

From Despair to Hope



Yangon, Myanmar



Anti-Trafficking



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$80,000

Project Timeline



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 follows on from two successful one-year projects to reach and restore female trafficking victims, specifically those trafficked for sexual exploitation and forced marriage. Entrust will support 50 girls: 25 per year – 15 trafficked and 10 at high-risk of being trafficked. The 15 rescued girls will also be supported with living costs (stipends) to reduce the risk of returning to trafficking for economic reasons. All girls will receive vocational and business training to gain income-generating skills to support themselves. Trauma counselling, art, music and dance therapy, self-esteem building as well as justice and education programs form part of their rehabilitation. Accommodation for the 15 live-in girls provides a safe environment to recover and prepare to reintegrate into communities and find stable employment, restoring hope and dignity. Year 2 budget required \$40,000.

Why support this:

The red-light districts have become one of the primary trafficking hubs as young girls and women migrate to Yangon due to economic desperation. We like that the program takes 12 months to restore the girls as research shows that women who are returned too quickly to their families and communities without trauma counselling and support are at a high risk of being re-trafficked. We also value our partner's commitment to continually build the capacity of local staff.

Objectives Include:



50 rescued victims supported with stipends



Vocational training for 50 women at risk



Empowerment programs & therapy to build resilience



210 family members benefit from the program

Expected Life Change

- a supportive environment will foster healing from trauma.
- vocational training will provide an income stream to combat the economic pressures placed on girls and their families
- women gain vocational and life skills, restoring dignity and building financial independence and a sense of community