

PRICE

Poverty Reduction Initiative through Community Empowerment

Myanmar



Completion Date: 2021
Total Project Budget: \$1,463,838



Overview



Sustainable Food Production

In the rugged mountains of Chin State, Myanmar, the Poverty Reduction Initiative through Community Empowerment (PRICE) project is aiming to improve the food security and income sources of more than 4,000 people in 10 of the country's poorest communities.

In Chin State, 70% of the population live below the poverty line, with malnutrition and child mortality rates the highest in the country. ADRA is providing literacy, numeracy and business training along with agricultural and technical skills to improve household nutrition and income sources. The establishment of savings and loans self-help groups is also helping to build community bonds that will ensure their journey out of poverty continues.

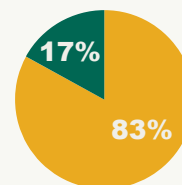


BURMESE LIVE IN POVERTY

One in three burmese people live below the poverty line.



Chin State Myanmar experiences a rat infestation every 50 years that has a massive impact of access to food.



PROJECT FUNDING

Government Funding
Donations

ADRA Australia must raise \$1 to match every \$5 of Australian Government funding* received for this project.

*DFAT Australian NGO Cooperation Program

Activities

ADRA is working with community members to:

- Establish and support 53 savings and loans groups
- Provide ongoing vocational literacy and numeracy training
- Provide technical and agricultural training, passed on through a trainer-of-trainers model

Impact

Since beginning in 2011, the project has directly impacted 3,760 people with an additional 2,513 benefiting from its flow-on effects in the community. Agricultural training was provided to 556 lead farmers who were trained in sustainable agricultural techniques, which they then passed on to other farmers in their community. As a result increased yield from rice, sesame and a range of vegetables has been achieved. While the project initially aimed to support the establishment of 52 savings and loans groups, more than 70 are now meeting regularly to manage the community savings and work together to improve each member's business.



Kaw Dhy's Story

Kaw Dhy* lives in a village 120km from the closest town in Chin State, Myanmar. A subsistence farmer, Kaw was unable to access profitable markets and lived hand-to-mouth each day. The steep, dry hillsides were unproductive and a once every 50 years rat infestation took large swathes of his crop. Plus, the loans he took to plant each season bore interest rates of up to 20%. There was no escape from his poverty it seemed.

In 2011, ADRA began working in Kaw's community, providing literacy and numeracy training and passing on agricultural skills to improve his farm. Plus they helped the community work together to save and break their reliance on high interest loans. Now Kaw has enough to eat and is making money from the land. "ADRA broadened our minds and thinking through their trainings. We have realised our potential and can depend on ourselves for our own development," he says.

* Name changed to protect privacy

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You can partner with the PRICE Project by joining the Myanmar Circle. You will receive regular updates from the field and see how you are helping Burmese people in poverty.



Donate

Your donation of \$30 per month will enable ADRA Australia to help one rural Myanmar villager to receive literacy, numeracy and agricultural training and earn a life-changing income.



Pray

Commit to praying regularly for the PRICE Project and for those suffering from poverty in rural Myanmar.



Advocate

Become an ADRA Church Leader or Advocate and add your voice to those around Australia who are standing for justice in Myanmar and around the world.