

Building Resilient Communities



Yangon, Myanmar



Combatting Trafficking

Budget \$22,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED MAR 22

FEB 23

Overview

Our partner works in the sprawling urban slum areas in the outskirts of Yangon, Myanmar's capital. Because of poverty, children and young teens from the slums are vulnerable to being trafficked. The military coup (began 1/2/21) together with COVID-19 has exacerbated the trafficking risks due to increased financial pressure faced by families who have lost jobs. Families fall deeper into debt bondage and are desperate. With 12 community centres operating in the poorest urban trafficking hubs, our partner is well placed to deliver strong anti-trafficking awareness programs to these vulnerable communities and to engage in regular household visits.

Impact for Mar 22 - Aug 22

293

Anti-trafficking training for support groups



Each week across 12 community centres, 293 support groups (reaching some 2000 people) meet together and receive nourishing meals, sometimes with food packages to take home, as well as trafficking awareness training.

Training to build capacity of 12 centre staff

in leadership, vision casting, problem solving and developing anti-trafficking strategies is held regularly. Staff also receive emotional support to help them process the challenging situations they encounter in their work.



1116 In-depth household visits each week



by the community liaison teams help to impart new skills and values that increase community resilience and trafficking awareness. Food parcels and support group referrals often follow. 1116 households (4631 beneficiaries) were visited in this reporting period.

6 community trafficking awareness events

were held for the broader community, attended by 721 people. Skits, films, flyers, presentations and follow-up home visits help to convey vital information. Some individuals may be referred to support groups following these events.

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- the project also aims to build up local volunteers and leaders in the community to take on new roles and responsibilities to aid vulnerable individuals and groups.
- support groups positively impact family dynamics, increase trafficking awareness and aid mental and emotional wellbeing.



Doe Yin's Story

Doe Yin fell into serious debt trying to pay for treatment for her husband's severe lung condition. Her children would collect bottles to recycle to help pay off the debt while Doe searched for odd jobs. Sometimes she would even starve herself to feed her children, only eating leftovers. With local gangsters demanding payment, her desperation drove her to consider selling one of her children to a local pimp. Since coming to the centre Doe has received food and financial help and is getting back on her feet through the women's support group. Her children too have joined the kids program.



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