

A Lifeline for 1000s of Karen and Karenni Speakers in Minnesota is Now In Place Ready to Save Lives.

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The Karen (pronounced Kah-REN) are the second-largest ethnic group in the mountainous border region of Burma and Thailand. About 10,000 Karen refugees live here in Minnesota, along with 500 refugees from other Burmese ethnic groups such as the Karenni. These refugees fled horrific persecution and experienced tremendous trauma to ultimately find a welcome in Minnesota. The welcome did not include language and cultural assistance at K-12, community and health services. As of this writing there is 1 (one) qualified, medical interpreter in the state of Minnesota.

The Karen language is completely different than the Karenni language, known as Kayah. These languages are for the most part mutually unintelligible. Even when an interpreter works to provide service in both languages they aren't able to cover the demand. Consider when two families need help in different locations. Consider health emergencies when an interpreter isn't available. For nearly all U.S. Karen and Karenni there are no health services that meet Civil Rights requirements. This is a humanitarian disaster.

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