

Fighting Trafficking in Myanmar

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Yangon, Myanmar



Combatting Trafficking



Tax deductible

Total Budget



Project Timeline



POPULATION

55.4 million

POVERTY

24.8% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 65.7 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6.4 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 191 nations Myanmar 149 (Aust 5)

*2021-22 Human Development Report



Overview

Our partner works in the sprawling urban slum areas on the outskirts of Yangon, Myanmar's capital. Due to poverty, children, young teens and women from the slums are vulnerable to being trafficked. Ongoing military rule (since 1/2/21) and COVID-19 has exacerbated the trafficking risks due to the collapse of society which has affected healthcare, jobs, food security etc and has increased poverty. 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. Support groups are extremely effective in reducing individual and family vulnerability and increasing resilience.

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:



Support groups for families and 7 weekly children's groups



Training of trainers for 40 centre staff



55 in-depth household visits per week



Support groups for trafficking survivors and women working in survival sex

Expected life change

- Families will be taught how to avoid traffickers and paedophiles
- Families will feel empowered to build strong communities
- Women empowered through vocational skills training and the knowledge to build family resilience to trafficking.