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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of Desludging in the SCAIDP project. Photo: © 2020 ADRA Myanmar | Pyae Phyo Lin

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FEATURED ARTICLE



Desludging: Desludging Activities Improve Hygiene in IDP Camps in Kachin

"The desludging activity is very important for the IDPs in these camps. If we don't do this, the odor becomes bad and the neighbors don't like it. Some neighbors do not accept having any IDP camps here," said U Tu Lum, Desludging Team Leader.

Due to overpopulation in some of the IDP camps in Kachin State, WASH facilities, including toilets, are often insufficient to service the number of people. With toilets overflowing, the risk of disease remains high and the potential for water contamination.

Through the Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada funded SCAIDP project, desludging activities targeted vulnerable IDP camps to remove human waste from toilets and turn it into natural fertilizer.

The waste is dried step by step and turned into natural fertilizer in a nearby factory. To prepare the natural fertilizer, several ingredients are mixed together including animal waste, human waste, mud and rice husks. Similar to the Japanese method, indigenous microorganisms are also used.

Through a partnership with KBC, ADRA was able to provide support and funding to roll out desludging activities. "When we do this activity, it is very effective for the people. They appreciate and welcome us," commented U Tu Lum. "We try to create a good product, we try our best for the public's benefit and we aren't shy when we do this work," said U Naw Lawn, KBC HDD WASH Technician.

In Maina IDP camp, the population is between 2,000 to 3,000, yet there are only 127 toilets. However, since the SCAIDP project rolled out desludging activities, now the toilets are no longer overflowing. "It has greatly benefitted the health and wellbeing of people from the camp," commented Daw Dau Tsai, WASH Volunteer Leader.

"We can solve this problem for IDPs. This natural fertilizer is beneficial for the whole country. It brings benefits. Thank you to ADRA for the support."

PYAE PHYO LIN
Communications Assistant, ADMIN

REFLECTIONS



ADRA Mandate

Justice. Compassion. Love. "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 –

The year 2020 has been an extraordinary year. Never before have we experienced such restrictions of freedom to live, work, move, and act. COVID-19 has changed our life in a short time dramatically, but among these challenges there are things worth celebrating.

In an area that is always changing such as NGO work, the pandemic has spurred us to be more agile, creative and inventive than before. This is what we have learned: The value of new approaches, virtual teamwork, being connected, flexibility, responsiveness, and especially the value in supporting one another. We have learned to be ready and live with unexpected changes. I believe this time of crisis has strengthened ADRA Family. Though many have not seen each other in months, there is a feeling of strong team solidarity. The pandemic has shown how important our work is and how important a good team is.

I want to thank every one of you for your dedication, passion for people in need, flexibility and solidarity. ADRA Myanmar is proud of each one of you. For the year 2021 I wish you strong health, joy and a sense of being a part of something big – of God's plan to support Myanmar.

VITALIE ZEGERA | Country Director, ADRA Myanmar

IN THE MEDIA



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ADRA Myanmar's ERT (Emergency Response) trained staff recently joined almost 20 ADRA offices from Asia and the South Pacific in a virtual tabletop exercise to respond to a fictional humanitarian response using Microsoft Teams. In the face of #COVID19 and travel restrictions, ADRA has been adapting and testing the effectiveness of virtual deployment to country offices who require support where disaster has occurred.



Read the full article posted by ADRA Australia to learn more [HERE](#)



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Published 8 December at 20:24

WATCH: See how desludging activities have improved hygiene and sanitation practices in #IDP camps in #Kachin State through the former Canada's International Development – Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada funded #SCAIDP project in partnership with the Kachin Baptist Convention. Watch the full video [HERE](#)



MEET OUR STAFF



HKAWN DIN

Education Officer | ELS2

Q1 What Race/Country are you from?
Kachin, Myanmar

Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?
Myeik in Myanmar

Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?
Kachin Traditional Food and Seasonal Fruits

Q6 In one word, what would define you?
Giving

Q3 What is your favourite colour?
Green and White

Q7 What year did you join ADRA?
April, 2015

Q4 What do you like to do for fun?
Fishing

Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?
ADRA keeps to their values and principles

PROJECT UPDATES



AEON5

The AEON 1% Club Foundation and ADRA Japan funded AEON5 project conducted 3 primary activities including:

1. Conducting Education Awareness workshops in 5 target villages from 7-15 December.
2. Orchestrated School Management Committee's in 5 target villages from 7-15 December.
3. Project Engineer U Khin Maung The conducted monitoring for site location of new school construction. The selection of construction company was also completed this month.

