

Distribution Plan of Used Clothing donated by the Wakachie Project, Japan

Location of Project:

The locations of the project where the used clothing donated by the Wakachie Project, Japan, will be distributed can be identified as follows:

- Nine official refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border located in Mae Hong Son, Tak, Kanchanaburi, and Ratchaburi provinces of Thailand. These nine official camps are currently hosting over 146,000 displaced persons from Burma.
- Five unofficial temporary shelters are located in Mae Hong Son and Chiangrai provinces, hosting around 6,000 displaced persons from Shan State of Burma.
- Also included are Thai villages adjacent to refugee camps affected by the influx of refugees from Burma.

Name of Partner Organisations:

- Karen Refugee Committees (KRC)
- Karenni Refugee Committees (KnRC)
- Shan Camp Committees

Description of Beneficiaries:

The items donated by the Wakachie Project consist of 2,000 cartons of used clothing (approximately 40,000 pieces). Since the quantity of used clothing will not be sufficient to distribute to the entire camp population, TBBC has identified vulnerable refugees as the target recipients of the aid from the Wakachie Project. The refugees under the vulnerable criteria include orphans, handicaps, elderly, widows, children/students in schools and/or boarding houses, and other groups as necessary.

After receipt and delivery to the border, the majority of the Wakachie's used clothing will be distributed to the vulnerable refugees within a few months after delivery. Some of clothing, however, will be temporarily stored as contingency stock for emergency needs, temporarily staying refugees, and any additional refugees identified as those vulnerable.

Approximately 20% of the beneficiaries are Thai villagers who have been affected by the influx of Burmese refugees. The distribution to Thai villagers is usually well received and helps strengthen good relations between the refugees, Thai villagers, and Thai officials.

Please see the attached table for the distribution schedule of the used clothing from Wakachie Project.

Expected Duration of Distribution:

The distribution of Wakachie's commodities in the refugee camps should take around 2 to 3 months. The timing of distribution in each camp depends on the timing of delivery which is normally dictated by the accessibility to each camp after the rainy season. For some refugee camps, particularly Mae Ra Ma Luang, Mae La Oon, and Don Yang camps, the roads to these camps will not be accessible by commodity trucks from May until November each year.

Distribution and Monitoring:

All distributions of supplies are normally conducted by refugee staff in the camp. For Wakachie's project which the vulnerable refugees are the target beneficiaries, the distribution of the clothing will require coordination among TBBC's field staff, the refugee camp committees, and other community-based organisation in order to identify and distribute properly to the recipients.

TBBC field staff, as part of their core responsibilities in the field, actively monitor the delivery, distribution and consumption/use of all relief supplies which are delivered to camps. This monitoring is formalised through structured collection of both qualitative and quantitative data, which is then compiled into a border wide 'Monthly Monitoring Report'. This report is compiled by TBBC's Programme Coordinator and Programme Support Manager. This report is distributed to all TBBC staff and beneficiaries. It is used as a tool for locating problems within the program and improving upon them. Further to that is one avenue through which TBBC can remain accountable to beneficiaries.

TBBC field staff – Field Assistants and Field Coordinators are required to directly observe distributions and deliveries in each camp. In addition to this they are required to conduct informal meetings with householders and community groups, in order to gather qualitative data regarding the distribution and consumption/use of all supplies.

Customs Clearance, Transportation, and Storage upon arrival:

The Thai Ministry of Interior has agreed to be the consignee for this shipment and has the legal authorisation to import Wakachie's commodities into Thailand. The Ministry of Interior has already acquired the duty-exemption status of the Wakachie's shipment from Thailand's Customs Department.

On arrival in Bangkok Port, the custom clearance will be handled by Hong Kong Transpack Co., Ltd., TBBC's appointed shipping company. Afterwards, the consignments will be temporarily stored and counted Hong Kong Transpack's warehouse in Bangkok. TBBC will arrange transportation to pick up the consignments and deliver to each destination. For some refugee camps, which cannot be accessed by large trucks, TBBC also has warehouse facilities in adjacent towns to those camps for storing and reloading consignments onto smaller delivery trucks. On arrival to the camps and prior to distribution, the commodities will be stored in warehouses inside the camps.

DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR WAKACHIAI PROJECT'S CLOTHINGS

AREA / REFUGEE CAMPS	CAMP FEEDING POPULATION AS OF JULY 2007	QUANTITY (CARTONS)			QUANTITY (Est. No. of Pieces)			APPROXIMATED DISTRIBUTION PERIOD
		VULNERABLE REFUGEES ¹	CONTINGENCY STOCK ²	AFFECTED THAI VILLAGERS ³	VULNERABLE REFUGEES ¹	CONTINGENCY STOCK ²	AFFECTED THAI VILLAGERS ³	
AREA: MAE HONG SON								
SITE 1 REFUGEE CAMP	19,534	103	245		2,060	4,900		1 AUG. - 30 SEP. 2007
SITE 2 REFUGEE CAMP	3,710	19	46		380	920		1 AUG. - 30 SEP. 2007
SHAN REFUGEE CAMPS	6,292	3	8		60	160		1 AUG. - 30 SEP. 2007
AFFECTED THAI VILLAGERS				76			1,520	1 AUG. - 31 OCT. 2007
AREA: MAE SARIANG								
MAE RA MA LUANG REFUGEE CAMP	16,074	80	60		1,600	1,200		1 AUG. - 30 NOV. 2007
MAE LA OON REFUGEE CAMP	15,933	80	60		1,600	1,200		1 AUG. - 30 NOV. 2007
AFFECTED THAI VILLAGERS				120			2,400	1 AUG. - 31 OCT. 2007
AREA: TAK								
MAE LA REFUGEE CAMP	46,964	283	157		5,660	3,140		1 AUG. - 30 SEP. 2007
UMPIEM REFUGEE CAMP	15,588	87	49		1,740	980		1 AUG. - 30 SEP. 2007
NU PO REFUGEE CAMP	14,226	80	44		1,600	880		1 AUG. - 30 SEP. 2007
AFFECTED THAI VILLAGERS				200			4,000	1 AUG. - 31 OCT. 2007
AREA: SANGKHLABURI, KANCHANABURI								
DON YANG REFUGEE CAMP	4,673	66	56		1,320	1,120		1 AUG. - 30 NOV. 2007
THAM HIN REFUGEE CAMP	8,773	34	24		680	480		1 AUG. - 30 SEP. 2007
AFFECTED THAI VILLAGERS				20			400	1 AUG. - 31 OCT. 2007
	151,767	835	749	416	16,700	14,980	8,320	
		GRAND TOTAL = 2,000 CARTONS			EST. GRAND TOTAL = 40,000 PIECES			

REMARKS:

¹ Vulnerable refugees includes orphans, handicapped, elderly, widows, children/students in schools and/or boarding houses, and other groups as necessary.

² Contingency stock is the commodity stored for distribution to / in case of emergency needs, temporarily staying refugees, and any additional refugees identified as those vulnerable.

³ Affected Thai villagers means the Thai villagers who have been affected by the influx of Burmese refugees, normally identified as the Thai living within 30 kilometers radius around the camps.