



World Refugee Day Statement 2024

Since the military coup on February 1, 2021, events in Myanmar over the past three years have been unprecedented, marked by the brutality of the State Administration Council (SAC). The people of Myanmar have endured severe human rights violations, over 26,000 individuals have been arrested and well over 8,000 civilians killed. There has been mass displacement from fighting and indiscriminate attacks on civilians.

There are currently over 3 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Myanmar, with over 1 million in southeastern Myanmar alone. There has also been significant displacement into Thailand, all of whom require emergency humanitarian assistance.

Today, more than three years after the coup, on the occasion of the 2024 World Refugee Day, TBC acknowledges the unprecedented need for humanitarian aid in and outside Myanmar to support displaced people.

TBC remains focused on assisting our partners in finding complementary approaches to address the humanitarian situation in Myanmar and supporting refugees in beginning new lives and receiving assistance in Thailand, while also addressing the root causes of displacement. We recognise the resilience, dedication, and ingenuity of local partners responding to this grave humanitarian crisis.

Yet funding for refugees is increasingly scarce.

We call on the international community, and each other, to continue to stand with the people of Myanmar, both politically and by providing the resources required to ensure the current humanitarian crisis does not escalate into a catastrophe.

If you are interested in supporting TBC's work with displaced communities in Myanmar and Thailand, then [please visit our website](#)

You can also engage with TBC by reading our recent publications.

- [Voices of the displaced: Perspectives of newly arrived Myanmar refugees in Thailand.](#)
- [40 Years: Working together with displaced communities on the Thailand-Myanmar border](#)
- [2023 Annual Report](#)
- [TBC 2023-25 Strategic Plan](#)

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