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Dear Friend,

Welcome to ADRA Myanmar's Annual Report 2020.

The year 2020 has been an unusual year. A small virus in a very short time has changed our world dramatically. Nobody could imagine how massive and manifold the corona pandemic would affect our lives and our ministry. I hope you and your family are doing well!

This crisis affects the whole world, but especially in poor and developing countries, such a virus can have devastating consequences where the health system is still weak, where the hospitals are not sufficiently equipped, where the social and economic impact can be very hard – lockdown and unemployment quickly lead to hunger and poverty and to dependency on humanitarian support.

As a humanitarian organization, active 36 years in Myanmar, we know that such crises hit children, poor and disadvantaged people hardest. This is the exactly where ADRA concentrates its support.

Though COVID-19 caused unprecedented challenges and disruptions, ADRA Myanmar, thanks to its loyal donors and partners who showed exceptional flexibility, was able to reach **529,048** people through its projects in 2020. This included 466,272 in Education, 6,088 in Livelihoods, 30,259 in Health, and 26,429 in Emergency. Through our COVID-19 response we were also able to reach 27,957 people.

A distinct appreciation is owed to all ADRA staff, who showed a remarkable ability to adapt to the new reality – from working remotely, to switching from face-to-face to online meetings, to taking more responsibilities and supporting each other, all this for the good of our beneficiaries.

While we are thankful to staff, donors, partners, community leaders and all our stakeholders, we first give thanks to God and look ahead to new challenges knowing that we must remain agile and at the forefront of possible developments to ensure our beneficiaries a chance to shake off the shackles of poverty and be empowered to live life as God intended.

Thank you for all the support you have given to ADRA Myanmar in 2020. May God bless and protect you and your family in this difficult time.

“This is the mandate that God has placed in the hearts for all individuals, churches and faith-based NGOs... to do what is fair and just to others, be compassionate and loyal in love actions and not to be proud of it, because it is God who deserves all the glory”
Paraphrase of Micah 6:8 – the Bible –

Vitalie Zegera | Country Director



WHO WE ARE

ABOUT ADRA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church - part of the 20 million strong Adventist Community, with hundreds of thousands of churches globally and the world's largest integrated healthcare and education network. ADRA delivers relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 118 countries regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, gender or religious association. By partnering with local communities, organizations, and governments, we are able to deliver culturally relevant programs and build local capability for sustainable change.

ABOUT ADRA MYANMAR

ADRA Myanmar is an 'implementing office' within the ADRA network and a registered and recognised INGO in Myanmar. Established in 1984, ADRA Myanmar is one of the oldest country offices in ADRA providing development and relief assistance opportunities throughout the country. We operate under 4 key sectors that cater to; Livelihoods, Education, Health and Emergency. With the head office located in Yangon, ADRA Myanmar has 5 main sub offices within the regions of; Kachin State, Southern Chin State, Magway Region, Kayin State and Shan State.

ADRA Myanmar seeks to develop partnerships with rural communities, country authorities, donors and partner offices within the ADRA network. We believe that honest and authentic relationships lead to harmonious partnerships which are based on natural respect and fairness. Within this environment, partnership mobilises demand-driven funds to assist those in need to realise their potential and become active partners of progress.

OUR MOTTO

Justice.
Compassion.
Love.

OUR PURPOSE

To Serve Humanity
so all may Live as
God Intended

OUR VALUES

Connected.
Courageous.
Compassionate.

OUR HISTORY

The 'Seventh Day Adventist Welfare Service' (SAWS) is established by the Seventh Day Adventist Church to provide immediate emergency relief and welfare.

1956

SAWS organizes a relief shipment of supplies to 29 countries valued at USD\$2.3 million over 4 years targeted at South America and the Middle East.

1958-62

SAWS broadens its mission focus from disaster relief to long term programs. SAWS is changed to 'Seventh Day Adventist World Service'.

1970-73

SAWS becomes the 'Adventist Development and Relief Agency' (ADRA) working in community development, food distributions and emergency relief.

1983

The local SDA Church plays an active part within the Myanmar Health Department and establishes what we know today as ADRA Myanmar.

