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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of Ngun Thang from the SURE/SHAPE project.

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FEATURED ARTICLE



Ngun Thang's Story: Building A New Agricultural Future

30 years old, Ngun Thang, who lives in Matupi Township, Southern Chin State, is a Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) farmer, cultivating his two acres of SALT farmland. He heads a three-member family, including his wife, mother, and himself, and takes care of his elderly mother.

He was formerly a typical small-scale Chin farmer, running the family's livelihood based on slash and burn agricultural practice, which is considered to be unsustainable for agricultural land management and degradable for the environment.

With the introduction of SALT by the MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded SURE (Sustainable Rural Economic Development Project) in late 2019, he took a special interest in the agricultural practices entailed by SALT because he learned from the project that he could have more complete management of the soil in his plot and he could sustain it by always regenerating the soil of the farmland for longer-term use.

In the farmland plot, perennial crops like avocado, chili, and lime, planted last fall, are seen thriving, with a survival rate of 76% with avocado and 75% with lime.

He intends to plant 280 coffee seedlings and 25 more avocado seedlings from his home-grown nursery in the rainy season.

Besides, there are some more seeds of crops like 40 bags of avocado, one tin of coffee, and three vises of elephant foot yam already grown and under nurtured in the nursery.

He received the support of 21 coils of barbed wire and 4 coils of soft water pipes from the project.

The total harvest he achieved in the last harvest season from the farmland was: 12 baskets of sweet corn and a sale of 250,000 MMK worth of elephant foot yam. His transition from Slash and Burn to SALT permanent gardening is not yet full-fledged. He hopes his transition to SALT is completed in a couple of years, materializing his ultimate dream of economic gain and of fulfilling the needs of the family.

"I hope the perennial crops in the plot will bring us a passive income in the near future."



Thank you to ADRA for providing us with material support and knowledge. We thank you very much.

David Cung Lan Thang | M&E Officer, SURE/ SHAPE

REFLECTIONS

FEAR

Fear is mentioned in the Bible over 600 times. It is not a small subject in the word of God. In the Bible, we hear that commandment given over and over: "fear not." That command was given to Abraham, Moses, and Daniel, who was going into the Lion's Den, and to all of Israel, including each one of us.

Every time you read the bible, it says "fear not". It means that God is with us. Sometimes we lack the confidence to do something in our work. Fear of the future, fear of danger, fear of the past, and others' fears of the loss of their job and loss of health. Sometimes we fear the criticism of other people. The Devil uses this opportunity to make us depressed and stressed in our lives. Fear is the tool of the devil, and it will always have a negative impact all the time. Fears' whole design is to stop you from going forward. We must fear only God, and it is mentioned many times in the bible.

Proverbs 10:27 The fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

Psalm 25:12 Who is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

Fearing God means we share, support, and help others according to the will of God and obey his words. Let us support each other and remain in God so that we may all be free from fear and live a happy life with the grace of God.



MEET OUR STAFF



LUN SIAN VUNG

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Q1 What Race/Country are you from?

Zomi(Chin)/Myanmar

Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?

Fruits

Q3 What is your favourite colour?

White

Q4 What do you like to do for fun?

Travelling & Playing Sports

Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?

Niagara Falls & Hawaii Island

Q6 In one word, what would define you?

Honest & Open-minded

Q7 What year did you join ADRA?

December, 2015

Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?

I like working with a team and helping people.



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PROJECT UPDATES



VESI

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

1. Closing ceremony was held for Batch 8 training with 160 students and 21 local trainers in Kutkai Township.
2. Business Coordination Meeting was conducted for Batch 9 with 18 local trainers in Lashio.
3. Providing Life Skills and Business Skills training to 120 students from Batch 9.
4. Conducting of the opening ceremony for batch 9 training under five courses (basic motorbike, basic sewing, advanced motorbike, basic computer, and handicraft training).

BRIGHT

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

1. Conducting opening ceremony of basic sewing training was held on June 12 at the Lashio training center. A total of 29 participants attended. 16 females are enrolled in the training.
2. The project conducted a midterm review workshop from June 8 to June 20. Focus Group discussions with Col MEL beneficiaries and male and female beneficiaries in project target villages were conducted from June 8 to 10.
3. An Orientation Meeting was conducted with TEI (Ta'ang Education Institution) partners on June 28 and 29, 2022.
4. The closing ceremony for TEES students in the 2021-2022 academic year was held on June 13, 2022, in Kayah State. The project distributed student kits to 1500 TEES students from Kayah State.



PROJECT UPDATES



MOFA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and ADRA Japan-funded MOFA project completed the following activities:

School construction is 75% completed, including with toilets, wells, and teachers' houses. The school management committee meeting was conducted in the project's targeted village.

To promote health awareness-raising, the health promoter shares health and hygiene knowledge with the students.

The project provides a school building, furniture, school gear, and hygiene awareness training in Hlaing Bwe Township.

CASE2Learn

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

Summer vacation training was conducted by partner KTWG in Hpapun Township, Kayin State.

KTWG has completed all the 18 SVT training courses according to the project implementation plan. During this training, all participants engaged actively in group discussions.



PROJECT UPDATES



ELACAP

The USAID-funded 'Emergency Life-Saving Assistance in Conflict-Affected Population (ELACAP)' project, in partnership with the Committee of Internally Displaced Karen People (CIDKP), constructed a community latrine with wash facilities in Hlaing Bwe Township, Kayin State.

From this support, 163 households (316 males and 381 females) have since directly benefitted from these new constructions to limit disease transmission through ensuring improved, rehabilitated excreta disposal facilities and handwashing facilities for IDPs to maintain hygiene in partnership with CIDKP.



SHAPE

The MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded 'Sustainable Health Agriculture Protection and Empowerment (SHAPE)' project completed the following activities:

229 farmers from the project's targeted villages attended Farmer Field School Training on the study of plant growth; water management; pest management; organic fertilizer application of corn, ginger, EFY, coffee, avocado, and lime plants; and good agricultural practices.

The project also provides water pipelines and tarpaulin to 10 farmers for the SALT demonstration plots.



PROJECT UPDATES



UNICEF EMERGENCY WASH

The UNICEF-funded UNICEF Emergency WASH project completed the following activities:

In Kayin State, WASH supplies, COVID-19 prevention, and sanitation-related IEC materials were distributed to 5392 households.

Health education sessions on hygiene awareness, mitigating COVID19 spread, and health services were conducted in Kyarinnseikgyi Township, Kawkareik Township, and Hlaingbwe Township.

For 248 households, 248 single-unit community latrines were built. A total of 100 bath houses were built to benefit (169) households and (1228) community members from this activity. 8 gravity flow water systems were constructed/renovated in 8 villages, and 6123 community members from 963 households benefited from this activity.



AEON5

This month, the AEON 1% Club and ADRA Japan-funded AEON5 Additional Project supported school renovation activities at one of the ACS/Community Schools in Kawkareik Township, Kayin State.

- School floor renovation (24' x 63')
- School entrance gate door work (12'x7')
- Students' desks and benches (30 sets)

By conducting the school renovation activities in the targeted school, the quality of the school plant will be improved and students will be able to concentrate on learning healthily and safely.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH



June

PHOTOGRAPHER:

BRIGHT Project

Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada-funded BRIGHT project provided student kits to TEES students.

VACANCIES & TENDERS

*To be considered, please submit your full applications as directed in the job advertisement. Applications submitted through Facebook will not be accepted.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

JULY 2022

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Timesheets are
due on the 25th of
each month

Holidays:

July 12 - Fullmoon
Day of Waso

July 19 - Martyrs Day

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