

Subject: Commemorating World Refugee Day: Embracing "Hope Away from Home" amidst Challenging Times

Dear Refugee Partners and Communities,

As we approach World Refugee Day on 20th June 2023, I, Timothy Moore, we all at The Border Consortium (TBC), want to acknowledge the profound strength and resilience you have displayed in the face of immense challenges. This year's theme, "Hope Away from Home," takes on even greater significance as we consider the ongoing conflict in Myanmar and the human rights abuses that have escalated since the military coup on 1st February 2021.

We stand with you in solidarity, recognising the difficulties you have endured and the sacrifices you have made. The conflict in Myanmar has forced you to flee your homes, often leaving behind loved ones and everything familiar. We grieve with you for the losses you have suffered and the injustices you have faced.

However, amidst these trying times, there is new hope shining upon us. We are pleased that resettlement for encamped refugees in Thailand has reopened, offering a new ray of hope for a better future. This development brings possibilities for many of you to rebuild your lives in a safe and secure environment, where your rights are respected and your aspirations can be realised. For those not afforded this opportunity at this time, we will continue to work with you to support your needs as we search for a future together.

World Refugee Day is an opportunity to acknowledge this new hope and reaffirm our commitment to supporting you on this journey. TBC is dedicated to working hand in hand with you, providing essential services, advocating for your rights, and facilitating opportunities for a full life. We understand the importance of preserving your cultural identity and will continue to promote initiatives that honour and celebrate your diverse heritage.

Let us also remember that World Refugee Day is a platform to amplify your voices and share your stories. By sharing your experiences, you help raise awareness about the challenges faced by refugees and create bridges of empathy and understanding. Together, we can challenge misconceptions and work towards a world where every displaced person is treated with dignity, respect, and compassion.

In commemorating this special day, let us draw strength from one another and from the resilience that resides within each of you. Your determination, courage, and unwavering spirit inspire us all. As we work towards a future where "hope away from home" becomes a reality, TBC remains committed to advocating for your rights, providing assistance, and fostering a supportive environment that nurtures your dreams and aspirations.

On behalf of TBC, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your trust and partnership. Together, we will continue to build a brighter future, one where every refugee can find solace, security, and a place to call home.

Wishing you a meaningful and empowering World Refugee Day.

With warm regards,



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