

UNHCR Regional Office for Southeast Asia

Fact Sheet | September 2013

Geographical coverage of the Regional Office

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam.

Regional priorities

- Safeguard and expand protection and asylum space, including in the context of mixed migration and in urban settings.
- Find solutions for protracted refugee situations.
- Ensure protection and durable solutions for IDPs.
- Reduce and prevent statelessness and protect stateless people.
- All measures taken for staff safety for operations in high-risk areas.

Numbers at a glance

Persons of concern in South-east Asia* | 31 Dec 2012

Country of Asylum	Persons of Concern
Refugees	407,281
Asylum-seekers	32,294
Returned refugees	35
IDPs	431,559
Returned IDPs	336,215
Stateless persons	1,392,797
Others of concern	80,068
Total	2,680,249

* UNHCR Population Statistics Reference Database, <http://popstats.unhcr.org> | Data extracted on 15 July 2013

Regional activities

- Promotion of the Regional Cooperation Framework approach to address refugees, asylum-seekers and irregular movement, including through the Regional Support Office under the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (hereinafter referred to as the Bali Process).
- Regional Roundtable on Irregular Movements by Sea in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Mapping of unaccompanied minors' mixed flows in key countries.
- Regional workshop of national civil registrars and birth registration.

Functions

- Coordination of and guidance to UNHCR operations in the Southeast Asia region.
- Through the Regional Protection Unit, provision of technical advice and guidance to UNHCR operations in other parts of Asia and the Pacific.

Resettlement departures by main countries of asylum in the region | 1 Jan – 30 Jun 2013

Country of Asylum	Submissions	Acceptances	Departures
Indonesia	430	529	505
Malaysia	8,737	4,889	5,235
Thailand	6,171	6,119	4,332
Total	15,338	11,537	10,072

Source: Resettlement Statistics Report, UNHCR Washington D.C.

Partnership for collaboration

- Civil society.
- Human rights mechanisms through ASEAN and the consortium of national human rights commissions.
- Regional Support Office of the Bali Process.

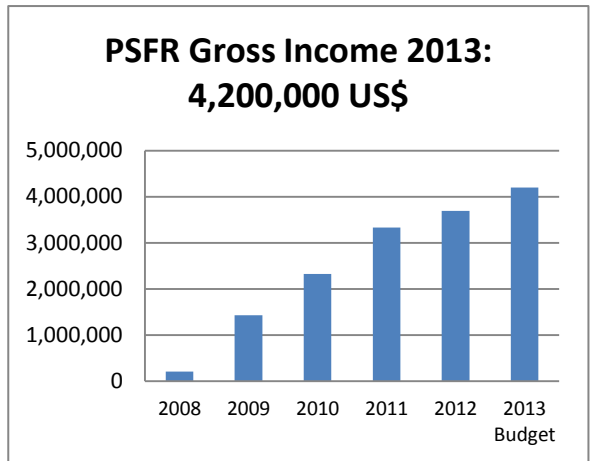
Resource mobilization

1. Government contributions

- In-kind contribution in the form of rent-free office space in Viet Nam.
- Financial and staff contributions to the Regional Support Office under the Bali Process.

2. Private-sector fundraising activities (PSFR) activities

- Private-sector face-to-face fundraising programme has received donations since 2008 from the Thai public for projects in Thailand. Supporters that donate on a regular basis amount to 27,300 as of September 2013.
- The procurement process for fundraising services in the Philippines is now underway with the commencement of fundraising planned before the end of the year.
- Opportunities to raise funds from the public in other countries such as Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia continue to be explored.



UNHCR presence

Regional Office, Bangkok

2013 Budget

(As of Sep 2013)

Population Group	Budget in USD
PILLAR 1: Refugee programme	7,239,355
PILLAR 2: Stateless programme	234,870
TOTAL BUDGET	7,474,225

Offices:

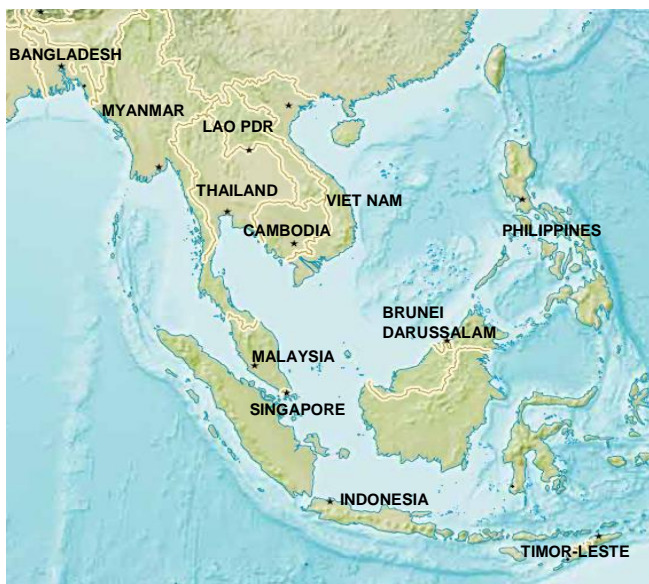
Regional Office in Bangkok (1)

The Regional Office provides technical support and expertise in the areas of Programme, Protection, Administration, Finance, Human Resources, Public Information, Field Safety and Private Sector Fund Raising. The Regional Representative and Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia is based in Bangkok.

Staff:

Regular national staff (7) and regular international staff (21).

Total: 28



Regional Operational Coverage

2013 Budgets

(As of Sep 2013)

Total budget of 12 country operations in the South-east Asia region covered by the Regional Office in Bangkok

Population Group	Budget in USD
PILLAR 1: Refugee programme	85,705,551
PILLAR 2: Stateless programme	16,990,797
PILLAR 3: Returnee programme	0
PILLAR 4: IDP programme	50,040,591
TOTAL BUDGET	152,736,939

Offices:

Twelve (12) country operations in the Southeast Asia region covered by the Regional Office in Bangkok.

Staff:

Regular national staff (246) and regular international staff (87 - includes 9 Junior Professional Officers), and United Nations Volunteers (17).

Total: 350 (in 12 country operations)

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