



MMR-CAC-PSC-P06, Yangon, Myanmar
Reporting Period: May-December 2016

Pre-school Centres for slum children

Budget: \$45,250- fully funded!

Update:

This projects funds two pre-schools in slum/poor areas within Yangon. The pre-schools act as a bridge into the community and the project also supports small community development and emergency medical projects.

At the end of 2016, 113 children were enrolled at the two pre-schools. It is expected that 40 of these will graduate in June (the end of the school year) and will then be able to enrol in government schools. Without access to this pre-school, these children would have no hope of getting into school. We have kick-started a better future for them and their families.



Nap time at one of the pre-schools

Since June our partner has been able to assist with four medical emergencies, making sure that ill-health does not mean a family ends up in even more poverty. Often, the families with children in the pre-school have no safety net and cannot afford medical treatment if something goes wrong. It is even more of a blow if the medical emergency involves the family breadwinner.

It is hard to imagine what these families experience, but our partner has helped by sharing the story of one of the children:

Ma Ma (not real name) is 3 years old and lives in that community with her parents and siblings. Her father is alcoholic and does not want to take care of his family. Her mother is always away from home to earn money for family and little Ma Ma has to stay home with her grandmother. Ma Ma's mother came to us one day and told us a very sad and awful thing happened to her daughter. Ma Ma was sexually abused by a man from their neighbourhood. Her mother came to us asking for advice how to handle the case. We gave them advice and supported them as much as we can. Ma Ma is now at one of our preschools and receives love and care from us.



Lunch at one of the pre-schools

Our partner is trusted as a source of advice and help in the community – they are much more than just a pre-school. Through your support the community can see a different future, and children are kept safe, loved, and provided a way into the formal education system, potentially ending the cycle of poverty. Thank you for making all this possible.