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	86
Verified Return Villages	33
Refugee Villages of Origin	49

Verified Return Villages by Township

- Assessments
- Verified Return Villages
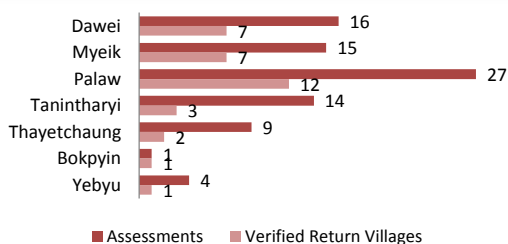
No. of Returnees in assessed villages by Township

Township	IDP Returnee		Refugee Returnee	
	HH	Individuals	HH	Individuals
Dawei	10	40	89	335
Myeik	0	0	13	55
Palaw	535	3060	12	30
Tanintharyi	0	0	35	160
Thayetchaung	0	0	2	4
Bokpyin	26	173	0	0
Yebyu	8	25	1	1
Grand Total	**579**	**3298**	**152**	**585**

No. of Verified Return Villages by Type

Township	IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee	Both IDP & Refugee
Dawei	0	6	1
Myeik	0	7	0
Palaw	8	4	0
Tanintharyi	0	3	0
Thayetchaung	0	2	0
Bokpyin	1	0	0
Yebyu	0	0	1
Grand Total	**9**	**22**	**2**

Verified Return Villages by Type

27.3% — 66.7% — 6.1%

- IDP Returnee
- Refugee Returnee
- Both IDP & Refugee Returnee

Legend

- ★ Both IDP & Refugee Returnee Village
- ★ Refugee Returnee Village
- ★ IDP Returnee Village
- ★ Assessed but Not Verified
- ⌂ UNHCR Field Unit
- ▲ Refugee Camp in Thailand
- ● Town
- — Tanintharyi State Boundary

% of Assessed Villages in which key Services are available

Service	%
Market	1%
Reliable Water Source	34%
Health Facility	7%
Nursery School	18%
Primary School	33%
Middle School	6%
High School	1%
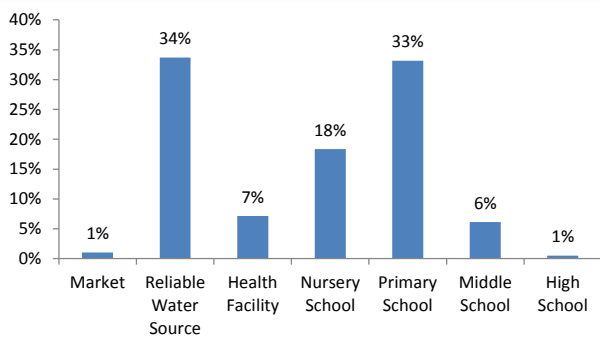
% of Shelter Types available in Assessed Villages

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

(Villages: Bokpyin, Dawei, Myeik, Palaw, Tanintharyi, Thayetchaung, Yebyu)
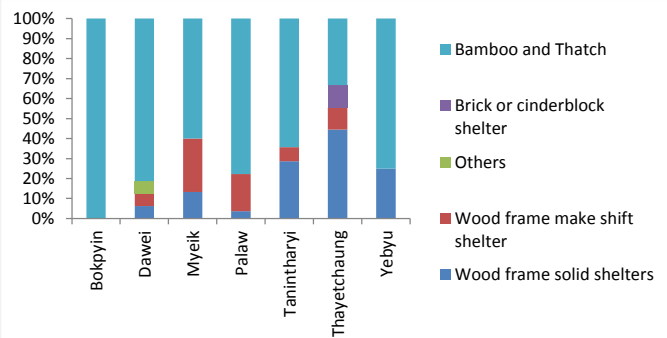
Average Distance to Services (Miles)

