



Cross Border Community Eye Care Program Free the Oppressed Report – 22 to 29 October, 2023

The eye program has increased its assistance for the people in Kawthoolei, along with other ethnicities who live in Burma, requiring eye treatment. Therefore, Community eye care program, Free the Oppressed aims to plan, procure, transport, and deliver the public health components related to the eyes and vision: vision screening, dispensing of spectacles, collaborate to bring cataract and other eye surgery to people in Karen state.

The revolutionary war on the Karen people has been going on for seven decades of experience without gaining access to self-determination and the recognition of the nation. To achieve the goal of independence, the Karen people require unity. This reason, United Committee for Karen Armed Group (UCKAG) was formed.

UCKAG is a Karen Armed Group aim to work together on Karen national affairs under on political objective. The UCKAG was formed on May 28, 2023 and its members are the KNU, the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA), the KNU/KNLA Peace Council, and the Border GuardForce(BGF).

In October 22 to 29, 23, Community eye care program, Free the Oppressed was invited by UCKAG to organize eye mission at Hpa An. We saw this as an opportunity to bring unity among us and could benefit to the patient, so we agreed to work together.

This is going to be the second mission at Hpa An district, Doe Yi sub-district, at Tee Yaw temples. UCKAG are responsible for security and from 22 of October we started the eye mission.

- 1) The leaders who got involved
 1. Brigade 7 commander
 2. Hpa An district secretary
 3. Hpa An district chief information officer
 4. BGF – 2016 commander
 5. KNU/KNLA-PC chairman
 6. Dr Soe Min

- 2) The people who got involved in the mission
 1. Karen health worker at Hpa An hospital

2. Du Yaw Karen Youth Organization
3. Volunteer cooking
4. 19th Infantry responsible for security

3) From 22 October to 29 of 2023 the eye mission had been organized for 8 days

1. Eye screening (1150 persons)
2. Operation (224 persons)
3. Glasses (748 persons)
4. There were 48 patents diagnosed with cataract unable to receive the treatment

Table of schedule

Number of IOL	Location	Date start Consultation
200 p	Brigade 7 Hpa An District, Htee Yaw temple	22 October to 29, 2023

(2) Total amount of money we need for eye mission in 22 October To 29, 2023 see below the chart

No		Amount
1	Received Donation By FTO	112,210 Baht
2	Received Donation By Vision To Mission (Po Ka)	38,000 Baht
3	Received Donation By Threa Doh Ler Moo	7,000 Baht
4		0 Baht
	Total	157,210 Baht

Total spending Money for Eye Mission in 22 October To 29, 2023

No		Amount
1	Buy Eye Equipment	123,505 Baht
2	Pay Eye Medic	23,000 Baht
3	Transportation	3,690 Baht
4	Food	7,000 Baht
	Total	157,195 Baht



BGf – 2016 commander



Brigade 7 commander



Hpa An district secretary



Du Yaw Karen Youth Organization





Eye mission team group photo

