

Life-Giving Water



Rakhine State, Myanmar



Water



Tax deductible

2 Year Project: Jan 2024 to Dec 2025

Total Budget: \$70,000

Current Year Funding Required: \$38,000



POPULATION

54.5 million

POVERTY

24.8% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 67.3 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6.5 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 191 nations Myanmar 144 (Aust 10)

**2023-24 Human Development Index*

Overview

This project focuses on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs in the troubled Rakhine State. With the backing of an experienced partner, this project targets a population of 15,740 in 10 villages - 5 Muslim and 5 Buddhist - who have no access to clean water. 300 bio-sand filters (BSF) will be made and distributed to families together with WASH training, delivering clean water for the first time to these areas. 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.

Why support this:

Rakhine State is the poorest in Myanmar with almost half the state living below \$1.60 per day, 75% having no electricity and 65% suffering from malnutrition. The WASH project provides education on hygiene awareness and ensures access to clean drinking water and adequate sanitation. Villagers can proactively prevent disease outbreaks and epidemics. This is crucial as the villagers may face challenges in accessing healthcare due to financial constraints and logistical limitations. The area suffers from natural disasters and there is fighting between local factions and the military regime causing instability.

Objectives Include:



Training of WASH facilitators



Production of 300 hand-made bio-sand filters



Community-led training in hygiene and sanitation



Design/building of improved sanitation facilities

Expected life Change

- Improved health with fewer incidents of water borne diseases
- 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