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Supporting Female Headed Households through Savings & Loans Groups

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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of Daw Ngun Cawi from PRICE project. Photo: © 2019 ADRA Myanmar | Emma McCrow

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FEATURED ARTICLE



Daw Ngun Cawi's Story: Supporting Female Headed Households through Savings & Loans Groups

My name is Daw Ngun Cawi from Belai Village in the Chin hills. I am 49 years old with seven children. My eldest daughter has already passed the matriculation exam, but was unable to find work, so she now weaves. My other daughters are in 10 Standard and will take the exam later in the year.

Since my husband passed, life has been difficult. I work hard to support my children as a farmer. I also participate in Kindergarten as a volunteer each year. All my children are attending school, but I cannot afford the fees. I have to borrow money from others to pay for my children's education.

However since the PRICE project came, in the summer, we are lent money which we use for livelihoods, agriculture, weaving and education fees.

"There is now a Savings and Loans group in our village. At first, many people were not interested, but later they joined once they saw the benefit. We meet each month and we save 500 kyats. If 12 people can save this money, then we have 6,000 kyats available each

month. It is a small amount, but after one year, we can save 100,000 kyats", Village Leader U Boi Khung commented.

Like others in her village, Daw Ngun Cawi joined the Savings and Loans Group. Now she can buy elephant foot yam to plant, a pig and more importantly, she can cover the cost of her children's education.

Daw Ngun Cawi is one of several female headed households working hard to support their families. The AusAID and ADRA Australia funded PRICE project is fostering sustainable livelihoods in the Chin State for vulnerable families like Daw Ngun Cawi's through agriculture and income generation activities.



The project has been very effective for us. It is very useful for someone who has no husband, like me.

EMMA MCCROW
Communications Officer, ADMIN

REFLECTIONS



A New Normal

2020 has been a complex year. Across the globe, we have been linked together by the COVID-19 crisis in ways we have never seen. The spread of this disease has broadened the definition of "neighbor" to include people we have never seen or talked to. As a global community, we have been forced to evaluate our behaviors and challenged to consider how our actions and interactions could negatively impact others. In places like the United States where I live, we are asked daily to engage in behavior change; to stop thinking about ourselves as individuals and take precautions for the collective good.

As ADRA, we are also challenged to respond to this crisis differently. With greater intentionality, focus, speed and, to do what we have always done, stay the course. The gains we have seen communities make have been reduced, eliminated or are at risk. The data is sobering, with severe impacts on livelihoods, global economies, health, education, and nutrition projected for the next decade.

In responding to this crisis, I have seen country offices come together in ways I haven't witnessed in the nearly 13 years that I have worked in ADRA. I have experienced the intentionality, the speed, and the focus with which we pull together and learn from one another, so we may serve communities and fulfil our mandate. We are navigating a new world and as time goes by, we will need each other to get this right. May we continue to come together and do our ultimate best, so that "all may live as God intended".

SONYA FUNNA | Senior Director for Programs & Innovation, ADRA International

IN THE MEDIA



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READ: After being identified as disabled and learning of the short training courses at GTHS Hpa-an in partnership with the Norad and ADRA Norge funded #SEAQ2 project, Nan Sanay Ma was given hope and a second chance at education to fulfil her father's wishes and help her community. Click the link to read more [HERE](#)



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You did it! Today we're celebrating 1 million signatures in the #EveryChildInSchool petition and we couldn't have done it without you! The #EveryChildInSchool campaign kicked off in October 2019, with ADRA International and the Seventh-day Adventist Church urging support for the nearly 300 million children and youth globally who are out of school. This is a staggering number of children worldwide who need quality education, and live free from exploitation and poverty. In the past 10 months, people just like you came alongside us to advocate for children, and momentum to get online signatures spread, including countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the South Pacific. Read more about the #EveryChildInSchool campaign and what comes next [HERE](#)



MEET OUR STAFF



DAVID CUNG LAN THANG

M&E OFFICER | PRICE

Q1

What Race/Nationality are you from?

Chin

Q5

What Place/Country would you like to visit?

United States (US)

Q2

What is your favourite food/s to eat?

Chin cuisine: boiled chicken, multi-veg soup and boiled sweet corn

Q6

In one word, what would define you?

Forward-looking

Q3

What is your favourite colour?

Green to see and white, black, and blue to wear

Q7

What year did you join ADRA?

August, 2016

Q4

What do you like to do for fun?

Hanging out with friends and exchanging ideas on contemporary issues

Q8

What do you love most about working in ADRA?

