

Building Resilient Communities



Yangon, Myanmar



Combatting Trafficking



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$22,000

Project Timeline



1 YEAR



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

Our partner works in the sprawling urban slum areas in the outskirts of Yangon, Myanmar's capital. Due to 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.

Why support this:


Our partners are nimble, hands-on and experienced and work towards building safe and holistic communities. They work closely with other anti-trafficking agencies and community leaders to protect children and families to bring about change in communities where trafficking, gang violence and poverty are rife. We appreciate that they pinpoint effective strategies based on practical experience, and engage the participation of volunteers from the slum communities.

Objectives Include:

 **576 meetings (12 weekly) for anti-trafficking training support groups**

 **3 trainers to build capacity of community centre staff**

 **50 in-depth household visits per week**

 **Printed material and short videos for support groups**

Expected Life Change

- Families will be taught how to avoid traffickers and paedophiles.
- Families will feel empowered to build strong communities.
- Families can access safe community centres and will find adults to trust and can report trafficking risks.
- Women empowered through vocational skills training and the knowledge to build family resilience to trafficking.