1984

ADRA Myanmar is registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs and builds a working relationship with the Ministry of Education (MoE-DTVE).

1992

ADRA is one of the world's leading NGOs. ADRA International is established in the US and granted General Consultative Status by ECOSOC.

1997

ADRA Myanmar signs an MoU with the Ministry of Health of Sports and the Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement

2000's

Cyclone Nargis wreaks havoc across Myanmar causing USD\$10 billion in damage. ADRA Myanmar uses international emergency funds to provide relief.

2008

ADRA Myanmar establishes 4 core sectors: Sustainable Livelihoods, Education, Health & Nutrition and Emergency Response.

2016

Monsoonal floods cause widespread damage in Kayin State. ADRA Myanmar provides emergency food packages to affected communities.

2018

ADRA Myanmar celebrates their 35th Anniversary and gains the USD\$23 million European Union funded CASE2Learn project, the largest project to date.

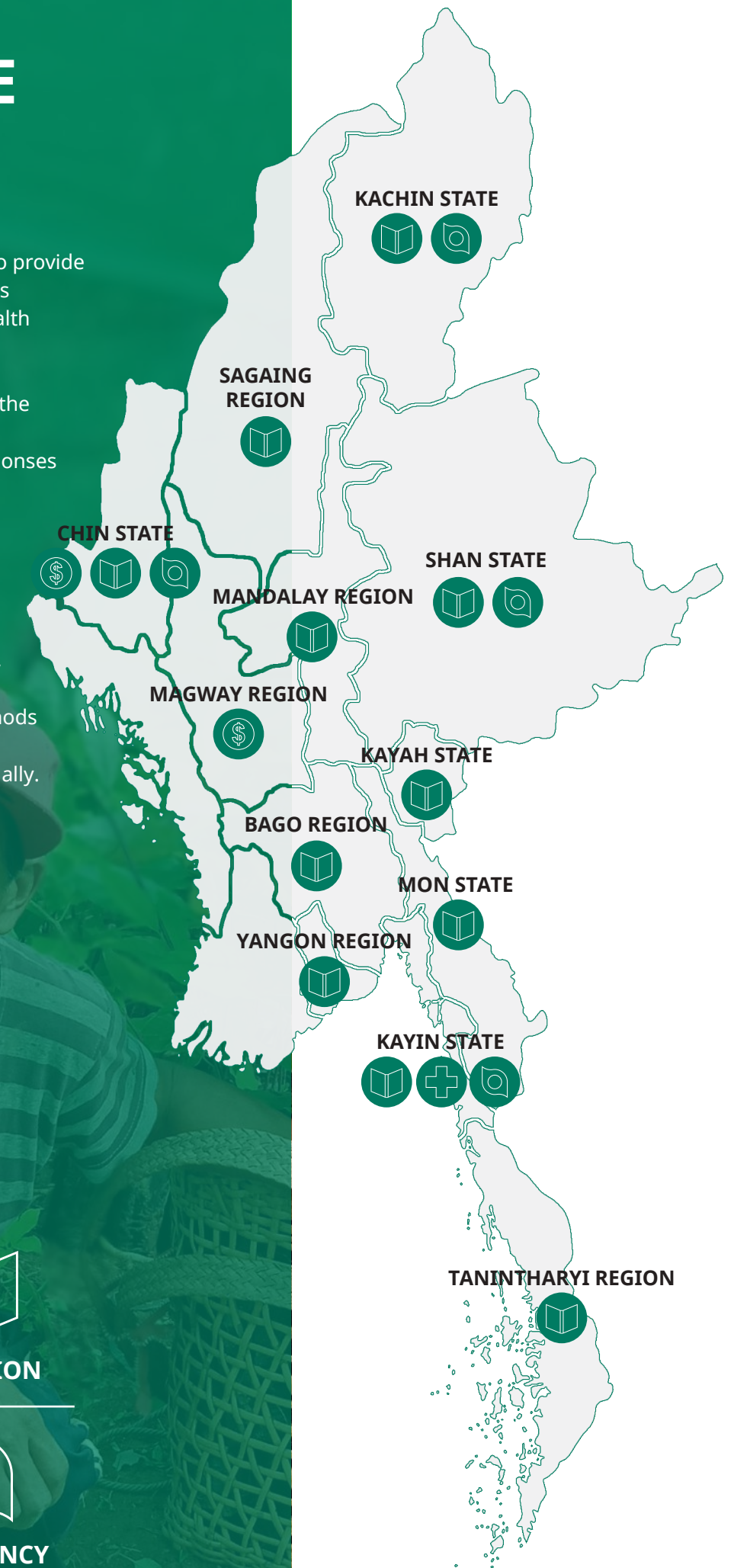
2019

WHERE WE WORK

In 2020, ADRA Myanmar continued to provide support across all four impact sectors including Education, Livelihoods, Health and Emergency.

With the onset of COVID-19 sending the world into a global pandemic, ADRA Myanmar was able to conduct 4 responses thanks to a re-allocation of funds to reach the most vulnerable in Chin State, Kayin State and Shan State.

Of course due to restrictions from COVID-19, several project activities were delayed or disrupted. However, ADRA Myanmar continued to be creative and come up with new methods of ensuring activities still reached beneficiaries, including at times virtually.



LIVELIHOODS



EDUCATION



HEALTH



EMERGENCY

2020 ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

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PROJECTS

2,416

Avocado seeds distributed and germinated in nurseries

4,360

Villagers participate in Cash for Work Activities



375

Students complete life/business skills training



12

STATES & REGIONS

73

TVET trainers receive psychosocial support



7,247

Textbooks for learning distributed to schools



593

IDP Students receive cash assistance for education



529

THOUSAND BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED IN MYANMAR

1,574

Barbed wire coils distributed to 132 farmers covering 292.77 acres



4,192

Parents participate in positive parent training



4

Suspension bridges constructed to benefit 2,634 villagers



COVID-19 RESPONSE



27,957
SUPPORTED



6,866
