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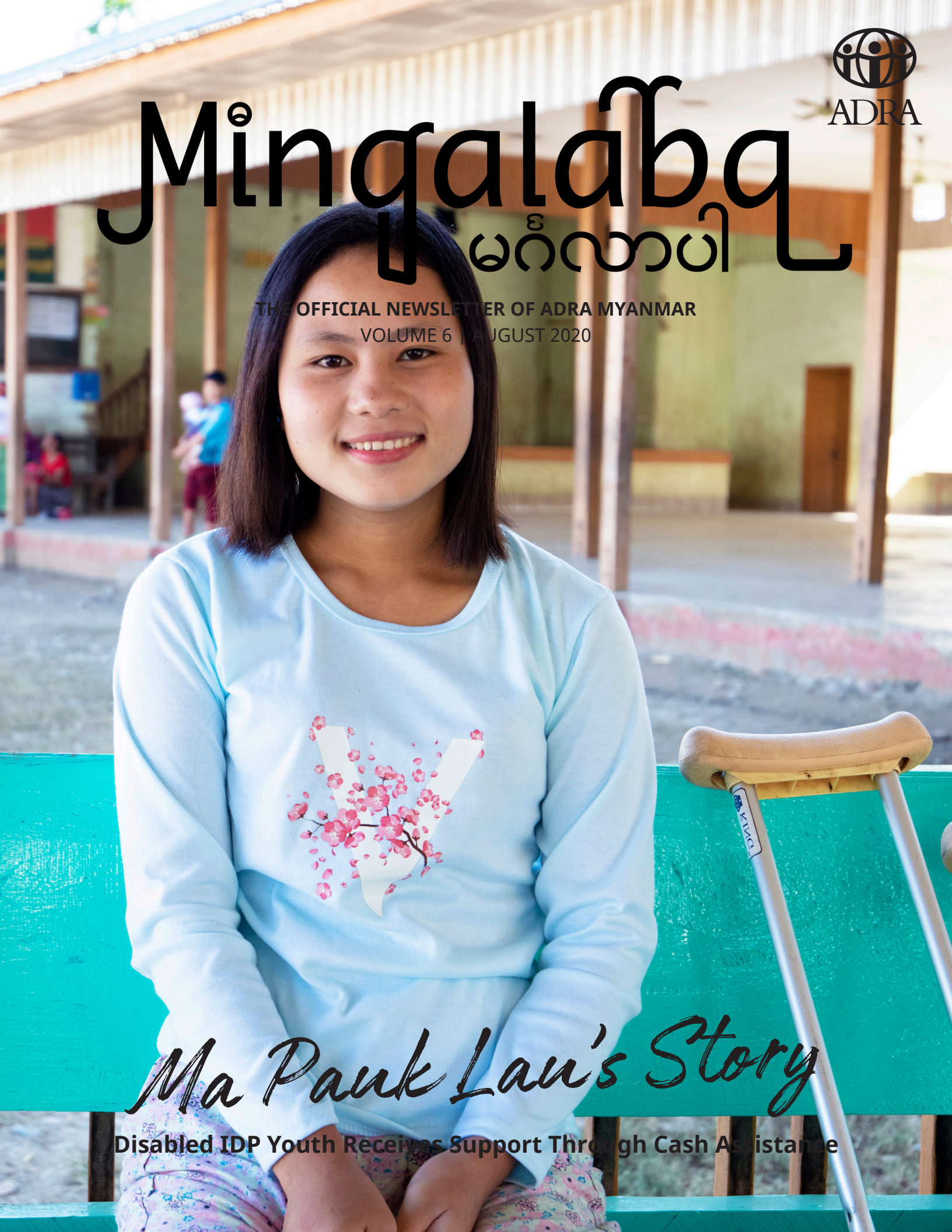

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COVER PHOTO

This months cover photo is of Ma Pauk Lau from SCAIDP project. Photo: © 2019 ADRA Myanmar | Pyae Phyo Lin

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FEATURED ARTICLE

Ma Pauk Lau's Story: Disabled IDP Youth Receives Support Through Cash Assistance

My name is Ma Pauk Lau. I am 18 years old and currently living as an IDP in ShweZet IDP camp. In 2011, the conflict started in my home village. I was living with my parents, 2 brothers and a sister. When we heard shooting, we ran into the forest. We stayed there almost one week.

For the past 8 years, I have been living in this camp. 6 months ago, I was in a motorbike accident in Myitkyina City. My legs were broken and would not heal until now. I cannot walk well and need assistance.

