Mon, Kayah, Kayin, Tanintharyi

Legend:
- Bamboo and Thatch
- Brick or cinderblock shelter
- Others
- Wood frame make shift shelter
- Wood frame solid shelters
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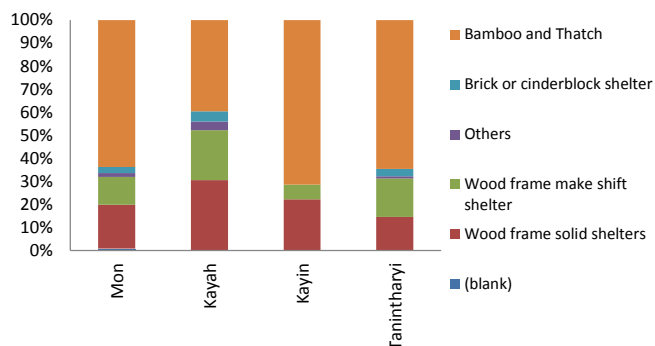
Average Distance to Services (Miles)

- Market: 15
- Water: 2
- Health Facility: 7
- Pre School: 9
- Primary School: 5
- Middle School: 7
- High School: 11
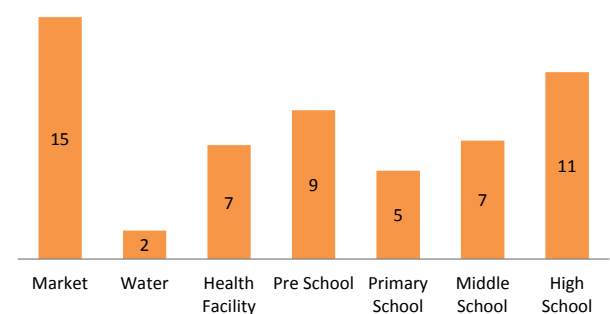
Overview in Verified Return Villages

Presence of Vulnerable Returnees

	IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee
Unaccompanied Children		
Separated Children		2
Unaccompanied Elderly	16	6
Female headed HH	22	13
Disabled	15	6
Other	5	4
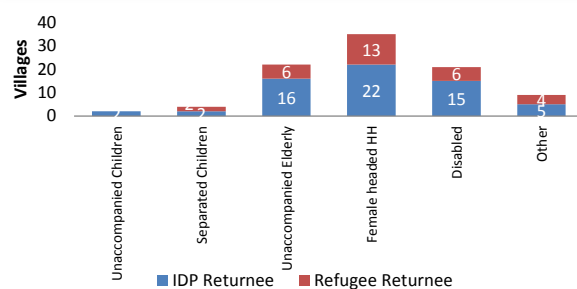
Identity Documents held by IDP Returnee

- Citizenship Scrutiny Card(CSC): 39
- Family List: 29
- Birth Certificate: 14
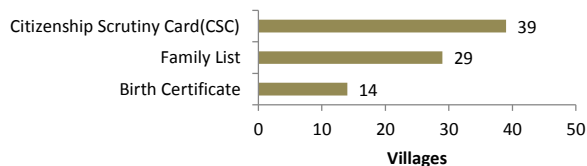
Identity Documents held by Refugee Returnee

- Unknown: 22
- Citizenship Scrutiny Card(CSC): 40
- Thai Birth Certificate: 6
- Family List: 22
- None: 18
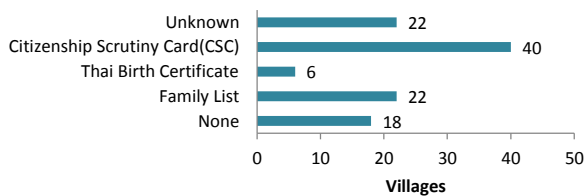
Problems in re-occupying Land & Property

	IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee
Agriculture Plot		11
Household Plot	2	11
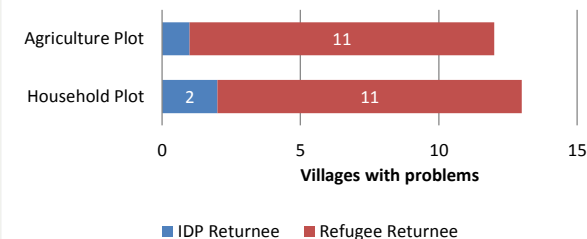
Needs

Community (Assessed Villages)

Categories (villages): School, Health facility, Water point, Livelihood, Skill, Medical supplies, Latrines, Teachers, Shelter, Cash, Medical staff, Food
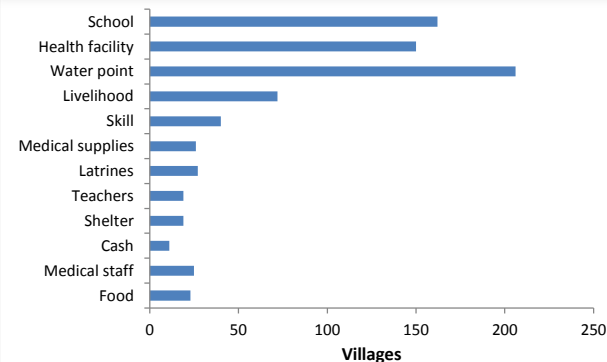
Returnee (Verified Return Villages)

Categories (villages): Shelter, Livelihood, Kitchen sets, School, Food, Waterpoint, Medical supplies, Health facility, Farming tools

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