HOUSEHOLDS



20
VILLAGES

ADRA Myanmar has been responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through the sectors of WASH, Health and Livelihoods. Activities have primarily revolved around distributions of hygiene materials, food items, and awareness raising through posters and trainings.

Distributions have been completed in 4 projects thanks to a reallocation of funds including SURE, PRICE, VESI and SEAQ2 projects.

Here are some of the ways ADRA Myanmar provided support and relief to vulnerable communities in Chin, Shan and Kayah States during 2020:

- 18,800+ A4 flyers on cough etiquette shared
- 64+ posters on hand washing erected
- 256 500ml liquid soaps to schools
- 2,751 viss of beans to vulnerable households
- 917 bottles of cooking oil distributed
- 1,469 60g bars of soap to schools/villages
- 1,727 bags of rice distributed

Masks, alcohol based hand gels, gloves, and thermal thermometers were also provided to health workers and communities, and public hand wash basins were installed.



EDUCATION SECTOR

The **EDUCATION** sector aims to provide assistance to teachers, students, communities and schools to enhance local education systems and improve quality of learning through the provision of learning materials, developing school infrastructure, promoting professional development of teachers, support to school management committees and parent teacher associations, and support for advocacy and policy development.

The programs promote inclusion and social cohesion to address needs of learners, lessen gender imbalances, increase protection of women, girls and boys and positively shape values, attitudes and skills. ADRA has developed positive relationships with Indigenous Providers of Education in conflict affected areas where children do not have access to an education, reaching thousands of Out of School children through teachers establishing Education service (TEES) programs and distributing teaching and learning materials. For those who have ‘missed’ the opportunity for education, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) programs provide youth with employable skills through market-driven competency-based short courses that are certified.

ADRA’s advocacy and policy engagement is evidence based and developed around synergies that build cooperation and mutual trust between key stakeholders supporting the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. In addition, ADRA is also a part of the Education Development Partners Coordination Group (EDPCG) and technical working groups.

