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## *Vocational Training*

Centre Construction Brings Education Opportunities to Kayin State

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## Vocational Training Centre Construction Brings Education Opportunities to Kayin State

*Interview with VT (Vocational Training) School Committee Leader, Saw Pu Khar.*

When I first heard that KECD was launching a new Vocational Training Centre in partnership with ADRA Myanmar, I was happy, very happy. I feel that it is really useful and beneficial for future generations. Vocational Education is not formal education, it requires a high standard of education in order to earn a living. I have always said that it is really useful to learn.

I could not help much financially to construct the training school, but I did what I could. I contacted the other village leaders to support site cleaning prior to construction and organizing the community to actively participate. We also chipped stones to create a pathway to the school and built a new dormitory for the students.

Three villages supported the construction by KECD including Mae Ka Nel, Noe Hpoe and Htee Mu Hta villages. I was very happy to know that ADRA Myanmar would support it. The training center belongs to all of us.

I want vocational education to be sustainable in our area. The Karen people have suffered many years and have repeatedly hoped for peace. I want to tell the leaders from KECD and the community to continue to work hard for sustainability and I will help as much as possible.

I would like to see the expansion of more short courses in order to create more job opportunities for young people in rural areas so that they will be able to generate their own income and support their families. I do not want it to disappear in a year or two. I want it to last forever and be available to generation after generation even when I have passed on.

“ Thank you so much for providing the teachers' and students' stipend as well as teaching materials. This assistance is really important. Thank you to ADRA Myanmar who came to assist this vocational training center.

# REFLECTIONS

## Hope

**HOPE**, a feeling of expectation or desire for something in particular to happen

We all had high hopes for 2021. With the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, we hoped 2021 would be the year everything got better. Restrictions would ease, face masks would no longer be needed, travel would open up, we could see our friends and family, and more importantly, we would be safe. But 2021 hasn't quite turned out as we thought, right?

So often in life we are left disappointed. We hope, and when that 'something particular' we hoped for doesn't happen, it leaves us feeling unsatisfied. But what if our hopes are misplaced?

If we look to the Bible, we learn that Hope is faith in Christ. **Hope is for things that are eternal, that will never decay or waste away.** The future can be a scary thing with so many uncertainties, who knows what tomorrow might bring. But when we have faith in Christ, we have hope not only in this life, but in the next. The future, while uncertain, can be entrusted to God, and He will help us through.

Whatever you may be going through today, be encouraged to look to God as the true source of Hope and know that He is with you every step of the way.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." ~ Romans 15:13*

## IN THE MEDIA



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## MEET OUR STAFF



### CING HUAI NUAM

Finance/Admin Assistant | PRICE

**Q1 What Race/Country are you from?**  
Chin, Myanmar

**Q6 In one word, what would define you?**  
Sociable/Friendly

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

**Q7 What year did you join ADRA?**  
October, 2014

**Q3 What is your favourite colour?**  
Black

**Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?**  
Everyone shares the same vision and is dedicated to the mission. This truly creates a family environment where everybody is there for each other.

**Q4 What do you like to do for fun?**  
Travelling and Shopping

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

# PROJECT UPDATES



## AEON

The AEON 1% Club Foundation and ADRA Japan funded AEON project completed 6 activities as follows:

- 1) School construction was completed in five villages including Mu War, Par Yar, Pa Yar Kone Kaw Ka Dar, Htee Ta Blu Hta and Kaw Hpar Doe
- 2) School furniture was provided to these five villages for use in the constructed schools
- 3) School gear was distributed for students
- 4) 8 SMC meetings were conducted from 11-17 May
- 5) An endline survey was completed
- 6) Interviews to SMC and parents were also completed



## PRICE

Despite many challenges, the DFAT and ADRA Australia funded PRICE project was able to conduct sewing training in two locations including Gangaw and Lungngo. The training teaches basic sewing skills of both men and women's clothing. The purpose of the training is to provide trainees the skills they need to make and sell items for income.

16 trainees participated in the training from 15 of the 16 project villages. Of the 16 trainees, ten are new whereas six have previously attended sewing training sessions.

A trainee from Lungkaa village said, "Our trainer is very patient with us, keeps us always busy with the training lessons and the way the trainer presents the lessons is simple, clear and easy for us to understand."

The trainer stated, "I am happy with the progress they have made over the course of this one-month long training."



# PROJECT UPDATES



## SEAQE2

The Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 project held a closing ceremony for Batch 1/2021 short course training graduates from KECD including 67 students (29 male and 39 female). The three short course trainings included; Basic Sewing, Rural Mechanics and Hair Dressing.

The closing ceremony was held on 21 May at the KECD VT center in Noe Hpoe Village. There were several in attendance including, school committee members, KECD staff, parents, ADRA staff and around 200 members.

The SEAQE2 projects upcoming activities plan is to coordinate with KECD for short course activities for the remainder of 2021 with pending plans to reopen for Batch 2/2021 in the last week of June. Informal short course training has reopened for 40 students in 4 courses including Advanced Sewing, Hair Dressing, Hair Cutting and Welding set to end in July 2021.



# PHOTO COMPETITION



## THIS MONTHS WINNING PHOTO

### PHOTOGRAPHER:

Naw Tamalar Paw | Field Assistant, AEON5

### ABOUT THE PHOTO:

Conducting interviews with parents about the impact of project activities in Par Yar village, Hpan-An Township, Kayin State

### WILL YOU BE NEXT?

Want to see your photo in the next volume of 'Mingalaba'? Send in your photo with a brief description by **25 June 2021**. The winning photo will not only be featured here, but also 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

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There are no vacancies or tenders this month.

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