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*U Khung Mang's Story*

Corn Planting in Lungkar Village Supports Livelihoods



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### COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of U Khung Mang from SURE project. Photo: © 2021 ADRA Myanmar | S Khant Hgee Lar

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## FEATURED ARTICLE



### U Khung Mang's Story: Corn Planting in Lungkar Village Supports Livelihoods

My name is U Khung Mang and I currently live in Lungkar village, Resaw Tract, Matupi Township. 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!

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WIN NAING | Agri/Soil Officer, SURE

# REFLECTIONS



## Storytelling

Since I can remember, I have always loved stories. As a child I would keep a torch and book hidden under my bed to read late at night. It was in books that I would find incredible stories about inspiring heroes who overcame challenges, even with all odds stacked against them. Through stories I would learn lessons about the world around me and one day hoped to tell stories that could inspire others.

Working with ADRA, I have had the opportunity to hear some amazing stories. I've heard the story about how a village received water for the first time and the difference it made to the oldest man in the village who was overjoyed by this. I've heard the story about a woman who received training from ADRA and started her own business to ensure her children were able to attend school. I've heard stories from ADRA workers who have spent late night and holidays working long hours responding to disasters.

Each of these stories have inspired not just me, but many others. Through being able to hear and share these stories, others have been able to learn about ADRA's work and been able to provide support.

However, one of the best stories that any of us can ever tell is God's story – His story of love for all people. Through ADRA's work and in each project, we each hope to tell the story of His love through service. My prayer for each of us is that through our actions we can tell God's story and allow Him into each of our own stories.

**SARAH RYAN** | Marketing Assistant, ADRA New Zealand

## IN THE MEDIA



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**ADRA Myanmar**

Published 25 January at 09:05

Education is at the heart of ADRA Myanmar's programs and initiatives. In celebration of the #InternationalDayofEducation, we recognize the important role education plays in building a ladder out of poverty and into a promising future for children, youth and adults alike. Currently 256 million children are out-of-school made only worse by COVID-19 and the closure of schools. ADRA Myanmar is working to ensure education opportunities remain available for all.



**ADRA Myanmar**

Published 26 January at 20:09

Through the AEON 1% CLUB Foundation and ADRA Japan funded #AEON project, students and teachers benefit from improved learning environments in Kawt Phaung thanks to a newly constructed school with facilities. Learn more by watching the video below. Watch the full video [HERE](#)



## MEET OUR STAFF



### SAW ZAW HTIKE HTWE

Data Entry & Monitoring Officer | SEAQE2

**Q1 What Race/Country are you from?**

Kayin, Myanmar

**Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?**

Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland

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

Thai Food

**Q6 In one word, what would define you?**

Honesty

**Q3 What is your favourite colour?**

Black and White

**Q7 What year did you join ADRA?**

July, 2015

**Q4 What do you like to do for fun?**

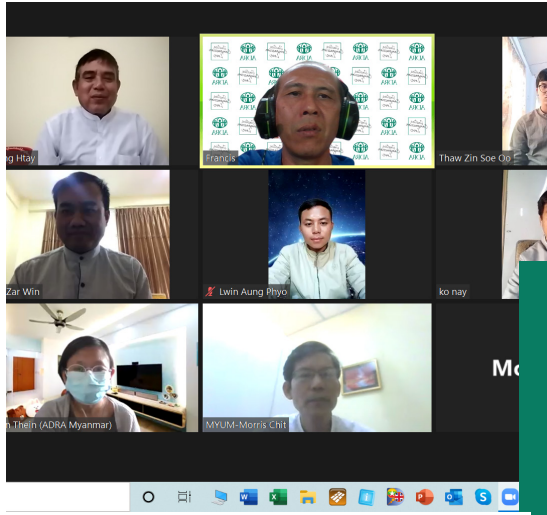
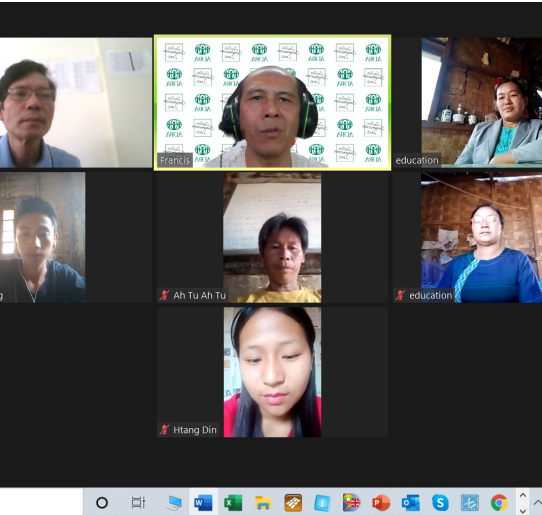
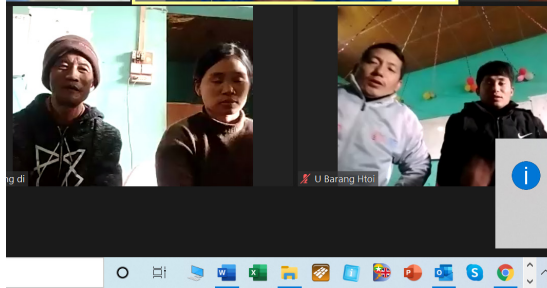
Fishing

**Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?**

ADRA has its own values & principles under the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Leadership



## PROJECT UPDATES



## ADVOCACY

The ADRA International funded ADVOCACY project in partnership with the Myanmar Union Mission, continues meeting via zoom with community representatives.