The 5 target villages include Par Yar, Htee Ta Blu Hta, Kaw Hpar Doe, Pa Yar Kone Kaw Ka Dar and Mu Wah in Kayin State.

A TA (travel authorization) was submitted on 11 December in order to continue conducting activities in January 2021.

SURE

The MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded SURE project distributed seeds to cultivate onion (87 cans), garlic (364 viss), chili (3 cans) and potato (3,300 viss).

139 acres of plantation were identified at Sempi Village to grow the seasonal vegetables with the project providing water pipelines for Agri water supply.

The activity was conducted by SURE projects SALT Assistants and Extension Workers under the guidance of the Agriculture Officer.

27 farmers participated in the activity and will plant seasonal crops such as maize, pulses, elephant foot yam, potato, onion, garlic, peppers, and eggplants. During monsoon season, farmers will plant perennial crops such as coffee and avocado on the identified plantation.



PROJECT UPDATES



SEAQE2

The Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 project engaged the local community for participation in chipping stones to create a pathway to the TVET sub center in Noe Hpoe Village supported through the TVET component of the SEAQE2 project.

The training centre was constructed by Royal King company in June 2020, however monsoonal rains caused the original path to turn to mud inhibiting students access and dirtying the floors of the training centre.

Community volunteers included the school management committee members, village leaders, and villagers from 3 villages including Noe Hpoe, Htee Mu Hta and Mae Ka Nel villages.

KECD Project Coordinator Thara Eh Soe lead the activity and organized the volunteers to construct the path.

ELS2

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and ADRA Czech Republic funded ELS2 project has completed 2 activities.

1. The remaining 290 beneficiaries received cash assistance for education. A mother from Galilee IDP camp stated, "I could pay the debt of my children's tuition fees because of your support." Another mother from Sanpra IDP camp commented, "my daughter could buy spectacles for studying after she almost lost her eyesight."

2. A causeway 90ft long and 24ft wide, was constructed near Antar Village through support of Antar villagers. The causeway is estimated to hold the capacity of 1,000,000 gallons of water to benefit 60 households (268 people). Water scarcity is prevalent with women and children fetching water from great distances. The causeway has increased accessibility and will ensure steady supply during Summer.



PROJECT UPDATES



CASE2Learn

The European Union funded CASE2Learn project in partnership with RISE, implemented 6 activities:

1. 5 TEEs workshops were conducted by SEE and CRED for more than 90 teachers where they were provided with teacher stipends and discussed challenges, successes, orientation, and update COVID-19 information related to education.
2. MTTs/SMAs from SENG joined the TPC Course over 2 weeks.
3. SENG and CDN began preparing reports for upcoming ESE and SVT events.
4. CDN and BF MTTs/SMAs/FPC attended Gender training through ADRA's BRIGHT project.
5. MTTs & SMAs from STEDF practiced peer learning for Email and Microsoft.
6. MTTs/SMAs and FPC from BF joined 4 days of inclusive education training.

ADVOCACY

The ADRA International funded ADVOCACY project in partnership with the Myanmar Union Mission, has been conducting meetings with community representatives to discuss ethnic education and the mobilization of Non-Government Teachers.

The project aims to increase access to quality education for formerly excluded and disadvantaged children in remote ethnic areas through the mobilization and sustainable financing of Non-Government teachers.

