**Nu Po NGO-camp coordination meeting, Nov. 13, 2013** [minutes: Chuck, ARC]

**Education**

1. ZOA (Simon) clarified the issues that arose in the September meeting. ZOA is working with the Basic Education Support & Transition (BEST) consortium to hand over full education support to BEST by March 2014 for 7 Karen camps: RTP (teacher training), ADRA (hardware, facilities), and SCF (lead admin.). RTP will start in January to provide teacher training and stipends. Teachers are generally inexperienced because of the high turnover.
2. *Decision/actions: Camp committees should address questions to the new NGOs (BEST) in 2014.*

**Health**

1. Dengue outbreak, Nu Po. There have been no new cases for several weeks, and the outbreak will be closed after 4 weeks of no new cases. We still need to maintain vigilance, especially since refugees go to Burma to work in mines in an area with Dengue, then can bring it back to camp.
2. Filaria rumor. A rumor started that a woman from Burma was distributing DEC and Albendazole in Umpiem and Nu Po to children, and that the drugs can cause death. Public Health is in fact doing filaria campaigns throughout Myanmar. Some refugees who travel back to Myanmar probably brought the drugs back to the camps, and gave them to their children. The drugs tested ok; these are the drugs normally used. PU-AMI only treats filaria case-by-case.
3. *Decision/actions: Wat-San staff and students will keep checking for larva, and apply Temephos.*

**Food**

1. TBC (Art) explained the ration reduction. The Community Managed Targeting (CMT) team has been conducting a campaign to inform camp people in various ways, including meetings, leaflets, house visits, school visits with teachers, and meetings with stipend workers. The CMT in each camp decided on the criteria for assigning refugees to the 4 categories of ration support. Refugee may appeal their status. Changes in family status will be reviewed by the CMT every 6 months.
2. Camps were assigned to one of 3 "vulnerability" categories, based on accessibility to markets and employment.
3. *Decision/actions: TBC & camp committee will have counselors available at the November ration distributions to answer questions.*

**Livelihoods**

1. The policy that refugees are not allowed to work outside camp has not changed. The National Security Council & MOI have not changed the policy. The Department of Provincial Administration will probably not change the policy as a result of meeting with Livelihood NGOs in Mae Sot Nov. 8.
2. ZOA will close its program, but the Agriculture Income Generation Pilot Project (AIGPP) will be handed over to TBC.
3. *Decision/actions: Camp committee (Maela & Umpiem) and the Livelihood Camp Committee (Nu Po) should present proposals to TBC.*

**Shelter**

1. TBC explained that they are procuring supplies, but leaf thatch is in short supply.
2. *Decision/actions: If vulnerable refugee has trouble carrying supplies or building, contact TBC.*

**Protection**

1. Issue: Kul will meet with Camp Committee representative separately to discuss an issue of a male perpetrator in camp.
2. Issue: It is true that someone from Burmese Army came with Camp Commander to visit the Camp Leader. *Decision/actions: UNHCR will ask Camp Leader separately for more details.*

**Other**

1. COERR will coordinate fire prevention training Nov. 25-27.
2. ZOA wants to recognize the work of Bleh Htoo, who will return to Burma soon.
3. Camp Committee requested support for the King's Birthday and Karen New Year. They also requested NGOs to donate tables and chairs for the meeting room/camp hall.

**Next meeting**.  Wednesday, January 15**,** 10:00-12:00, Camp Hall