The healthy working environment



PROJECT UPDATES



CASE2LEARN

The European Union in Myanmar funded CASE2LEARN project in partnership with RISE, has been distributing teaching and learning materials including mother tongue language story books and teacher stipends ahead of the academic year to reach 3,162 schools, 20,062 teachers and 316,730 students.

The kits include 34 items such as pens, notebooks, paper, stationary, registrar books, flipcharts and some sports equipment.

Distributions were done by RISE network members; BWF, CDN, CRED, ENDO, LDN, SEE, SENG, TSYU and KTWG in Chin, Shan, Naga and Karen areas. RISE also did distributions in Pyin Oo Lwin.

The CASE2Learn project supports Non-Government teachers in Indigenous areas where they would otherwise have no support compared to Government teachers who are 50% funded.

SEAQE2

The Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 project held a meeting on July 14 in Taung Ka Lay 2 Village in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State.

The meeting was attended by Vice Hlaing Bwe Township Education Director, SMC members, the School Principal, village members and ADRA Myanmar Project Director, Project Manager, Education Officer, Engineer and Field Facilitator.

The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate with the SMC and community leaders as well as to gain approval for constructing a new middle school. Key items discussed were the construction site selection, sharing design ideas, proposing community participation towards construction and future cooperation with ADRA in education activities.

The meeting was successful and the community have committed to cooperate with ADRA and the Township Education Department.



PROJECT UPDATES



SURE

The MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded SURE project held FFS (Farmer Field School) training for 12 targeted villages.

The purpose of the training is to successfully and systematically cultivate paddy and maize fields in Lotaw village, Chin State.

By establishing a 'Farmer Field School' with technical support from the SURE project, paddy and maize farmers can enhance new skills and techniques.

Participants shared their experiences and discussed methods regarding maize and paddy seed growing techniques as well as checking germination and growing rates of the current fields.



SURE

The SURE project also held Vetiver Grass Growing System training in Lotaw Village, Chin State.

Experienced trainer Daw Myo Myo Yee was hired to conduct the training over 2 days from 23 - 24 July.

There were 20 participants in the training including; 16 village extension workers from 12 villages and 4 SURE project staff.

Photos of the training were shared by local news Station SkyNet Up2Date News. To view the video, click [HERE](#).



PHOTO COMPETITION



Photo: © 2020 ADRA Myanmar | Naw Mu Mu Saw

THIS MONTHS WINNING PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Naw Mu Mu Saw
Project Manager, SEAE2

ABOUT THE PHOTO:

Saw Kyaw Min Tun is a Hair Cutting trainer for KECD and graduate of the Batch 2/2017 TVET Short Course at GTHS Hpa-An under SEAE2 project.

WILL YOU BE NEXT?

Want to see your photo in the next volume of 'Mingalaba'? Please send in your photos by **3 Sep 2020** to: emma.mccrow@adramyanmar.org

The winning photo will not only be featured here, but also advertised on ADRA Myanmar's social media (Facebook & Instagram) and featured on our website under your name.

PHOTO GUIDELINES

For your photo to be eligible to win, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Staff Member, Partner or Donor of ADRA Myanmar
- Taken a Photo of a Beneficiary, Staff and/or Activity in an ADRA Myanmar Project
- High-res (preferable at 300ppi: 2480 x 3508 pixels)
- Landscape or portrait accepted
- In focus and exposed correctly
- JPEG or RAW files accepted
- Unedited, original photo only
- Brief description of photo provided

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Topic: Ethnic Education Systems
Project: CASE2Learn
Deadline: 10 August 2020

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Project: CASE2Learn
Deadline: 21 August 2020

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Deadline: 16 August 2020

PROJECT MANAGER

Location/Project: Lashio | BRIGHT
Deadline: 21 August 2020

PROGRAM OFFICER

Location/Project: Hpa-An | AEON
Deadline: 21 August 2020

*Visit www.adramyanmar.org/careers to learn more about the below positions and how to apply. Applications submitted through Facebook will not be accepted.

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SPECIAL FEATURE



Farewell to Country Director and Family

ADRA Myanmar bid farewell to our Country Director Claudio, his wife and former M&E Coordinator Brenda and their 2 children by holding a farewell lunch at Summit Parkview Hotel.

Claudio has served as Country Director for the last 4+ years and Brenda was previously employed as M&E Coordinator but transitioned to ADRA International in November 2019. Now, the family have moved to the US.

Under Claudio's leadership, ADRA Myanmar has experienced great change such as acquiring new projects, refining our core sectors, expanding our financing, building stronger relationships with the local Adventist Church, advocating for Indigenous education and continuing to strengthen our partnerships with local organizations and governments.

We want to wish Claudio, Brenda and family God's richest blessings.





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