

# Country Update:

## Thailand

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#### *American Refugee Committee (ARC)*

The commemoration of World Malaria Day campaign was organized at Hua Thanon of Kraburi, Ranong. There is a small and busy pier used by Myanmar people for crossing the river, that divides Thailand and Myanmar, by boat to Thailand for buying their daily supplies, or go to nearby villages for work, and head their way homes through this pier. The campaign was organized to be on same day with weekly market day that is visited by numerous Thais and migrants.

This activity is one of the key interventions of American Refugee Committee under Regional Artemisinin Resistance Initiative 2 – Elimination funded by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. During the campaign, interactive discussions on malaria knowledge were led by Migrant Health Volunteers and the staff who can communicate migrant language. Small prizes, such as soap bar, mosquito repellents, mosquito coils, and tooth paste and so on, were given to those who responded with correct answers. For those who provided incorrect answers, detailed explanation had provided till they get correct understanding.

The activity had received good cooperation from local community and high interest from both Thai and migrant populations. There was over 160 participants; with the vast majority were migrants.

