

THE KACHIN RELIEF FUND

The Kachin Relief Fund is a registered charity in England and Wales,
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Who we are?

We are non-profit charity organization 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.

Who are the Kachin Internally Displaced People (IDPs) ?

Since the war broke out in 9th June 2011, the number of refugees who fled from their homes has been rapidly increasing, there are now over 75,000 refugees in different parts of the Kachin State, the Shan State, and along the Sino-Burmese border. About 50,000 refugees are currently living in Kachin Independence Organization's [KIO] administrative areas. They have fled their villages to escape extrajudicial killings, torture, rape of women, landmines human shield and forced labour by large



scale the Burmese Tatmadaw army within one year of military offensive, since ceasefire breaks on 9th June 2011.

The Kachin IDPs are now taking shelter in the mountains along the Burma and China borders. They don't have proper shelter, food or medicines. The dictatorship isn't allowing the UN or others to provide the aid they need. We have a direct contact with local volunteer field workers and channel your donation direct to local aid organization.

How you can help and getting involved?

There are many ways you can help Kachin IDPs:

- You can sponsor a Kachin IDP family of their basic needs for £1.50 a day.
- You can assist with fundraising for the Kachin IDPs
- Spread news about the plight of the Kachin IDPs within your church or local community.
- Write to your local MP to grant more the Department for International Development [DFID]'s funding for the Kachin IDPs.

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The current Kachin IDP situation

Humanitarian conditions have deteriorated seriously over the past year, and the international community has provided very little assistance and been given very limited access to the affected areas.

Heavy fighting escalates in Phakant area since August. Burmese troops ordered the immediate evacuation of miners and ethnic Kachin from 11 villages in Hpakant, Western Kachinland.

In the past two weeks, over 6,000 miners and residents in the area have been forced to flee conflict in the area. 90,000 people have been displaced in the fighting since the ceasefire ended last year, resuming a war that has waged since Burma's independence in 1948.

The Burmese government has blocked international humanitarian aid access to the area. But the Kachin Relief Fund has direct contact with and coordinates aid among the handful of local relief workers.