Due to COVID-19, 5 meetings were conducted online between ADRA Myanmar, Pastor Morris Chit from the Myanmar Union Mission and 39 community representatives from 5 villages including Thukhabe in Mon State, Thayetchaung in Tanintharyi Region, and Kyarinseikgy, Padelkaw and Warkyel in Kayin State. Further details will be posted on our website.

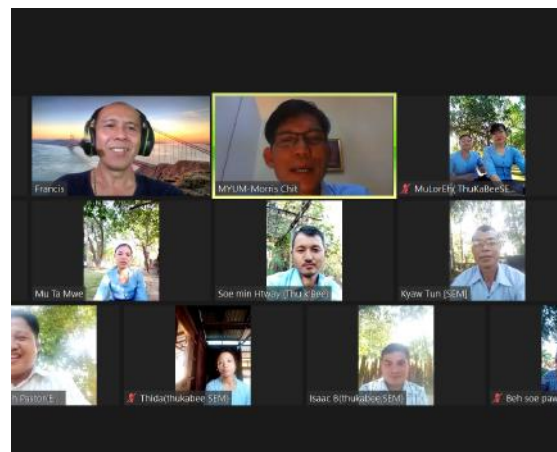
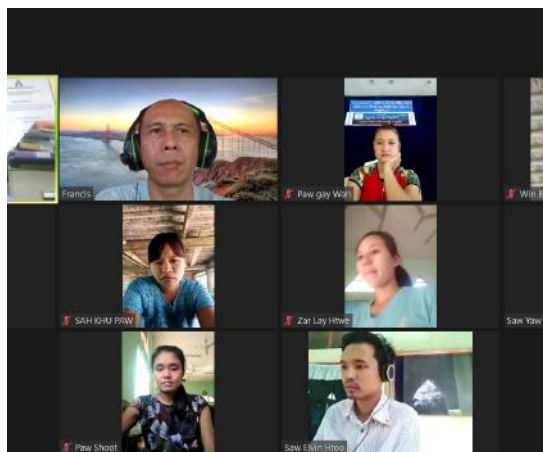
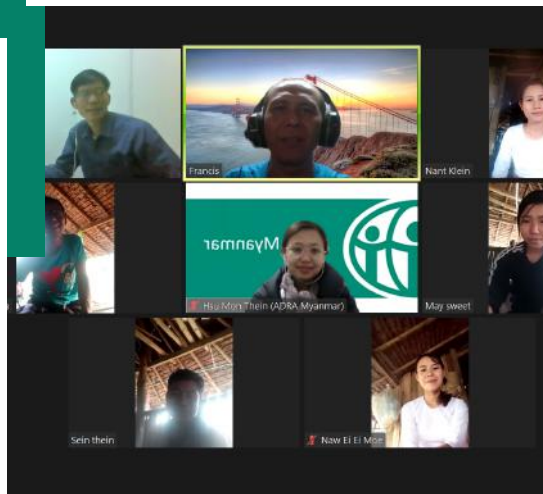


PHOTO COMPETITION



THIS MONTH'S WINNING PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Mar Chu Ri Co
Extension Worker
SURE

ABOUT THE PHOTO:

This is Daw Aw Lua. Her family has seen an increase in income thanks to maize seeds and farming techniques provided through the SURE project.

WILL YOU BE NEXT?

Want to see your photo in the next volume of 'Mingalaba'? Please send in your photos by **1 February 2021**

The winning photo will not only be featured here, but also advertised on ADRA Myanmar's social media (Facebook & Instagram) and featured as the background image of the ADRA Myanmar web portal.

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

CALL FOR TENDERS

TEACHING & LEARNING MATERIALS

ADRA Myanmar are calling for suppliers to provide teaching and learning materials for distribution in our European Union funded CASE2Learn project in partnership with RISE.

Visit our website for more [HERE](#)

Deadline: 11 January 2021

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

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Merry Christmas!

From the ADRA Myanmar Family

**"May the God of Hope fill you
with Joy and Peace as you
Trust in Him"
- The Bible -**

