1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Chin, Eastern Khumi
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      each dialect group refers to themselves by their own dialect name: Nisay, Nideun (Taheunsaw), Lemi (Aki Alawng), Khongtu, Likhy, Rengsa (Namboi), Khenlak, Asang (Sangtha, Kasang), etc.
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Ta-aw "southern [groups]"
   d) Reason for preferred name:
      These dialect groups do not have a unified identity or overarching name for themselves. However, because their speech varieties are highly intelligible with each other and because they are referred to as Nisay "eastern [groups]" by the Khumi, the term 'Eastern Khumi' has been created here as a cover term to refer to these groups.
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      The Eastern Khumi Chin live in approximately 85 villages, with approximately 2,500 households, and an approximate total population of 12,000 speakers.
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: cek

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers are not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION
   a) Is this a ☑ Living language
      □ Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
Recently extinct language
Historical language
Ancient language
Artificially constructed language
Macrolanguage

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   Myanmar

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS
coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Sami region within Paletwa Township, Chin State, Myanmar. The main concentration is
   located around Sami Town.

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language,
give the approximate date of the last known user’s death

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

a) This language is: □ Signed       ☒ Spoken       □ Attested only in writings

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
   Sino-Tibetan, Tibeto-Burman, Kuki-Chin-Naga, Kuki-Chin, Southern, Khumi

c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or
   proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or
   spoken languages:
   closely related to Khumi Chin (cnk)

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers,
   radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
   preliminary orthography developed for several dialects, primers designed, songbooks, and
   Bible portions available for several dialects (2000-2010)

b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal
   education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
   not officially recognized
c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
   language vitality vigorous and language used in all domains of daily life in the villages
**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:  
same as on "Request for Change" form

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):

**Please return this form to:**

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**Further information:**

If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

**Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers:**


LinguistList. Constructed Languages. [http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html](http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html)