
US AID FREEZE LEADS TO SUSPENSION OF HEALTH CARE TO MYANMAR REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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A 90-day freeze on foreign assistance programs announced by U.S. President Donald Trump has led to cuts in services to refugees from war-torn Myanmar, including the shutdown of hospital care in camps in Thailand where more than 100,000 are living, activists and Thai officials said Wednesday.

About 106,000 long-term refugees live in nine camps along Thailand's western border with Myanmar, according to the Border Consortium, which coordinates and supplies food, shelter and other support to most of them. The consortium's mid-year report last year said the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration was its largest donor, contributing 69% of its funding.

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