PROJECT	PARTNER/DONOR LOCATION	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT BUDGET
ADVOCACY Focus Country Pilot Project	- ADRA International - National	-	\$90,000
AEON4 AEON Education Assistance Project	- AEON 1% Club Foundation, ADRA Japan - Kayin State & Yangon Region	1,794	\$370,361
AEON5 AEON Education Assistance Project	- AEON 1% Club Foundation, ADRA Japan - Kayin State & Yangon Region	836	\$381,818
BRIGHT Breaking Barriers, Improving Girls’ Education, Hope and Totality	- Global Affairs Canada, ADRA Canada, - Shan State	5,751	\$2,932,643
CASE2Learn Conflict Areas Support for Education 2 Learn	- European Union, ADRA UK ADRA Germany - Mon, Chin, Kachin, Shan, Kayah & Kayin States, Tanintharyi, Bago & Sagaing Regions	496,830	\$23,789,473
SEAQE2 Strengthening Equity, Access and Quality in Education	- NORAD, ADRA Norway - Kayin & Mon States, Tanintharyi Region	884,938	\$5,314,156



SAW WAH

Raised from a Christian family background, Saw Wah grew up with his mother, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. His father passed away when he was in third standard putting a strain on the family. Thankfully, Saw Wah was able to attend college and obtain a degree moving to a Seminary located in Kayin State to work as a teacher.

After five years of teaching, he was appointed Field Coordinator and moved to Maylamyaing to start a new job. At the time, he did not have enough skills or work experience to fulfill the role well. Saw Wah felt he needed more training for his own development in leadership skills.

Through the Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 project, Saw Wah was able to attend 21st century skills, child protection, disaster risk reduction (DRR), comprehensive safety school (CSS) trainings and complete Zabai e-learning courses online. Saw Wah was so happy and delighted to know more about education programs from around the world through the SEAQE2 project.

Following this, he conducted three training sessions with schools using the materials provided by the training sessions he had attended. Once restrictions ease from COVID-19, he plans to conduct more trainings at different schools.

Saw Wah feels this training has helped him in more ways than one because someone can not take away or steal his knowledge and understanding. He believes this experience he has gained will support him to further his career and is the kind of person who loves to promote effective teaching in the community schools.

“Learning is a lifelong process. I love to learn. It’s a great opportunity for me to learn different methods and strategies of how to upgrade our teachers and classroom models”.

LIVELIHOODS SECTOR

The **LIVELIHOODS** sector aims to increase food security, livelihoods and resilience in the upland areas of Myanmar. This is achieved by diversifying livelihoods, introducing climate-smart agricultural approaches such as; drip irrigation, as well as piloting holistic grazing management practices to address land degradation.

Programs are focused on building technical knowledge and learning to enable future evidence-based planning and policy dialogue to address; climate change and extreme weather related events, building resilience through enabling the development of absorptive, adaptive and transformative capacities, and knowledge and strategies for sustainable livelihoods.

Beneficiaries are provided training in planting of seasonal crops, raising and caring for livestock, developing cultural skills such as weaving and increasing knowledge of value chain marketing to increase income generation.

Programs in upland areas focus on improving natural resource management and land use planning using Sloping Agricultural Land Technologies (SALT) and diversifying livelihoods to reduce dependence on rain fed agriculture to improve water resource management. This promotes sustainable forest land management and prevention of land degradation through reducing overuse of Swidden agriculture techniques.

PROJECT	PARTNER/DONOR LOCATION	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT BUDGET
PRICE Poverty Reduction Initiative Through Community Empowerment	- DFAT, ADRA Australia - Chin State	6,136	\$901,500
SURE Sustainable Rural Economic Development Project	- MFAT, ADRA New Zealand - Chin State	7,290	\$3,052,564

U MANG

My name is U Mang and I live in Chin State. There are 6 members in my family. One of my children is still in middle school, and the rest work as farmers like me. I own a total of 6.5 acres, specifically orchard (1.5 acres) and Elephant Foot Yam (5 acres).

In 2016, the MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded SURE project came to our village targeting rural development. Like others, our village primarily depends on farming.

Since the project came, I learned many farming techniques from Extension Workers and Agriculture staff from the ADRA. Moreover, the project also provided me with seasonal seeds and orchard plants. As for now, I have planted 25 avocado plants in my farm.

In 2019, I planted our local corn in one acre of farming land, but the yield was only 6 baskets. Local corn requires correct planting times and is very susceptible to lodging (stem bending). This first yield was only enough to serve as food for my family with no leftovers for our home animals.

