



Mother and child displaced from Burma, June 2009.

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In 2009, Burma made international headlines once again: A widely-condemned trial extended the house arrest of Nobel peace prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi; increased military regime actions in ethnic minority regions forced thousands of villagers from their homes; the government continued to suppress efforts to address chronic and emerging health crises, including a severe famine in western Burma.

The people of Burma continue to face enormous challenges. Yet, despite ongoing human rights abuses and barriers to aid, they are not without hope.

Local organizations partnering with Planet Care/GHAP continue to make tremendous strides in addressing complex health and humanitarian issues. Together, we are tackling the major public health threats of malaria and tuberculosis, trauma and war injuries, and maternal and child mortality.

**GHAP and our local partners provide health care for more than a million people in Burma's border regions.** Our goal is to increase the capacity of our partner organizations to implement health initiatives that help Burma's people survive and thrive.

**Your support makes the difference.**

With best wishes for peace and happiness in 2010.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Condon".

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Sangklaburi, site of a GHAP public health training near the Mon area of eastern Burma.

Photo: Linda Smith

# Give the Gift of Health

## IN BURMA

### COMMUNITY

*The lifetime risk of a mother dying of pregnancy-related causes is 1 in 12 in some parts of Burma—one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world.*

GHAP's **Maternal and Child Health** program in the eastern, northern and western border regions helps ensure that women get the care they need and have skilled attendants at their births.

**\$250 equips and trains 5 traditional birth attendants in a five-day course in Burma.**

### WELLBEING

*Burma suffers the largest number of malaria-related deaths in Southeast and South Asia—despite it being a disease that is preventable and treatable.*

GHAP's **Malaria Control** program trains villagers to diagnose and treat malaria, and is recognized as a global model for addressing malaria in inaccessible settings.

**\$60 provides WHO-recommended malaria therapies for 10 Burmese villagers.**

GHAP's maternal health program provides services for 87,000 women in Burma's eastern, northern, and western (shown here) border regions.





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GHAP and its local partners train thousands of community health workers each year.

## PREVENTION

*Large-scale outbreaks of measles—one of the top five killers worldwide—occurred in multiple villages in eastern Burma last year.*

GHAP's local partners mobilized an **Infectious Disease Response** team to conduct mass vaccinations and Vitamin A distribution, immunizing 7,223 children in the affected areas.

**\$500 provides polio, TB, DPT and measles vaccinations for 75 children.**

## SANCTUARY

*In 2009, Burma's military forces attacked villages in the north and east, forcing an estimated 41,000 refugees to flee to China and Thailand.*

GHAP-supported organizations mobilized **Refugee Crisis Response** efforts to deliver emergency health care, shelter and food.

**\$100 provides health services for 10 families in transition.**



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## STRENGTH

*Eastern Burma has one of the highest rates of landmine casualties in the world.*

GHAP's **Trauma Management** program trains local medics who provide emergency response and treatment for 90,000 villagers living in the conflict zone—with a landmine injury and gunshot wound survival rate of 92% for victims triaged in the field.

**\$3,000 trains and equips one backpack trauma team for one year.**



Children bear the brunt of infectious disease epidemics—one in five children in eastern Burma will die before their fifth birthday, half from malaria.

Photo: Janet Wells

## HOPE

*Knowledge is power.*

The unique access of GHAP's partner organizations to otherwise unreachable regions provides the only accurate **Health Systems Information** on Burma's border populations—data that is key to increasing global awareness and shifting international policy.

**\$75 provides a two-week training in data collection and analysis for 5 local health workers.**



Dr. Larry Stock, GHAP Trauma Management program director, leading a 2009 field training in eastern Burma.

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