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**We recommend a concerted effort to meet the needs of all the displaced in Burma. The following are our specific and general recommendations. The actions recommended are already in effect by the FBR and other local organizations but only on a very small scale. There is an urgent need to increase and broaden these actions.**

## **I. Recommendations for Action: General**

1.) POPULATION PROTECTION — Diplomacy, advocacy and immediate cross-border population protection and security assistance should be initiated as a first step in addressing security issues. There is an immediate need for support in the following areas:

- Direct security assistance including support for pro-democracy resistance groups.
- Indirect security assistance: early warning systems, communications and information networks.

2.) FOOD—sustained food support for IDPs.

3.) MEDICINE/HEALTH

- Training, equipment and medicine for teams providing programmed and systematic health care.
- Support and improvement of existing clinics, as well as the establishment of new clinics.

4.) CHILD SOLDIERS—Burma is one of the worst offenders and reports say that up to 20 percent of its 450,000-man army are child soldiers.

- Support must be given to defectors and already-existing child soldier rescue and rehabilitation programs in pro-democracy ethnic resistance-controlled areas of Burma.

5.) EDUCATION—support is needed in the following areas:

- Teachers, schools, student and school materials and fees.
- Teacher training programs and materials, especially in the conflict areas.

6.) REFUGEES

- Increased support for already-existing programs in the refugee camps.

7.) INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ADVOCACY

- Initiate the tripartite dialogue process between the National League for Democracy, the State Peace and Development Council, and the ethnic groups.
- Formally recognize pro-democracy ethnic groups and the Ethnic Nationalities Committee as legitimate and representative organizations of their people in Burma.



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## II. Recommendations for Action: Specific to FBR

### 1.) EMERGENCY FOOD

- Provision of emergency food supplies to those under attack.

### 2.) EMERGENCY MEDICAL/HEALTH

- Training, equipment and medicine for mobile medical teams providing emergency medical aid.

### 3.) SHELTER/BASIC SUPPLIES

- Plastic and nylon sheeting for emergency roofing.
- Cooking utensils—vital for uses as basic as making potable water while in hiding.
- Blankets and clothing.
- Cash to purchase locally what cannot be or is not provided from the outside.

### 4.) LOGISTICS AND DEVELOPMENT — Logistics is the foundation for the implementation of each of the above-mentioned needs. Funding is needed to support an improved logistics network that includes:

- Improvement of the existing trail system.
- Further development of the existing pack animal program.
- The building of roads and provision of vehicles in certain areas where this is practical.
- The provision of boats for water-borne relief.
- Support for a light plane service that would provide emergency medical evacuation as well as rapidly move needed people or supplies.
- Training and sustaining of logistics personnel and the needed infrastructure, such as secure storage facilities and supply depots.

### 5) INFORMATION NETWORK OF BURMA—This communications network aids in documenting, reporting and disseminating information about human rights abuses in Burma, as well as helping to provide early warning of attacks by the Burma Army and aiding in the execution of effective evasive movements by the IDPs escaping the army. Support is needed to:

- Improve and expand at every level the existing network of radio and satellite systems for early warning, coordination, information dissemination and advocacy. This requires training, equipment and sustained support.
- Initiate a UAV program to help in early warning and the protection of displaced communities under attack.

### 6) ETHNIC RELIEF TEAMS (FBR)— Ethnic pro-democracy groups send teams to be trained, supplied and sent into the areas under attack to provide emergency medical care, shelter, food, clothing and human rights documentation. The teams also operate a communication and information network inside Burma that provides real time information from areas under attack. They provide the most consistent and immediate response to the above-listed needs. They need:

- Training support, to increase the number of teams currently active and increase the capacity of this program in providing medical and emergency relief. Teams also receive leadership and democracy training, thus laying a foundation for a future democratic structure.
- Sustained: that is, provided with enough medicine and equipment (both personal and communications and navigational equipment) to carry out consistent missions to the people under attack.