That same year, I tried planting corn seeds provided by the SURE project in my farm. As I observed my farm and other farms, the growth and yield were significantly better compared to local corn. I then decided to plant it in the next season.

In 2020, I was again provided 4 pyi of corn seeds. Surprisingly, the harvest's yield per acre was 30 baskets, a yield 5 times higher than local corn. After selling this corn, I will buy rice for my family. Next year I will expand corn planting on my farm to 1.5 acres.

For my gratitude, I sincerely thank ADRA Myanmar, SURE project for the help and support in improving our livelihood. May God bless this project more and more!



HEALTH SECTOR

The **HEALTH** sector supports vulnerable population groups in conflict affected areas. ADRA Myanmar actively supports health in Myanmar since 1993 and has built strong working relationships with a variety of organizations and groups.

The programs improve the health and nutrition of communities by; training health workers in maternal, new born and child health (MNCH), improving nutrition rates amongst pregnant mothers and children, providing hygiene education, developing water, sanitation and medical facilities, operating mobile health clinics, providing medical supplies, supporting referrals, promoting healthy living and increasing awareness on relevant health issues.

ADRA Myanmar’s MNCH program focuses on high impact activities to reduce childbirth related deaths for women and newborns. The programs train auxiliary midwives and health staff in safe birthing practices, develop community support mechanisms, improve community health seeking behaviours, develop equity in health systems and ethnic areas, and improve rural health centres in order to increase access.

Nutrition programs focus on the 1,000-day window offering gender sensitive awareness sessions, integrating nutrition education with ECD programs as well as increasing staff capacity utilising the PD Hearth approach to addressing malnutrition through; kitchen gardening, food preparation, food preservation and provision of micro-nutrients.

ADRA Myanmar supports Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) programs and establishes tube wells, gravity flow systems and rain collection systems to ensure safe water supplies.

PROJECT	PARTNER/DONOR LOCATION	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT BUDGET
EMBRACE Enhance Mother/ Newborn/Child Health in Remote Areas through Health Care and Community Engagements	- Global Affairs Canada, ADRA Canada - Kayin State	30,259	\$1,605,087

U ZAW

Through the EMBRACE project, I learned about the different types of abuse such as physical, sexual and economic. I also gained knowledge about gender and gender equality. For example, before I knew about gender I would sometimes hit my wife and children. But now that I have learnt about gender, I can control my anger. I have become more patient.

Now I try to help my wife with thecooking and cleaning and looking after the children. Before I wasn’t interested in cooking, but now I can cook very well. I have a better relationship with my wife and children now.

My friends say, “now you are so patient, why?” I tell them, I learned from ADRA. I am not the same person as before.



EMERGENCY SECTOR

The **EMERGENCY** sector provides humanitarian assistance to those affected by natural disasters or conflict through multi-purpose cash grants, cash for work, food assistance, non-food items, shelter assistance, and increasing access to clean water and sanitation facilities.

ADRA Myanmar has a National Emergency Management Plan (NEMP) in place that enables the rapid mobilization of team members and resources in the event of a disaster. Several of ADRA Myanmar’s staff have been trained in Emergency Response in order to provide and lead the technical support required during an emergency in country.

ADRA Myanmar has strong capacities in emergency assessment, coordinating with the UN cluster systems on joint assessment and humanitarian programming working with UN-OCHA, UNHCR, WFP, and UNICEF.

Through partnerships such as AVSI and the Finnish Refugee Council, ADRA Myanmar works in conflict affected areas in Kachin and Northern Shan States to support the education of children and youth, health and livelihoods for IDPs in more than 55 IDP camps and the surrounding local communities.

ADRA mainstreams DRR in ongoing development and recovery programs strengthening community preparedness and resilience.

PROJECT	PARTNER/DONOR LOCATION	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT BUDGET
ELS2 Education Livelihoods and Support	- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, ADRA Czech Republic - Chin State and Kachin State	1,652	\$217,552
SCAIDP V Support to Conflict Affected IDPs in Kachin State Project	- Global Affairs Canada, ADRA Canada - Kachin State and Northern Shan State	22,930	\$751,684
VESI Vocational Education to Support IDPs	- LIFT, AVSI, Finnish Refugee Council - Kachin State and Northern Shan State	7,022	\$2,200,000

DAW AYE

When I was 17 I was studying medicine at a training school. A few months later, conflict started with planes striking down from the air. We ran for safety and went into hiding, but soon relocated to an IDP camp.