This month, ADRA staff met with representatives from Kayah State and 2 IDP camps in Northern Shan State including St. Thomas and Namtu camps under KBC. 20 participants joined in the 4 meetings to discuss the present situation concerning non government teachers and Out-of-School children.

Due to COVID-19, all schools were closed in Kayah State according to safety guidelines of MoHS due to inadequate facilities. Most students, particularly in the rural areas, have been without an education since. Some schools also do not have toilets or housing for teachers and maintenance is low.

To learn more, the full article will be posted on our website.

## AEON5

The AEON 1% Club Foundation and ADRA Japan funded AEON project completed 3 primary activities during January.

1. Education Awareness workshops were held in 5 villages from the 11 to 18 January.
2. School Management Committees have been established and continue to meet in 5 villages from the 11 to 18 January.
3. 20% of school construction has been completed. AEON projects Engineer has been checking the sites of school construction each week.

The 5 targeted villages include; Par Yar, Htee Ta Blu Hta, Kaw Hpar Doe, Pa Yar Kone Kaw Ka Dar and Mu Wah in Myanmar's Southeast Kayin State.





# PROJECT UPDATES



## CASE2Learn

The European Union funded CASE2Learn project in partnership with RISE, has completed several activities as follows:

FPC (Field Program Coordinator) SMA and MTTs held a meeting on 12 January for planning the upcoming SVT and design.

TEEs schools have resumed in Loilen Township, where students attend assembly and enjoy snacks and play games during break time.

FPC attended the Organization Performance Index (OPI) workshop provided by PACT Myanmar on the 14 January.

RISE participated in a workshop on Ethnic Rights as CSO representative in which the Union Minister provided welcoming remarks.

Distributions of teacher stipends to TEEs teachers continue.

## ELS2

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and ADRA Czech Republic funded ELS2 project wrapped up activities in December 2020.

Siangngo village located in Matupi Township, Chin State experienced frequent water shortages for their population of 172 (41 households).

Each day, villagers had to fetch and carry water, if it was available. During dry seasons, there was often not enough water available to meet the needs of the village.

Through the ELS2 project, 2.2 miles of PVC pipe were installed to ensure a larger water supply was available from nearby sources direct to the village.

Now villagers no longer have to walk long distances and fetch water each day with plenty to go around regardless of the season.





# PROJECT UPDATES



## SEAQE2

The Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 project conducted:

1. Coordination meeting with GTHS Hpa-an and KECD via Zoom took place on 12 January to discuss collaboration, strengthen project activities and provide updates and plans for 2021.
2. A graduation ceremony was conducted for 52 students from Batch 1/2020 of the NFE program in collaboration with KECD for short training courses including hair dressing, basic sewing and rural mechanics in Noe Hpoe village.
3. Construction of a new middle school (120'30' RC one storey) in Taung Ka Lay2 village began on 23 December 2020 and will be completed within 120 days. The school will be complete with 2 double toilets, a 3,000L overhead tank and ground tank.
4. Online teacher training included for ToTs, head teachers, E-learning teachers and PTA awareness training.



## SURE

The MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded SURE project has constructed 9 solar dryer houses which are now in operation with an additional solar dryer currently under construction in 7 villages in Chin State. These 7 villages include; Siatalai, Semp, Lungngo, Lotaw, Voiti, Balei and Lungka.

The primary purpose of these solar dryers are to dry sliced Elephant Foot Yam year round for sale. The SURE project has already provided farmers with an Elephant Foot Yam slicing machine and a washing machine to increase quality of cuts and final product. With the solar dryers, farmers can also dry potatoes, corn and other vegetables as needed.

The value chain and marketing sector have transformed Chin States forest resources into market accessible products through this activity.





# PROJECT UPDATES



## VESI: COVID-19

The LIFT funded VESI project in partnership with AVSI and FRC, has been conducting emergency response activities in regards to COVID-19 prevention.

The VESI project delivered protective items including masks, face shields and soaps to 28 target students who are currently undergoing vocational training studies under the VESI project from Batch 2.

Distributions were conducted in December 2020 in 9 camps under 3 townships including Namkhan, Kutkai, and Mandung in Northern Shan State

The purpose of the distribution activity is to ensure the safety of students during the COVID-19 pandemic and raise awareness on the practice of washing hands regularly.

The VESI project is planning to distribute more items to students from Batch 3.



## VESI

The LIFT funded VESI project in partnership with AVSI and FRC has sought new ways to continue education services for TVET students.

Through a collaboration with GTHS, classes were set to open in Lashio downtown for interested youth. Due to COVID-19 however, the school remains closed.

Due to this, training has been continued through a digital blended platform. Theoretical lessons are conducted online with practical lessons and internships conducted in their respective communities and camps.

28 students have enrolled and completed 36 days of training so far. These students are from 9 camps under 3 townships with practical lessons and internships achieved through partnerships with 9 motorbike repair shops in Northern Shan State.





## PHOTO COMPETITION



## THIS MONTH'S WINNING PHOTO

### PHOTOGRAPHER:

David Cung Lan Thang  
M&E Officer  
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### ABOUT THE PHOTO:

The village administrator, U Lian Za Thang, practices using the manual slicer for cutting Elephant Foot Yam in Voti Village, Chin State.

### WILL YOU BE NEXT?

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

ADRA Myanmar are calling for suppliers to provide vehicles for use in our BRIGHT project funded by Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada in Lashio, Shan State.

Visit our website for more [HERE](#)  
Deadline: 3 February 2021

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