



The mission of the Burma Advocacy Group is to represent the voices of its member organizations in shaping U.S. public policy that affect Burma, including that of internally displaced individuals, global refugees, and the U.S. Burma diaspora.

Established in 2022 by the Burma Diaspora Churches and the American Baptist Churches in response to the Burma Act being considered by Congress, we've grown into a coalition that now represents the diverse U.S. diaspora.

The Burma Advocacy group is a grassroots coalition comprising the U.S. diaspora community and its allies, who work together to promote human rights, religious freedom, humanitarian aid, education for children, and support for the federal democracy movement in Burma. We also advocate for fair and compassionate immigration laws and policies on behalf of the US diaspora community and refugees from Burma who have fled to neighboring countries.

We actively engage with national and international networks, religious groups, community organizations, government officials, and civil society to address the needs of the people of Burma. These relationships, especially with groups based in Burma, give us valuable insights that inform our ongoing efforts.

True to our grassroots methodology, our work is accomplished through four working groups: advocacy, education, humanitarian aid, and youth/young adults.

In just a few years, we have:

- 1) Become a trusted grassroots organization.
- 2) Built strong ties with leaders of the democratic movement in Burma.
- 3) Initiated a *Day of Action for Burma* at the United Nations with Special Rapporteur Tom Andrews as the keynote speaker.
- 4) Supported briefings for Congress in partnership with the Burma Research Institute
- 5) Launched a pilot project for teacher training in the refugee community's academies in Malaysia which involves seven academies reaching approximately 1500 refugee students.
- 6) Regularly engaged with diaspora communities in Thailand, Malaysia, and India, coordinating with embassies and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on country-specific issues.
- 7) Provided humanitarian aid in underserved areas of Burma.
- 8) Started leadership training for U.S. Burma diaspora youth in U.S. civics and citizenship rights
- 9) Created briefing materials and held virtual meetings on important U.S. immigration policies.
- 10) Hosted devotional services and gatherings for National Unity Government officials and the global diaspora community at Christmas, Easter, and critical events such as the 2025 earthquake.

We welcome your interest and support.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Burma Advocacy Group,

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