After a while, my mother was unhappy and moved back to the village leaving my brother, sister and I in the camp. I worry about my mother. When I see a plane, I get scared and cry.

After a few years, I met my husband and we married. Now I am 25 years old living here for 5 years with 2 children. Over 500 people live here in 99 households. Before the conflict, my education was good, but now our life is difficult. I volunteer as a child case worker and my husband runs a barbershop, but it is not enough to make ends meet.

Soon we heard of the SCAIDP project providing cash assistance and WASH. The WASH activities are good and I have gained a lot of knowledge. I am always actively involved.

My children are frequently ill, and it is difficult to go to the hospital or clinic. Since the project supported us, we can now buy medicine and other necessary items like oil, rice and clothes. In year one I received 100,000 MMK. Last year we received 50,000 MMK and 10,000 MMK each month for maternity, and this year 55,000 MMK. This support reduces our difficulties.

Education is very important to our family. I want my children to be educated. My mother also knows education is very important. She used to sell oranges and cows to pay for our education. She has always been a good mother to us. Now, if we live in the IDP camp, sometimes we can get support. My brother and sister have both passed their matriculation exam and my daughter attends KG in the camp, so this is good for our family. Thank you to ADRA and the donor.





FINANCE STATEMENT

PROJECT	PROJECT START DATE	PROJECT END DATE	TOTAL BUDGET 2019 (USD)	TOTAL BUDGET 2020 (USD)
LIVELIHOODS				
PRICE Poverty Reduction Initiative Through Community Empowerment	July 2015	June 2021	\$60,874	\$132,169
SURE Sustainable Rural Economic Development Project	October 2016	October 2021	\$652,295	\$610,512
EDUCATION				
ADVOCACY Focus Country Pilot Project	July 2019	June 2022	\$25,478	\$36,973
AEON4 AEON Education Assistance Project	August 2019	July 2020	\$304,224	\$225,045
AEON5 AEON Education Assistance Project	August 2020	July 2021	-	\$124,691
BRIGHT Breaking Barriers, Improving Girls' Education, Hope and Totality	May 2020	March 2024	-	\$547,388
CASE2Learn Conflict Areas Support for Education 2 Learn	July 2019	May 2024	\$2,599,113	\$4,536,713
SEAQE2 Strengthening Equity, Access and Quality in Education	March 2019	December 2023	\$1,067,256	\$975,631
HEALTH				
EMBRACE Enhance Mother/ Newborn/ Child Health in Remote Areas Through Health Care and Community Engagement	April 2016	March 2020	\$560,982	\$65,000
EMERGENCY				
ELS2 Education Livelihoods and Support	May 2020	December 2020	\$206,539	\$217,552
SCAIDP V Support to Conflict Affected IDPs in Kachin State Project	April 2019	March 2020	\$683,865	\$140,000
VESI Vocational Education Support for IDPs	July 2019	June 2022	\$379,841	\$213,047
TOTAL			\$6,540,467	\$7,824,721

NOTE: The ratios expressed are subject to exchange rates, depreciation, and accountability as reported on the audited finance statement. All amounts are depicted in \$USD as it is the designated currency utilised for all ADRA Myanmar's projects and administration costs.

PARTNERS & DONORS

Our projects would not be possible without the continued support and funding from our partners and donors both locally and internationally. ADRA Myanmar has continued to strengthen existing partnerships to expand project activities to reach the most vulnerable. Below is a list of our partners and donors for 2020:

- ADRA Asia Regional Office
- ADRA Australia
- ADRA Canada
- ADRA Czech Republic
- ADRA Germany
- ADRA International
- ADRA Japan
- ADRA Korea
- ADRA New Zealand
- ADRA Norway
- ADRA UK
- AEON 1% Club Foundation
- AVSI
- DFAT/AustralianAID
- European Union
- Finnish Refugee Council
- Global Affairs Canada
- LIFT
- MFAT
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Norad





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