# 2016 CAPACITY STATEMENT

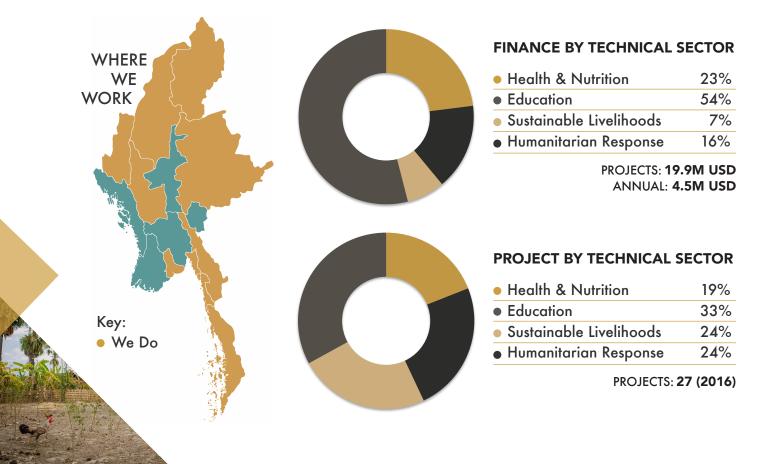




## WHO ARE WE

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change. ADRA Myanmar belongs to the worldwide ADRA network, comprised of 134 supporting and implementing country offices. ADRA's five core sectors include; Food Security, Health, Economic Growth, Education, and Emergency Management. ADRA Myanmar has developed its expertise specifically in education, health, sustainable livelihoods and humanitarian response and is experienced in integrated rural development programming and management within the remote ethnic areas of Myanmar.

ADRA Myanmar was established in 1985 holding registration in Myanmar and has strong working relationships with local authorities on both village, township and State levels. ADRA holds MOUs with MoH and with the MoSWRR. ADRA also has working relationships with the MoAI and Ministry of Education, including the Department for Technical Vocational Education (MoE-DTVE). ADRA's technical team includes specialists in health, formal and non-formal education specialists, WASH and rural livelihoods. The administrative and managerial team includes capacity in program administration, financial and technical management and human resources, with a National Office in Yangon. ADRA Myanmar has five sub-offices located in Kachin State, Northern Chin State, Southern Chin State, Magway Region and Kayin State. ADRA is able to access expertise through ADRA's global network partners.



## **HEALTH & NUTRITION**

ADRA actively supports health in Myanmar through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health since 1993 and strong working relationships with local authorities at township, state and national levels. ADRA has working relationships with Ethnic Health Organisations having negotiated access to Karen Peace Council (KPC) areas from 2007, and to BGF/DKBA and KNU-controlled areas from 2010. Over the years, ADRA's programs have developed water and sanitation facilities and medical facilities, provided health and hygiene education, medical supplies and training for health staff with a particular focus on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and nutrition.

**Maternal, Newborn and Child Health:** A priority focus area for ADRA, MNCH focuses on high impact activities such as; **(1)** reducing childbirth related deaths for women and newborns by supporting the training of auxiliary midwives, midwives, and health staff introducing global best practices to ensure that women can safely give birth, **(2)** developing community support mechanisms for women of reproductive age, pregnant women, and women with children under five, **(3)** improving community health seeking behaviours including establishing savings and loans groups to fund patient transportation and referrals, **(4)** developing equity in health systems in ethnic areas including promoting harmonization, recognition, and convergence, and **(5)** improving rural health centres/sub-centres and construction of new facilities to improve access and delivery of health services.

**Nutrition and Early Child Development:** ADRA's nutrition program focuses on the 1,000-day window offering gender sensitive awareness programs, and integrated nutrition education with ECD programs. ADRA strengthens health worker capacity in growth monitoring and nutrition counseling utilising the PD Hearth approach to address malnutrition and improve consumption of nutritional foods through training in; kitchen gardening, food preparation, food preservation and micro-nutrients.

**WASH:** ADRA has extensive experience improving hygiene practices in communities and developing sanitation systems through; community led total sanitation (CLTS) initiatives, developing contextualized sanitation infrastructure designs and approaches using local materials, developing skills and expertise to sustainably engage the community. ADRA has worked in numerous communities and healthfacilities to establish or rehabilitate wells, tube-wells, gravity flow systems, and rain water collection systems to ensure a safe water supply.



#### EDUCATION

ADRA's uses a holistic learning approach that cuts across sectors to address the learner's needs and engage learners, families, local organizations and communities as equal partners. Our programs foster inclusivity, lessening gender imbalances in education reducing violence and harmful norms, increasing the protection of women, girls and boys, particularly those with special needs/disabilities and capitalising on education's transformative capacity to positively shape values, attitudes, behaviour, knowledge and skills. Advocacy and policy engagement actions are evidence based, multi-stakeholder, and developed around synergies that build cooperation and mutual trust contributing towards peace building. ADRA collaborates closely with the govenment and has developed positive relationships with ethnic education organisations creating opportunities and space for dialogue around policy and convergence issues. ADRA is part of the Education Thematic Working Group and technical working groups participating in national and regional coordination forums.

