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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of U Yaw Han from SCAIDP V Project. Photo: © 2020 ADRA Myanmar | Pyae Phyo Lin

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FEATURED ARTICLE



U Yaw Han's Story: Life Post Conflict and Living with a Disability in an IDP Camp

Before the conflict, I was working as a farmer and living together with my wife and our two sons in our home village in Kachin State. We had already lost our youngest son in January 2018 to throat cancer at 19 years of age.

One day, they started firing big weapons at our village. As we tried to run away, a shell bomb landed near our home. I had wounds to my head and legs and one of my sons was hurt badly. We don't know how many hours we were running in the forest till we found the hospital. When we finally arrived, my son did not survive long. We had no time to prepare him for burial, so I had to wrap him in plastic and bury him at night. He was 21.

That day, 300-400 people escaped from our village. Many families were separated. We weren't the only family to lose someone that night. For one month we lived in the forest with little food in the pouring rain.

We all relocated to Jaw Masat Church in May 2018, living there for 8+ months before a new IDP camp was built. Finding work was difficult due to my injuries so we struggled for income.

Soon, we heard about the SCAIDP project in ADRA Myanmar and how they supported those with disabilities. With my disabilities, I received 10,000 kyats each month and 55,000 kyats for household cash assistance.

When we arrived in the camp, ADRA held WASH and gender sessions where we gained a lot of knowledge. There are 660 people living in this camp, and we now have access to safe toilets and washing areas.

The SCAIDP V project is funded by Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada. It supports 48 IDP camps in Kachin and Shan States to improve WASH practices/facilities and provide cash assistance.



Thankyou for coming to help our camp. I am very thankful for the help in supporting my family.

PYAE PHYO LIN
Communications Assistant, ADMIN

REFLECTIONS

From Little Things, Big Things Grow

There's a song written by Australian musicians Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody that has a catchy tune and a light melody, but tells a powerful story about connection, compassion and courage.

Vincent Lingiari and the Gurindji people were trapped in bonded slavery on their own land; and with little chance of ending the injustice. ADRA's work can feel like this sometimes. We choose to try and make a difference anyway. This is what it means to be connected - to each other - to our community.

Vincent became an advocate. People listened but success was not immediate. So the Gurindji waited, courageously, for eight more years. Real change in ADRA's work happens slowly too as people influence each other through small acts of compassion. When done diligently and well, this kind of work changes our world.

The work of Vincent and others changed Australian law. The Gurindji's ancestral lands were returned to them. In ADRA we too want change. We dream of a world where everyone flourishes and thrives. A world where poverty, injustice, hatred and suffering no longer exist. Maybe you feel your contribution to ADRA's story is small, but I promise you it's not...From little things big things grow.

MARK WEBSTER | Regional Director, ADRA Asia Regional Office

IN THE MEDIA



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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

On 24th March 2020, first 2 positive cases are confirmed of Covid-19 in Myanmar. Both imported from UK and US. One quarantined in Tedim, the other in Yangon. Both are Myanmar nationals (one has a green card from the US). Official news obtained from the Ministry of Health and Sports in Myanmar. As of 2nd April 2020, there are now 20 confirmed cases in Myanmar, 8 are local transmissions and 1 has passed away, the remainder are importations cases from overseas.



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The #SEAQ2 project recently conducted ToT (Training of Teachers) training at GTHS (Government Technical Highschool) Hpa-an for House Wiring Teachers. The TVET short course training for Batch 1/2020 will open soon on May 4 2020 so the teachers attended this ToT training in preparation. The ToT training was held from 14 March to 20 March 2020. 6 Teachers participated in this training, 3 female and 3 male. Topics included; installation of NSSA Level 1 and testing, assessment methods, and estimation and development of advanced level house wiring manual books for short course students. To learn more about the SEAQ2 project funded by Norad and ADRA Norge, please visit our website here: www.adramyanmar.org/education



MEET OUR STAFF



PWINT PHYU KYI

ACCOUNTANT | ADMIN

Q1 What Race/Nationality are you from?
Burma

Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?
Pyin Oo Lwin

Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?
Chocolate

Q6 In one word, what would define you?
I have a kind heart

Q3 What is your favourite colour?
Purple

Q7 What year did you join ADRA?
August, 2014

Q4 What do you like to do for fun?
I like reading books

Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?
I love it because our staff have unity and support each other

PHOTO COMPETITION



Photo: © 2018 ADRA Myanmar | Emma McCrow

THIS MONTHS PHOTO

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ABOUT THE PHOTO:

This woman is an Internally Displaced Person (IDP) who is a beneficiary of the SCAIDP project from Mai Na KBC Camp, Kachin State

WILL YOU BE NEXT?

Want to see your photo in the next volume of 'Mingalaba'? Please send in your photos by **30 April 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

VACANCIES & TENDERS

There are currently no positions available as of 3 April 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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