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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of Daw Nuing Kyi from PRICE project. Photo: © 2019 ADRA Myanmar | Emma McCrow

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FEATURED ARTICLE



Daw Nuing Kyi's Story: Weaving Transforms Lives of Female Household in Chin State

My name is Daw Nuing Kyi and I am 31 years old from Sempu Village. My youngest sister is a student and my daughter attends kindergarten. My aunt lives with us, but she cannot work. Both my mother and father died one month apart in 2009. They did not agree with my husband, so we divorced, and I struggled with my life.

In our village, most of the women work in weaving, while the men work in livestock. Our families only income is from weaving. The money is not enough to pay for my child's education.

When the PRICE project came to our village, they gave training in weaving and how to use weaving machines. The training is very effective for me and the other villagers as I can remember how to weave and all the patterns.

Each year I weave 8 to 10 patterns for longyi's. Some designs can take from one week to one month to finish. Basic designs take 2 days. All are different depending on the design. The selling price also depends on the design. Some designs cost 100,000-150,000 MMKs and others 500,000 MMKs. Basic

designs cost between 50,000-60,000 MMKs each. I usually sell them myself, but sometimes I also sell to stores in Hakka and Kalay.

The PRICE project also setup Savings & Loans groups. Each month they hold a meeting to discuss how to save money and how to do project activities. Our group has 10 members and we save 500 MMK each month. I borrowed 190,000 MMKs. I used the money to buy one pig and other items for weaving. The project also provided me 100,000 MMKs. I was able to buy another weaver shelf and cotton, so my sister can weave with me.

Now our livelihood is not difficult. Thank you so much, this has benefitted our family.

“ Everything has changed. When I was young, I depended on my parents. But now I am the head of household for my family. ”

EMMA MCCROW
Communications Officer, ADMIN

REFLECTIONS

Why ADRA?

Why, out of all the organisations, charities and worthy causes, should someone choose to give a donation to ADRA? The answer to this question is called a "unique selling proposition". I received my answer to this question when I attended the Asia-Pacific Emergency Response Training (ERT). It was here that I first saw the global impact that ADRA is making. Currently, there are 118 ADRA offices worldwide. As the official humanitarian agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that means 118 ADRA offices are committed to being the hands and feet of Jesus. It means 118 ADRA offices are serving humanity so all may live as God intended. And it means there are 118 places around the world where the love of God is spreading through our actions which are motivated by justice, compassion and love.

If you ask me "Why ADRA" I answer with the below:

1. ADRA is serving others so they may experience the fullness of life that God intended.
2. Every ADRA office is part of a global network that is striving for the same cause. ADRA is spreading justice, compassion and love to those who need it most.
3. Through ADRA's actions, the love of God is shared with others (1 John 3:18 says, "...you show love for others by truly helping them, not merely talking about it.")

I see ADRA as the intersection between our faith and works. As Micah 6:8 says, "...and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." And I believe ADRA is doing just that.

ASHLEY STANTON | Media & Communications Coordinator, ADRA Australia

IN THE MEDIA



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WATCH: Since her husband passed, life has not always been easy for Daw Ngun Cawi living in the remote Chin hills. As a female headed household, she often struggles to make ends meet. However, thanks to funds from her Savings and Loans Group through the #PRICE project, Daw Ngun Cawi is now able to support her family and achieve financial independence.

The PRICE project is funded and supported by AusAID and ADRA Australia. To learn more, visit our website at: adramyanmar.org/price-project/

Watch Video [HERE](#)



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ADRA Myanmar is excited to announce the launch of our new website which is compatible with desktop, tablet and mobile devices!