**Formal education:** ADRA is supporting 2,181 schools and approximately 4,463 teachers addressing gaps resulting from decades of underinvestment in education through; teacher training, supplying teaching and learning materials, providing support to school management committees and parent teacher associations and support for advocacy and policy development. ADRA is improving teaching and learning environments by providing; furniture, constructing and renovating school buildings, developing WASH infrastructure in schools and carrying out school based hygiene promotion sessions.

**Non-Formal Education:** For those who have 'missed' the opportunity for a formal education, ADRA works on technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Department of Technical and Vocational Education (DTVE) in the form of market driven short courses that are certified by the Myanmar Government and the Thai Governments Office for the Vocational Education Commissioner (OVEC) providing youth with employable skills.

**Education in Emergencies:** ADRA is working with ethnic education organisations within the Kachin, Shan and Kayin States and Sagaing Region to extend educational services to conflict affected areas where children do not have access to an education. ADRA provides support through a program of teachers extending education services (TEES), training teachers to establish education services in remote ethnic areas and by providing teaching and learning materials that reach 214,094 students.



#### SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

ADRA's program address issues of declining erratic rainfall and increases in extreme weather events as a result of climate change. Programs focus on food security, livelihoods and resilience in the Central Dry Zone and in the upland areas of Myanmar, diversifying livelihoods, introducing climate-smart agriculture approaches (drip irrigation, solar water pumping, conservation agriculture) and piloting holistic grazing management approaches to address land degradation and desertification. In the upland areas, programs are focused on improving natural resource management through land use planning and sloping agricultural land technologies, to diversify livelihoods and reduce dependence on rain fed agriculture, improving water resource management, sustainable forest land management and prevention of land degradation through reducing overuse of Swidden agriculture. Projects are focused on building technical knowledge and learning, to enable future evidence based planning and policy dialogue with the Government of Myanmar, enabling the development of absorptive, adaptive and transformative capacities, knowledge and strategies for sustainable livelihoods.

#### HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

ADRA has a National Emergency Management Plan (NEMP) in place that enables a rapid mobilization of team members and resources in the event of a disaster. ADRA has strong capacities in emergency assessment, coordinating with the government and the UN cluster systems on joint assessment and humanitarian programming. ADRA works closely with UN-OCHA, UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, the Ministry of Social Welfare and Relief and Resettlement in responding to needs and gaps, specializing in cash in emergencies, WASH, shelter and livelihoods. ADRA also works in conflict areas on education, health and livelihoods targeting internally displaced persons and conflict affected communities. DRR is mainstreamed in ongoing development programs and in recovery programs training households on disaster risk management and disaster preparedness through; hazard, vulnerability and capacity assessments to promote reflection and learning, mapping exercises and capacity building of communities on DRR principles and disaster preparedness. Programs increase resilience in the face of climate change related risks through the promotion of climate smart agriculture, land and resource management, and diversification of livelihoods. ADRA Myanmar is a member of the DRR Working Group in Myanmar and harmonizes its DRR approaches and programs with other actors, supporting the institutionalization of DRR in government policies and development programs ensuring coordination and enabling replication across vulnerable areas of Myanmar.