Service	Miles
Market	16
Water	1
Health Facility	8
Pre School	11
Primary School	10
Middle School	7
High School	14
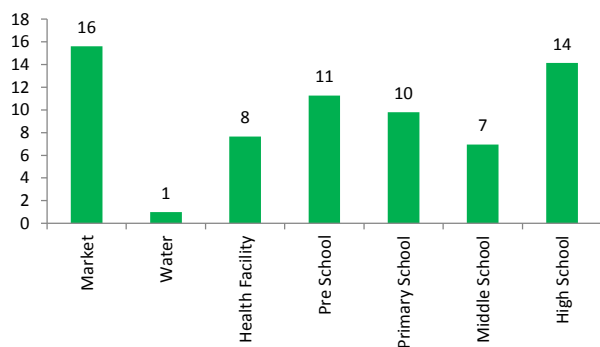
Overview in Verified Return Villages

Presence of Vulnerable Returnees

Category	IDP Returnee	Refugee Returnee
Unaccompanied Children		
Separated Children		
Unaccompanied Elderly	4	1
Female headed HH	4	2
Disabled	2	2
Other		

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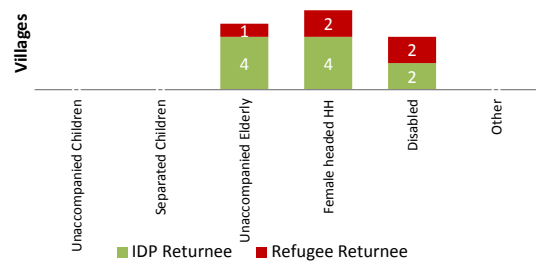
Identity Documents held by IDP Returnee

Document	Villages
Citizenship Scrutiny Card(CSC)	5
Family List	1
Birth Certificate	3
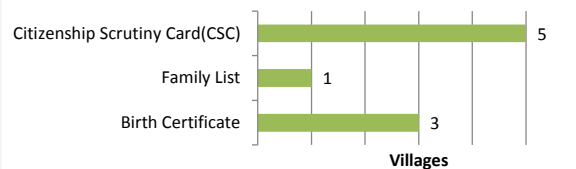
Identity Documents held by Refugee Returnee

Document	Villages
Unknown	6
Citizenship Scrutiny Card(CSC)	6
Thai Birth Certificate	3
Family List	1
None	9
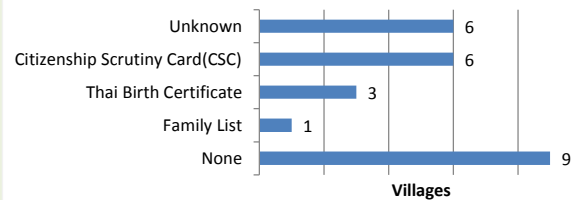
Problems in re-occupying Land & Property

Plot	Villages with problems
Agriculture Plot	5
Household Plot	5

Legend: IDP Returnee, Refugee Returnee
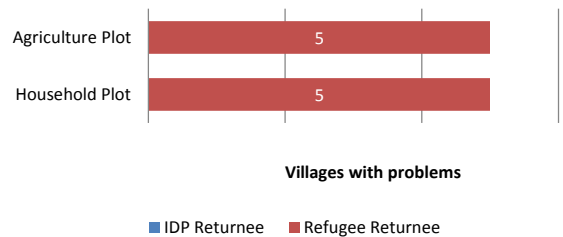
Needs

Community (Assessed Villages)

Need	Villages
Livelihood	37
Health facility	45
Skill	18
School	34
Water point	25
Medical supplies	15
Shelter	14
Latrines	8
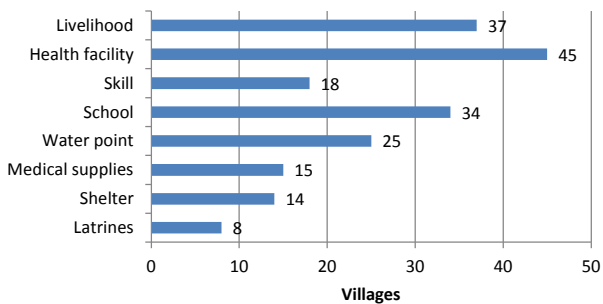
Returnee (Verified Return Villages)

Need	Villages
Shelter	23
Kitchen sets	5
School	13
Food	7
Waterpoint	6
Medical supplies	1
Health facility	9
Farming tools	1

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