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Dreams Come True through Vocational Training Support for Youth

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FEATURED ARTICLE



Myint Myint's Story: Dreams Come True through Vocational Training Support for Youth

25 year old Myint Myint comes from a simple family. With six family members, her parents primary livelihood has been farming. As the eldest daughter, opportunities for an education are limited. Furthermore, youth in the Northern Shan State struggle to find employment, particularly in skilled work. Most youths migrate in search of other work opportunities, the rest often work in farming and agriculture.

When Myint Myint heard about ADRA Myanmar's VESI project offering vocational training in her area, she jumped at the chance shortly enrolling in 54 days of Basic Sewing training as a student in Batch 5.

"When I was selected for the short course, I was very happy because sewing is my passionate hobby"

In this training, the trainees learn about recognizing and using sewing tools and machines, and how to sew a variety of designs for men, women, and babies.

The LIFT Myanmar funded VESI project in partnership with AVSI and the Finnish Refugee Council, aims to provide vocational training to youth in IDP camps in Northern Shan State to increase their income and meet the needs of the labor market.

Included in the activity, ADRA provides meal allowances, teaching materials, and COVID-19 protective gear (Mask, Hand gel, Face shield) throughout the training to students.

After graduation, Myint Myint was able to set up her own small business in her home. She receives orders for 20 dresses each month earning 200,000 kyats that she uses to support her family with her own income.

"Although I started my small tailoring business, I still need more capital for other necessary machines and tools".

Myint Myint claims that the knowledge and skills she gained from the vocational training short course gave her enough confidence to start her own business, creating a better life and further career opportunities.

Most youths in her area do not have reliable careers with limited access to skills-based training that can help them hunt for better job opportunities. That's why Myint Myint believes this ADRA project is needed for youth in her area. She hopes her own small tailoring business will be successful as she sells spare parts for tailoring and traditional dresses she's learned to make herself.

“ Thank you very much for the great support in improving my career. My dream is to own a successful tailoring business



COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of Myint Myint from the VESI project. Photo: © 2022 ADRA Myanmar | Myint Myint Htay

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REFLECTIONS



Serve With Love

When we were young, we were taken care of by our parents and elders. In Myanmar, it is within our culture’s history of love that when our parents are getting older, we take care of them again. Jesus clearly mentions that if you want to become a good leader, you need to become the kind of leader who serves others.

“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV)

On the other hand, without love, we cannot serve others heartfully. The following bible verse teaches us how we should serve others with love. 1 Corinthians 13:4- 7 (NIV) says “Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

Service is a beautiful concept that is tricky to live out well. Service without love in an organization, most of the time, leads to bad outcomes. Love is like oxygen for humans. I wish you to be able to serve all mankind with love according to the will of GOD.

IN THE MEDIA



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MEET OUR STAFF

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Receptionist/Office Assistant | Yangon Head Office

- Q1 What Race/Country are you from?**
Kayin/Myanmar
- Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?**
Malaysian Fried Noodles/
Pad See Ew/ Tea
- Q3 What is your favourite colour?**
White
- Q4 What do you like to do for fun?**
Planting Trees
- Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?**
Kalaw/ Inlay Lake
- Q6 In one word, what would define you?**
Loyalty
- Q7 What year did you join ADRA?**
May, 2016
- Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?**
Assisting the needs people

PROJECT UPDATES



CASE2Learn

The European Union funded CASE2Learn project in partnership with RISE, ADRA UK and ADRA Germany completed the following activities.

1. The Education Sensitization Event (ESE) activities were conducted in Pekon and Kale Townships. Each ESE event included discussion on the introduction of non-formal education, holding a sports competition for children to support mental health during the COVID-19 crisis, parenting awareness and the importance of parents in student learning, teacher and SMC participation in Education, and the role of parents in supporting education.

2. SENG; MTTs/ SMAs conducted 3 NFE ToT training sessions in Mongmit, Kutkai, and Monglon Townships. The team also prepared for the upcoming ESE activities.



BRIGHT

This month, the Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada funded BRIGHT project implemented the following activities.

1. Women grassroots training was conducted by partner, Women's LEAD in Northern Shan State. 25 women participated in the training over 3 days. All participants were actively engaged and involved in learning knowledge and skills on how to manage, provide and monitor inclusive and respectful SRHR, SGBV, CEFM, women trafficking and drug use services.

2. The BRIGHT project arranged a technical monitoring visit to Nar Kwam Lon, Nar Hwei, Nant Maw Jan, and Man Pwe villages on 4th and 7th February to observe and supervise the experimental cultivation of mushrooms.

3. Batch 5 of Basic Mushroom training was held from 9th to 11th February 2022 at Man Pan village in Tant Yan Township with 27 participants.



PROJECT UPDATES



VESI

This month, the LIFT funded VESI project in partnership with AVSI and FRC completed the following activities:

1. The VESI project conducted closing ceremonies for Batch 5 of the Basic Sewing and Computer training courses. A total of 53 students graduated from the training in Kutkai, Hseni, and Namtu townships. From Batch 6 in the Basic Sewing course closing ceremony, 41 students graduated successfully. During the ceremony, the project team delivered a welcoming speech, feedback was shared by the trainers, and students said thank you. Appreciation gifts were also provided to local trainers and certificates to graduated students, closing with refreshments.
2. As a part of the COVID-19 response, COVID-19 protective items were distributed to IDPs in Kutkai township.
3. 20 students from previous batches of the Motorbike (4) and Sewing (16) courses received startup kits.

SEAQE2

The Norad and ADRA Norway funded SEAQE2 project conducted an e-learning training activity with 21 participants on 11 February in Zwel Kabin Myay Education Project School, Hpa-an.

This training introduced students to ADRA and the adra.zabai.org e-learning LMS: Learning Portal. Students were taught how to open their e-learning accounts and enroll in the e-learning courses as well as being provided with 10,000 kyats mobile top-up for studying these courses online.



PROJECT UPDATES



ELACAP

The USAID-funded 'Emergency Life-Saving Assistance in Conflict-Affected Population (ELACAP)' project in partnership with the Karen Department of Health and Welfare, conducted Health and WASH activities in Kayin State.

1. This month, the project conducted hygiene promotion training in Kyarinseikkyi, Kayin State, and Mindat, Chin State with the purpose to improve hygiene knowledge. In these two trainings, a total of 30 participants attended.

2. 70 water filters were distributed to 70 households to improve clean water sources in Kayin State.

3. 800 WASH kits were distributed to conflict-affected people in Kayin State.



UNICEF EMERGENCY WASH

This month, the UNICEF funded UNICEF Emergency WASH project conducted awareness campaigns and education activities on hygiene awareness, mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and available health services in Myaing Gyi Ngu IDP relocation site, Hlaingbwe Township.

The project distributed awareness-raising posters on hand washing and prevention in the spread of COVID-19, soaps, sachets of water floc & disinfectant powder, and water purifying tablets to the community.

As a result, 1,124 households benefitted from these distribution and awareness-raising activities.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH



February

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ABOUT THE PHOTO:

Children studying in a village where the BRIGHT project is being implemented, that focuses on the education of out-of-school children in Northern Shan State.

VACANCIES & TENDERS

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

MARCH 2022

SUN တနင်္ဂနွေ	MON တနင်္လာ	TUE အင်္ဂါ	WED ဗုဒ္ဓဟူး	THU ကြာသပတေး	FRI သောကြာ	SAT စနေ
		1	2 Peasants' Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Full Moon Day of Tabaung	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Timesheets are due on the 25th of each month

Public Holidays:

2 March - Peasants' Day

16 March- Full Moon Day of Tabaung

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