Our livelihood is very difficult. My youngest sister is 16 years old and works with my mother downtown. My father can't work because he is also ill. I can't attend school, but I want to.

We heard of the SCAIDP V project that supported those with disabilities and chronic patients. I was selected and received 10,000 MMK each month. My family also got 55,000 MMK from the household cash distribution. I used the money for my medical fees. The money is enough for me. This project by providing money to support us, is effective for our lives.

Sometimes I am involved in camp activities such as cleaning the camp. The camp volunteers teach me a lot of things so I gained good experience. I really want to thank the donor and ADRA.

"We hired volunteers in the camps to assist. We can support 500 people from 99 households in these camps," said Hkawn Din, WASH Officer from ADRA Myanmar.

"I assist in the Cash distributions and WASH activities in this camp. The project's support process is very effective for the people. We teach them how to wash their hands and they gain a lot of knowledge," commented Daw Zee Myoi, WASH and Cash Volunteer from ShweZet IDP Camp.

> **"I want to go back to my home. I don't know when I will go back home. I don't want to run again, I am afraid.**

PYAE PHYO LIN
Communications Assistant, ADMIN

REFLECTIONS

Resilience in the Face of COVID-19

ADRA Myanmar, just like any other organisation, is not only confronted with difficulties in delivering development, but also with responding to humanitarian needs aggravated by COVID-19. As we work with ethnic education systems, this interruption of the school year will have a disproportionately negative impact on the most vulnerable pupils, those for whom the conditions for ensuring continuity of learning at home are limited.

Confronted by all these challenges, I am grateful for the resilience and creativity shown by our teams, who have managed to partner with actors like Zabai to leverage technology to sustain learning, and engage our donors to repurpose funds to respond to urgent needs. With Rakhine being the new hot spot for COVID-19, I continue to appreciate the ongoing efforts to upscale our online initiatives, including the blended TVET approaches in IDP camps and ensure the needs for the disabled by enhancing accessibility features, such as audio narration, sign language videos, simplified text, and assistive devices. The country leadership is mobilizing resources to address the humanitarian situation in IDP camps and recovery efforts, especially in the agriculture sector. Generosity and flexibility of our donors, creativity of our partners and staff, has enabled us to remain resilient in the face of COVID-19. To this day, various diseases are without a vaccine, including the common cold, but we have learned to adapt our lifestyles to live with them. Our Crisis Management Committee will continue to provide guidelines to ensure safe programming and I appreciate your compliance to the guidelines, including working from home.

JOHN MUBONDERI | Program Director, ADRA Myanmar

IN THE MEDIA

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WATCH: As a female headed household, life has not always been easy for Daw Nuing Kyi living in the remote Chin hills. However, through trainings in weaving and funds from her Savings and Loans Group as a part of the #PRICE project, Daw Nuing Kyi has been able to support her family and become financially independent.

The PRICE project is funded and supported by #AusAID and ADRA Australia. If you would like to make a donation, you may do so through the ADRA Australia website: https://www.adra.org.au/project/price-project/ or to learn more about the project, head to our website at: www.adramyanmar.org/livelihoods

Watch Video HERE

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READ: Sa Phin Ccing, a farmer, from Keilung village becomes inspired to start his own coffee nursery in the remote Chin hills after receiving support from the MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded #SURE project. Click the link to read more HERE

MEET OUR STAFF

PAUNG HOM

M&E OFFICER | VESI

Q1 What Race/Nationality are you from?
Shan and Myanmar

Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?
Noodle, Puff with Cheese, Tuna Sandwich, Cookies, and Pears

Q3 What is your favourite colour?
Light Grey & Pink, White Watercolour, Sky Blue

Q4 What do you like to do for fun?
Watching art entertainment, listen to music and travelling

Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?
Spain, Greece, Egypt, Turkey and Italy

Q6 In one word, what would define you?
Stay Simple

Q7 What year did you join ADRA?
May, 2020

Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?
Monitoring and Evaluation System is my favorite thing to do

PROJECT UPDATES

VESI

This month, the LIFT funded VESI project, in partnership with AVSI and FRC, conducted a Business Coordination Meeting.

The meeting was held on 21 August at Two Elephants Hotel in Lashio, Shan State. 27 participants from the Department of Disaster Management, Government Technical Highschool, Chamber of Commerce, Local NGOs, LIFT representatives, NSS Coordinator and members from the private business sector attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to present ADRA's VESI project with the Vocational Education program as well as proposing collaboration with business owners for the internship program.

The internship program spans 30 days (180 hours) to give students real world experience. Currently 21 students are studying Motorbike Repair with 10 so far accepted for internships in various local shops.

