

## Building a Brighter Future



Yangon, Myanmar



Anti-Trafficking

Year 1 Budget \$80,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

MAR 23

FEB 25

### Overview

This project builds on previous successful initiatives aimed at rescuing and rehabilitating female victims of trafficking, particularly those exploited for sexual purposes and those forced into marriage. Entrust is supporting 50 girls annually, including trafficking survivors as well as girls at high risk of being trafficked, through our partner's five centres. The support includes living stipends to minimise the risk of economic-driven re-trafficking. Additionally, all participants are receiving vocational and business training to acquire income-generating skills for self-sufficiency. The rehabilitation program also includes trauma counseling, art, music, and dance therapy, self-esteem building, as well as justice and education programs. The budget is providing seed money for microenterprise initiatives and covers the salary of a vocational trainer.

### Impact September 2023 - February 2024

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#### Monthly stipends for 50 trafficking survivors

The full-time stipends facilitate part-time work and vocational training in various fields. These stipends ensure that survivors can fully engage with confidence, knowing their families' financial needs are covered.

#### Vocational training for 45 girls at risk,

developing personal vocational interests through attending regular classes, thus expanding their possibilities and building essential skills for independence in a safe and protected environment while they work through their trauma. Vocational training offered includes jewellery or macramé making, permaculture and gardening, hair and beauty and tailoring.

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#### Survivors received the essential care

of safe shelter, welcome pack with basic necessities, daily meals support, art therapy and trauma counselling. 17 of these survivors from Vietnam, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Kenya and China have been repatriated back home.

#### Seed funding for small microenterprises

Over \$3000 has been invested into this new initiative to provide seed money support for microenterprises for 15 women. These women are also trained in business skills, including basic sales and marketing skills, to help them to succeed in their business and to become financially independent.

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### Yu Yu's Story

Yu Yu had a difficult childhood with her abusive mother after her parents' divorce. At 18, she ran away and was trafficked by a friend to a casino, where she faced unimaginable abuse and exploitation. She was rescued by a kind man who later married her. They had a son, but her husband cheated, left, and took their child. Struggling alone, Yu Yu turned to survival sex.

Introduced to our partner's drop-in centre, she received trauma counselling and rediscovered her love for farming. Joining the microgreens urban farming program, she thrived and has been employed full-time. Now, she sees her son four times a week and is building a new life.



Thank you for making a difference