

## SITUATION UPDATE

### TBC Programme Report:

Context analysis, programmatic achievements and challenges and a financial overview for the first half of 2015 are documented in TBC's latest report which is available for download from [here](#). The bottom line in financial terms is that cost cutting strategies affecting rations, programmes and staffing as well as favourable exchange rates and commodity prices have reduced TBC's 2015 funding shortfall to an estimated THB 20 million or 2.5% of the revised budget. TBC will continue to seek funds and hopes to reduce this deficit still further by year end, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract new funds to the refugee programme in Thailand.

### Peace Process:

A high-level meeting between the President and leaders of five ethnic armed organisations (EAOs) in Nyapidaw on September 9 appears to have finalised all issues related to the Draft Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), with the exception of which of the EAOs will be invited to sign. The Tatmadaw's Commander in Chief was in Israel scoping military hardware and missed the preliminary meeting, while skirmishes in Kokang, Kachin, Shan and Ta'ang areas are ongoing. However, there remains a possibility the NCA signing ceremony could occur before the General Elections. The terms of the draft NCA would then require political dialogue to begin within 90 days, which would be before there is a handover of administrative power to a new President and Union Government. However, substantive political dialogue is unlikely until the second quarter of 2016 at the earliest.

### Election campaigning begins:

As official campaigning begins prior to the general elections scheduled for 8 November 2015, observers remain confident that these will be the most credible elections in over half a century, though still with reservations regarding whether it will be entirely free and fair. Foreign Embassies publicly expressed concern about the role of the state's security forces during the purge of the incumbent Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) leadership during August. This will be the first time the National League for Democracy (NLD) has competed in general elections since 1990, and it looms as the main challenger to USDP. Given the military's quota of 25% parliamentary seats, NLD would need to win in at least 67% of the elected seats to gain a majority of representatives in parliament in its own right.

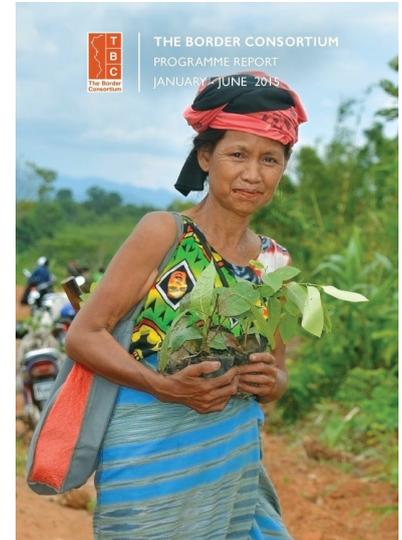


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### Floods & Landslides:

While the worst of the flooding during July and August was in western Myanmar, there were still some areas in the South East and refugee camps along the border that were affected. 30 houses in Mae Ra Ma Luang refugee camp were swamped with floodwaters while landslides along the access road also affected the delivery of supplies to Mae La Oon camp. However, there was no loss of life as a result in either of the camps.

## PROGRAMME UPDATE

### Population Verification:

UNHCR conducted a Population Verification Exercise in all of the camps during the first half of 2015. TBC's database and ration books were used extensively to support the process, as this was the first time since 2005 that the Royal Thai Government (RTG) had authorised UNHCR to record details of all persons residing in the camps. This was not a refugee status determination exercise and did not have any implications in terms of registration status for people in the camps. The UNHCR/MOI verified caseload was recorded at 109,035 people at the end of June, with a few hundred cases still pending. The similarity with the TBC verified caseload is a credit to the high quality work of Camp Committees over the last 10 years that has ensured their records of the camp population are continually updated.

### Settlement Planning Workshop:

After supporting the Karen Refugee Committee's consultations and surveys in areas of potential return in Dawei Township during the first half of 2015, TBC facilitated a settlement planning workshop in Tham Hin refugee camp during July. 48 people participated (42% female) including representatives from KRC, Tham Hin and Ban Don Yang camp committees, civil society organisations and ethnic social services providers. The workshop highlighted the importance of shifting from focusing on the construction of housing to multi-sectoral planning for settlements incorporating consideration about access to livelihoods, protection, water supply, sanitation and social services.

### Communications about Ration Changes:

An extensive communications campaign has been facilitated for three months leading up to the change in rice and charcoal rations which becomes effective in September. This is intended to ensure that refugees are fully informed of their entitlements, the rationale for changing rations and the appeal process for community managed targeting by which households can request a re-assessment of their level of vulnerability if they believe they cannot cope with the ration changes. Campaign managers were appointed in every camp to coordinate information dissemination through mechanisms including public forums at the section level, announcements over radio and public address systems, leaflets distributed at the household level and posters placed in and around warehouses.



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Umpiem Mai					Adults in Self-Reliant Households will no longer receive food rations ကိုယ်တော်တိုင်နေထိုင်သူများသည် လူကြိုက်ပူပန်မှုများကို မရရှိတော့ပါ။ သားဖွားစဉ်ကလေးများကိုသာပေးရန်ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်ချထားပါသည်။		
Food Item တိုက်ကြီးအဖွဲ့ ရိက္ခာ အမျိုးအစား	6 months to less than 5 years old ၆လ-၅နှစ်အထိလက် လီလ-၅နှစ်အထိလက်		5 years old to less than 18 years old ၅နှစ်-၁၇နှစ် ၅ နှစ် - ၁၇ နှစ်		18 years old and above ၁၈နှစ်အထက်အထိ ၁၈နှစ်နှင့် အထက်		
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Rice ဇွဲ မာန်	6 kg ၆ ကီလိုဂရမ်	7 kg ၇ ကီလိုဂရမ်	11 kg ၁၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	13.5 kg ၁၃.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	9 kg ၉ ကီလိုဂရမ်	11 kg ၁၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	13.5 kg ၁၃.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်
Asiamix အာရှမိတ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	No longer provided မတင်ပေးတော့ပါ။	No longer provided မတင်ပေးတော့ပါ။	No longer provided မတင်ပေးတော့ပါ။
Yellow Split Peas ညှော်ပဲ	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်	1 kg ၁ ကီလိုဂရမ်
Fishpaste ငါးအိတ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်	0.5 kg ၀.၅ ကီလိုဂရမ်
Salt အားဆေး	167 gm ၁၆၇ ဂရမ်	167 gm ၁၆၇ ဂရမ်	167 gm ၁၆၇ ဂရမ်	167 gm ၁၆၇ ဂရမ်	167 gm ၁၆၇ ဂရမ်	167 gm ၁၆၇ ဂရမ်	167 gm ၁၆၇ ဂရမ်
Vegetable Oil အစားဆီ	0.5 L ၀.၅ လီတာ	0.5 L ၀.၅ လီတာ	0.5 L ၀.၅ လီတာ	1 L ၁ လီတာ	0.5 L ၀.၅ လီတာ	0.5 L ၀.၅ လီတာ	1 L ၁ လီတာ

Remark: Yellow Split Peas additional 200g for adult and 100 for child if no fish paste.  
မှတ်ချက် - ငါးမပါဘဲ ညှော်ပဲကို အသက် ၁၈ နှစ်အထက်အတွက် ၂၀၀ ဂရမ်၊ ၁၈ နှစ်အောက်အတွက် ၁၀၀ ဂရမ် ပိုမိုပေးရမည်။

Ration poster in Umpiem Mai