

Building Hope Through Water

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Rakhine State, Myanmar



Water



Tax deductible

Total Budget - \$53,600

Project Timeline

Year 2 \$25,800

2 YEARS



POPULATION

54.4 million

POVERTY

24.8% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 67 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 5 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 189 nations Myanmar 147 (Aust 8)

**2020 Human Development Report*



Overview

This project focuses on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs in the troubled Rakhine State. With the backing of experienced partners, this project targets a population of 12,939, made up of 10 villages - 5 Muslim and 5 Buddhist - which have no access to clean water. It will work alongside peace-building activities in the area, which is being driven into deeper poverty and neglect by the military coup and COVID-19. 500 bio-sand filters will be made and distributed to families together with WASH training, delivering clean water for the first time to these areas. What an opportunity!

Why support this:

Rakhine State is the poorest in Myanmar and receives the least development assistance, with almost half the state living below \$1.60 per day, 75% having no electricity and 65% suffering from malnutrition. The focus on training locals in both the knowledge and the skills to continue to maintain and improve the water and sanitation infrastructure ensures not only that results will be sustainable, but outcomes will also improve over time. We like the well-considered approach our partners have taken to learn how to modify and improve the delivery of good community development projects before rolling out larger projects.

Objectives Include:



Training of WASH facilitators



Production of hand-made bio-sand filters



Community-led training in hygiene and sanitation



Design/building of improved sanitation facilities

Expected life Change

- Better health within the community, leading to increased income
- A community empowered to continue to improve and to take care of its own development
- Sustainable livelihood development through the promotion of WASH information and a bio-sand filter manufacturing centre resulting in jobs for local community members