# PERFORMANCE/ONGOING PROJECTS

Donor/Budget /Duration	Project Title	Target Areas /Beneficiaries	Project Interventions
- NORAD/ADRA Norway - 5,812,000 USD - 1 Jan 14 - 31 Dec 18	<b>SEAQE</b> 'Strengthening Education Access, Quality and Equity in South East Myanmar'	- Kayin State, Mon State & Tanintharyi Region - 246,016 Beneficiaries	22 schools renovated, 3 middle schools built, 1920 short course skills training trainees, 16 teachers, in service training for 1,372 schools, teaching and learning materials for 6,020 students, ethnic education policy development and meetings, improved capacity of government education institutions.
- EuropeAID/Malteser Intl - 1,236,500 EUR - 1 Feb 13 - 31 Jul 16	<b>AUP</b> 'Improved Access to and Utilisation of Health Services, Water & Sanitation Facilities and Rights Protection for Upro- tected People in Kayin State'	- Kayin State - 10,500 Beneficiaries	Mobile clinic operation in 30 villages, training of 30 CHWs and 30 AMWs, 95 wells and 2,700 latrines, right promotion, mine risk education and disability support.
- GAC/ADRA Canada - 2,228,000 CAD - 1 Feb 16 - 31 Dec 20	<b>EMBRACE</b> 'Enhance Mother/ Newborn/Child Health in Remote Areas through Health Care and Community Engagement'	- Kayin State - 11,458 Beneficiaries	Increase awareness and knowledge of MNCH among young women, mothers and female and male primary caregivers using MCHGs; Increase food security and nutrition for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children, especially during the first 1000 days; and improve quality and access to health care.
- AEON Foundation - 1,450,000 USD - 1 Feb 16 - 31 May 19	Education Suport Project	- Kayin State, Yangon Region - 3,750 Beneficiaries	Construction of 21 school facilities and provision of WASH facilities for schools.
- ECHO/ADRA Germany - 1,011,190 EUR - 1 May 16 - 31 Oct 17	<b>CASE</b> 'Conflict Area Support for Education'	- Kayin State, Shan State, Kachin State, Naga & Chin State - 214,096 Beneficiaries	Teachers extending educational services, teaching and learning materials and advocacy.
- MFAT/ADRA New Zealand - 3,978,000 NZD - 1 Jul 16 - 30 Jun 20	<b>SURE</b> 'Sustainable Rural Economic Development'	- Chin State - 7,290 Beneficiaries	Improved local agricultural and horticultural expertise, im- proved technical knowledge/skills for land-based and production enterprises, improved access to and utilization of fertile land and production tools, and local knowledge/ leadership of resource management issues strengthened.
- Japan Platform/ADRA Japan - 283,612 EUR - 1 May 14 - 31 Mar 15	<b>JPF EAP II</b> 'Education Assistance Project in Kayin State in Myanmar Phase II'	- Kayin State - 1,250 Beneficiaries	Construction of 4 village primary schools, training of community in education awareness and training of school management committees.
- AsianAID Australia - 134,284 AUD - 1 Aug 14 - 31 May 16	<b>CARE</b> 'Conflict Affected Rural Education'	- Kayin State, Mon State & Tanintharyi Region - 2,400 Beneficiaries	Provision of teacher stipends to rural community schools.
- Japan Platform/ADRA Japan - 280,000 USD - 1 Apr 15 - 31 Mar 16	<b>JPF EAP III</b> 'Education Assistance Project in Kayin State in Myanmar Phase III'	- Kayin State - 1,260 Beneficiaries	School Constuction and livelihood support.
- UNICEF - 306,349 USD 1 Apr 14 - 31 Dec 14 - 460,000 USD 1 Apr 15 - 31 May 16	Kachin WinS I & II 'WASH in Schools Phase I & II'	- Kachin State - 8,573 Beneficiaries	<ul> <li>Support 86 schools with hygiene promotion, sanitation facilities, and hand washing stands.</li> <li>22 School toilet block construction, 24 hand dugs wells, 31 overhead water tanks, and hygiene promotion in 53 schools.</li> </ul>



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- MEC - 156,000 USD - 1 Jun 16 - 31 May 17	<b>EAQIKA</b> 'Education Access and Quality Improvement in KPC Areas'	- Kayin State - 3,000 Beneficiaries	Teacher training, teaching and learning materials and dialogue with education stakeholders.
- WFP - 1,293,163 USD - 1 Jan 15 - 31 Dec 16	Enhanced Food Security Initiative	- Chin State, Magway Region & Shan State - 6,557 Beneficiaries	Food for assets, education support and HIV support.
- GAC/IHA/ADRA Canada - 1,009,000 CAD (I) 1,211,442 CAD (II) - 1 Apr 16 - 31 Jan 17	<b>SCAIDP I &amp; II</b> 'Support to Conflict Affected IDPs in Kachin State Project Phase I & II'	- Kachin State, Northern Shan State - 19,531 Beneficiaries	Improved WASH conditions for IDPs and cash transfers/ Multi-purpose grants to IDPs and vulnerable households affected by conflict.
- GAC/IHA/ADRA Canada - 840,000 CAD - 1 Aug 15 - 29 Feb 16	<b>MFAP</b> 'Myanmar Flood Assistance Project'	- Sagaing Region, Chin State & Magway Region - 22,800 Beneficiaries	Support to 2,250 households with cash for work, 1,100 households with unconditional cash transfers and 1,000 households with shelter assistance to assist shelter and livelihood recovery after flooding.
- AusAID/ADRA Australia - 640,000 AUD - 1 Jul 15 - 30 Jun 18	<b>PRICE II</b> 'Poverty Reduction Initiative Through Community Empowerment Phase II'	- Chin State - 3,950 Beneficiaries	Support to 850 savings and loans groups members and linkages to private sector financial services.
- AusAID/ADRA Australia - 260,000 AUD	<b>SGRIP</b> 'Sustainable Grazing and Irrigation Pilot Project'	- Magway Region - 4,050 Beneficiaries	Pilot Holistic Grazing and pilot commercial scale drip irrigation in areas with erratic rainfall and widespread soil degradation.

# PARTNERSHIPS & PARTICIPATION

ADRA Myanmar has partnered with several development agencies, government ministries and departments and educational and research institutions to deliver development programs to communities. We view collaboration as a cost-effective and time-saving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons, and combining technical experience and expertise for maximum project impact. ADRA has developed excellent relationships with both international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Myanmar and often partner with organizations to further our objectives. Below is a list of recent partnerships:

- ADRA Australia
- ADRA Austria
- ADRA Canada
- ADRA Czech Republic
- ADRA International
- ADRA Japan
- ADRA Netherlands
- ADRA Norway
- AsianAID Australia - AsianAID US
- AusAID - EuropeAID
- IHA
- Japan Platform
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