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Nyaunglebin Photo Set: Flood victims access food aid and health care services, August to September 2012

This photo set includes 19 still photographs selected from images taken by a community member in Kyauk Kyi Township, Nyaunglebin District between August and September 2012. These photographs portray villagers accessing humanitarian aid, including health care services and food supplies, from Backpack Health Worker Team (BPHWT), Emergency Assistance Team (EAT)-Burma and the East Life Committee. Aid and health awareness training were provided to T---, B--- and K--- villages after flooding from monsoon rain exacerbated health problems, such as diarrhea from lack of access to clean drinking water, and destroyed the current rice harvest.

Photo Set | Kyauk Kyi Township, Nyaunglebin District (August to September 2012)

The following photos were taken by a community member in Nyaunglebin District who has been trained by KHRG to monitor human rights conditions. They are presented below, censored where necessary for security purposes.¹ The 19 photos were received along with other information from Nyaunglebin District, including 374 other photos, a situation update in Nyaunglebin District and three interviews.²

¹ KHRG trains villagers in eastern Burma to document individual human rights abuses using a standardised reporting format, conducts interviews with other villagers, and writes general updates on the situation in areas with which they are familiar.

² In order to increase the transparency of KHRG methodology and more directly communicate the experiences and perspectives of villagers in eastern Burma, KHRG aims to make all field information received available on the KHRG website once it has been processed and translated, subject only to security considerations. As companion to this, a redesigned website will be released in 2013. In the meantime, KHRG's most recently-published field information from Nyaunglebin District can be found in the report, "Nyaunglebin Situation Update: Kyauk Kyi and Shwegyin townships, September to November 2012," KHRG, June 2013.



This photo was taken on August 9th 2012 and shows women and children walking through a flooded area in K-- village, Kyauk Kyi Township, Nyaunglebin District. According to the community member who took this photo, during the 2012 monsoon season, the local villagers experienced health problems and job loss as a result of flooding, which was described as worse than in previous years. *[Photo: KHRG]*



The photos above were taken on August 24th 2012 and show BPHWT staff and East Life Committee members conducting health awareness training with villagers from T---, B--- and K--- villages in Kyauk Kyi Township, Nyaunglebin District. According to the community member who took these photos, villagers were taught how to prevent diarrhea by purifying water using small amounts of chlorine. Chlorine and empty water containers were subsequently distributed. *[Photos: KHRG]*







The photos above were taken on August 24th 2012 and show flood victims from T---, B--- and K--- villages, Kyauk Kyi Township, Nyaunglebin District accessing food from BPHWT and EAT-Burma. A total of 3,000 rice sacks were distributed. The motor boat (at the top, both left and right) transported rice sacks across flooded water surfaces among the houses. Villagers drove their wooden long-tail boats alongside the boat containing supplies while the BPHWT staff distributed the rice to villagers. *[Photos: KHRG]*



On August 24th 2012, BPHWT staff and East Life Committee members provided medicine and soap to T---, B--- and K--- villages, Kyauk Kyi Township, Nyaunglebin District in order to help villagers receive health care services during the flooding season. *[Photos: KHRG]*



The above photos show paddies in Kyauk Kyi Township, which died from the impact of flooding during

August 2012. According to the community member, villagers did not have enough food or work as a result. The photo on the right shows local villagers while they were re-planting the paddy. *[Photos: KHRG]*

Further background on the current situation in Nyaunglebin District can be found in the following KHRG reports:

- “Nyaunglebin Situation Update: Kyauk Kyi and Shwegyin townships, September to November 2012,” (June 2013)
- “Nyaunglebin Situation Update: Kyauk Kyi Township, November 2012 to January 2013,” (April 2013)
- “Nyaunglebin Situation Update: Kyauk Kyi Township, May to July 2012,” (March 2013)
- “Nyaunglebin Situation Update: Moo Township, June to November 2012,” (December 2012)
- “Nyaunglebin Situation Update: Moo, Ler Doh and Hsaw Htee townships, January to June 2012,” (October 2012)