CASE2LEARN

The European Union funded CASE2Learn project in partnership with RISE, continues distributing teaching and learning materials through CDN and LDN, to schools in preparation for the school year.

Due to COVID-19, most schools have delayed opening due to restrictions imposed by the Government to curb the spread. Schools were set to reopen in July 2020, however many remain closed until now. This month, Myanmar has seen a second wave of COVID-19 cases emerging from Rakhine State and spreading to other States and Regions through local transmission. Since August 16 there has been more than 300 new cases doubling the overall number for Myanmar in a matter of weeks.

Our education projects, including CASE2Learn are learning to adapt to changing situations and continue providing support to the schools and teachers we serve.

PROJECT UPDATES

SEAQE2

This month, the Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 project introduced E-Learning to KECD students at the Ka Paw Htaw Vocational Training Centre.

ADRA Myanmar has partnered with Zabai to develop e-learning for students studying vocational training short courses during COVID-19, and testing the usage and effectiveness with this method of learning.

This training showed students how to register online to create a personal account and use the courses. Students were also provided a 5,000 kyat topup to access them online through their phones.

31 students attended the training who are enrolled in Batch 1/2020 from Noe Hpoe, Htee Mu Hta and Maw Ka Nel villages. 5 ADRA Myanmar staff and 6 trainers from KECD facilitated the training for the students.

The SEAQE2 project also held a Middle School Handover Ceremony, NFE Consultation Meeting and Coordination Meeting with ACS.

The Middle School Handover ceremony was conducted in Hlaingbwe and Myawaddy townships on 13 August to handover Pan Taw Mee Middle School profile to U Saing Aung San Oo, Deputy Township Education Officer. Officers from DDM, administrators from Hlaingbwe, school principal and teachers participated. On 17 August, the Non-formal education school was handover to Saw Eh Ka Lu Htoo, Secretary from Karen Education & Culture Department in Daw K' Hee village attended by U Nyein Chan Kyaw from DDM and Saw Hser Htee Nay Thaw from KECD. This was followed by the NFE program consultation.

On 14 August, SEAQE2 project met with ACS to discuss progress of the ACS school's operations. Future collaboration, barriers and education activity implementation was shared in order to improve education programming for communities.

PROJECT UPDATES

SURE

The MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded SURE project distributed 3,314 coffee and 1,235 avocado seedlings sown in the nursery to 13 households including 2 female headed households, for planting in the SALT farms and local gardens to convserve soil erosion and improve the natural environment.

A Land Use Planning workshop was also conducted in Lotaw village over 5 days. 3 days were used in data collection and 2 days for workshop with Extensions Workers and community members from 12 target villages. Land Use planning is the systemic assessment of land and water potential in order to adopt best practices which meets needs, while safeguarding future resources. The workshop objectives included; creating a land use model map, develop procedures for creating land use mapping, replicate procedures for remaining project villages by SURE project team and effectively utilize present land use by the local community.

The Value Chain and Marketing Sector of the SURE project also planned the construction of 10 solar dryer domes to be establised in project villages.

Siatalai and Lotaw villages have already completed construction on their solary dryers and are utilising these for drying their sliced Elephant Foot Yam Seeds.

Ongoing construction is currently being implemented in Lungngo village. The SURE projects Engineer Tun Tun is leading the construction of the solary dryer dome and some of the SURE project staff are assisting in the construction process.

These solar dryers are helping Elephant Foot Yam farmers in Chin State to continue working year round where otherwise monsoon season would have inhibited their ability to dry their produce for sale, as well as cut time spent on manual labour.

PHOTO COMPETITION

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THIS MONTHS WINNING PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER:
Aye Chan
Logistician, SURE

ABOUT THE PHOTO:
Daw Khin Myint Tin from Lungngo village grew corn from seeds distributed by the project, and now makes Sabuti, a traditional Chin dish.

WILL YOU BE NEXT?
Want to see your photo in the next volume of 'Mingalaba'? Please send in your photos by **1 Oct 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.

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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

VACANCIES & TENDERS

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

CALL FOR TENDERS
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
ADRA Myanmar are calling for construction companies registered by the Myanmar Government to construct a school with latrines and an overhead tank through the Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 Project in Kayin State.

Visit our website for more HERE
Deadline: 25 September 2020

CALL FOR TENDERS
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
ADRA Myanmar are calling for construction companies to construct schools and furniture through the AEON 1% Club Foundation and ADRA Japan funded AEON5 project in Kayin State.

Visit our website for more HERE
Deadline: 12 October 2020

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