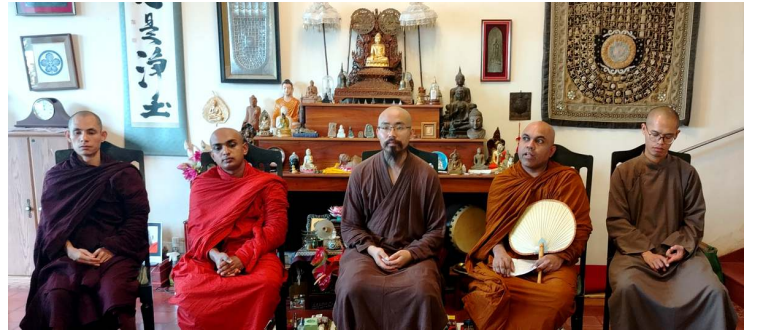
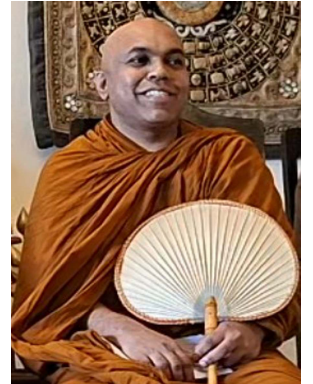


World Refugee Day Dana—June 20, 2026



In memory of Ven, Udadumbara Sumangala Thero and N. G. Anulawatte



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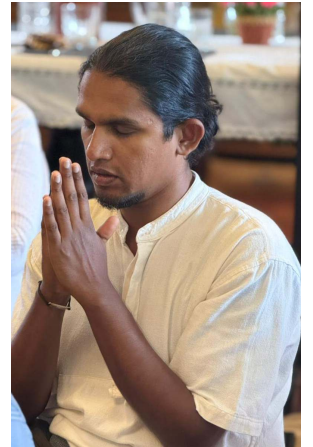
“Seeking safety is a right, and it needs to be upheld for every person. Protecting people forced to flee is a collective global responsibility. We have to remember this could happen to anyone, anywhere.”—Ben Stiller



Fleeing home to seek safety is one of the hardest choices anyone can make, but becoming a refugee should not define a person's life. Refugees have been forced to abandon their homes, but they should never be forced to abandon their hope: for a safe place to live, for the opportunity to study, for the chance of decent work.

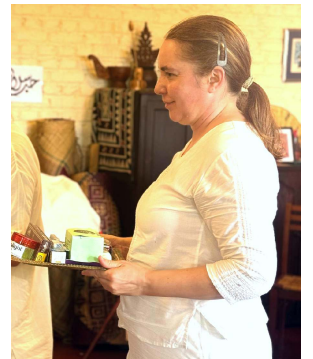
But the unacceptable reality is that millions of refugees today find themselves trapped in dependency, relying on a dwindling amount of aid for their daily survival. For too many, what begins as an emergency becomes years — sometimes decades — of waiting. This must change. Refugees need more than protection from danger; they need opportunities to rebuild their lives with dignity. Being a refugee is meant to be a temporary condition, not a lifelong fate.

Every day, refugees contribute to the communities that have welcomed them — as workers, students, neighbours, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, and leaders. Given the opportunity, they rebuild their lives and help strengthen the societies around them. (Adapted from a statement by UNHCR)



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This dana was held to mark World Refugee Day 2026, but Buddhist Relief Mission also supports other projects in many countries. We are helping a nun build a nunnery in Vietnam and a monk build a monastery in northern India. Your donations will help us to carry out programs such as these, as well as to provide food, medicine, and other essentials to families, students, schools, monasteries, hospitals, and other institutions in Sri Lanka during this economic crisis. Thank you for your generous support!



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