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Urgent Appeal – Refugees Dying in Kachin State, Burma

On the 30th of June, Dari Roi Nu died from pneumonia. She was just 8 years old. Her mother was forced to watch helplessly as her daughter slipped away. There was no proper medical care, if there had been, Dari Roi Nu might have survived.

She wasn't the only mother to experience this horror. In the same refugee shelter diarrhoea is taking the lives of two children, aged 2 and 5 years old. The problem is the lack of clean water and proper toilets, and lack of medicine.

These children are among around 16,000 Kachin villagers who have been forced to flee attacks by the Burmese Army in the past month. Burmese Army soldiers have gone on the rampage shooting at villagers, gang-raping women, and even young girls, and looting.

The refugees are now taking shelter in the mountains along the Burma China border. They don't have proper shelter, food or medicines. The dictatorship isn't allowing the UN or others to provide the aid they need.

But the Kachin Relief Fund can help them. We are an organisation made up of Kachin exiles who come from the area where the refugees are. We know the area, we know the people, and the local community groups. We can make sure that the right aid reaches the right people as quickly as possible, and as cheaply as possible.

Your donation will help save the lives of hundreds more children who are ill with diarrhoea, pneumonia. It will help provide clean water and food to stop them getting sick. It will provide shelter from the cold rains, and clothing for people who had to run for their lives carry just a few possessions.

You can make payments to The Kachin Relief Fund:

By internet (single payment or standing order)

Account Name: The Kachin Relief Fund

Bank: HSBC Bank plc

Sort Code: 40 25 02

Account No: 62453320

Please note in the reference box your name and designation for money if required.

By Giro Credit into bank branch

Bank: HSBC Bank plc

Sort Code: 40 25 02

Account No: 62453320

Please send your paying in slip to the address shown at the top of this page.

By Cheque:

Cheques payable to "The Kachin Relief Fund"

By Credit Card or PayPal account:

Please go to the Kachin Relief Fund website www.kachinrelief.org.uk and use the PayPal link.

As a new organisation responding to this crisis, we are currently in the process of registering as a charity.

For more information we can be contact at: KachinAID@gmail.com.