Click the link to learn more about ADRA and the work we do in Myanmar here: <https://adramyanmar.org/>



MEET OUR STAFF



MANG KHAN LIAN

Logistician | Yangon Head Office

Q1 What Race/Nationality are you from?
Zomi (Chin)

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

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

Q6 In one word, what would define you?
Care

Q3 What is your favourite colour?
Sky Blue

Q7 What year did you join ADRA?
May, 2018

Q4 What do you like to do for fun?
I like playing soccer

Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?
I like it because we are just like a family and friends

PROJECT UPDATES



VESI

The LIFT funded VESI project in partnership with AVSI and FRC, provided awareness raising on Vocational Education in 5 target IDP camps including; Jaw (1), St Thomas, Jaw (2), Banglung and Nay Win Ni to 151 participants 73.5% of which were female.

The VESI project also held a virtual launch of the 'Labour Market and COVID-19 Impact Assessments to Inform Vocational Education and Decent Work Opportunities for Youth in Kachin and Northern Shan States.'

Over 100 participants attended from government departments, NGOs, EU and UN agencies, embassies, and partner organizations. The assessments were presented by consultancy team Kallene Ryan and Aung Myaing Htay who have conducted research on Labour Markets since 2019 and the impact of COVID-19 to this sector in Myanmar.

Learn more [HERE](#)



CASE2LEARN

The European Union funded CASE2Learn project in partnership with RISE is holding a 'MTT and SMA Reporting, Planning and Capacity Building Workshop' virtually via zoom.

The workshop is facilitated by RISE with Plan International leading the School Safety Training for 3 days on behalf of ADRA Myanmar.

Training is running from 9:00am to 4:00pm starting on Monday, 28 September and will conclude on Friday, 9 October.

138 MTTs and SMAs are joining from RISE network organizations; LDN, CRED, TSU, STEDF, CDN, ENDO, BF, SENG and SEE.

Training topics include; evaluation and reflection, mother tongue-based multilingual education, teacher competency frameworks, SMC/PTA trainings, ESE and finance.





MTT and SMA Reporting, Planning and Capacity Building Workshop

Location : Online (Zoom) | Date: 28 September - 9 October 2020




PROJECT UPDATES



PRICE

The AusAID and ADRA Australia funded PRICE project is currently planning a second response activity to COVID-19 in light of the second and more deadly wave across Myanmar.

Schools in 16 target areas will be supported through distributions of; face masks, hand sanitizer, hand wash, dust bins, sprayers, basins, water tanks and other accessories to benefit 1,485 students to ensure safe learning environments.

The activity will be carried out under guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Sports including; 1 basin for every 25 students, 1 dust bin for every 25 students, 2 masks per student, water tanks, and handwashing soap (a mandatory requirement for schools to reopen by 24 December 2020).

Beneficiaries Daw Daw Uh and U Kawi Yah from the first COVID-19 response are thankful for the emergency food rations they received. Their stories will be shared on our website next month.

SURE

This month, the MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded SURE project reports on the successful cultivation of maize in 12 project villages where 75 packets/10kg of maize has been produced.

Maize seeds were distributed to 242 farmers with technical support provided by extension workers (EWs). Due to COVID-19, SURE's Agricultural officer and EWs (based in the villages), formed a Facebook group to coordinate and monitor progress.

Now the harvest is successful and the corn yield is two to three times higher than usual. Better quality and higher yields provide more feed for animals and can be sold to other farmers.

In addition, the SURE project is planning to distribute threshers for timely plowing to maize farmers.



PHOTO COMPETITION



Photo: © 2020 ADRA Myanmar | Mar Chu Ri Co

THIS MONTH'S WINNING PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Mar Chu Ri Co
Extension Worker, SURE

ABOUT THE PHOTO:

Daw Khin Yi, a widow from Lungngo village & mother of four, received COVID-19 food assistance of rice, cooking oil and two viss of beans.

WILL YOU BE NEXT?

Want to see your photo in the next volume of 'Mingalaba'? Please send in your photos by **5 Nov 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

CALL FOR TENDERS

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

ADRA Myanmar are calling for construction companies to construct schools and furniture through the AEON 1% Club Foundation and ADRA Japan funded AEON5 project in Kayin State.

Visit our website for more [HERE](#)
Deadline: 12 October 2020

*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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