



Food prices threaten refugee's right to food

The current global increase in food prices is striking hard against people who are dependent on aid programs for their survival. Rice prices have risen by over 100% this year.

Today, more than 140,000 people from Burma are living in refugee camps along the Thailand-Burma border. The refugees depend on aid organizations for food, shelter, education and health.

TBBC is the principal source of food and shelter, which for many years has been able to provide a balanced food basket which meets international standards for basic nutrition. The principal component of the food basket is rice.

As a result of the increase in rice prices, TBBC is currently facing a shortfall of over US\$ 6 million. Unless additional funds can be raised TBBC will be forced to cut the refugee food rations which will have a serious impact on the health status of the refugee population.

Right to adequate food is a basic human right. Cutting the refugee's food rations is the last thing we want to do. Your donation will help us live up to our commitments to the refugees of Burma.

Find out more about TBBC's food basket at <http://www.tbbc.org/donate/foodbasket.htm>.

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