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*Daw Naw Oo's Story*

Transforming a Family's Life

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### COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is of Daw Naw Oo from the UNICEF Emergency WASH project.

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## FEATURED ARTICLE



### Daw Naw Oo's Story: Transforming a Family's Life

62 year old Daw Naw Oo is an IDP living in a relocation internally displaced person camp in Kayin State. She has eight family members, and one son is disabled.

In 2016 when the conflict broke out, her family fled to Myaing Gyi Ngu, but living in an IDP camp has been difficult for Daw Naw Oo's family.

Since 2021, the UNICEF funded 'UNICEF Emergency WASH' project has been providing water and sanitation support in Kayin State. One of the project's activities is to construct emergency family latrines. 248 latrines benefiting almost 2,000 community members were constructed in Myaing Gyi Ngu camp, including Daw Naw Oo's family.

"While living there, even though there were communal latrines, they were far away from our place and I had to wait. Cleanliness was also very poor."

Due to overpopulation in the IDP Camp, WASH facilities, including latrines, were often insufficient. On top of this, existing latrines were often poorly constructed and there was a lack of hygiene in the camp.

A member of the IDP camp committee stated, "The latrines constructed by ADRA

are for individual family's use. Thus, it can be used for a long period. There were some problems with the previous communal latrines such as; difficulties with sufficient water and having to wait to use a latrine."

"The new latrines give us the privacy and security that we need," said Daw Naw Oo.



“

With our own family latrine, it is much more convenient because it is near our house. And also, one of my sons is disabled and it was more convenient for him. Thank you for your support”

AUNG CHO MIN | M&E Officer, UNICEF Emergency WASH Project

# REFLECTIONS



## Balancing Life

One of the major issues plaguing the human lifestyle in today's modern world, is a lack of work-life balance. The process of finding balance in life is a challenging and elusive exercise for most people. Every individual will define balance differently.

Sometimes parents come home late at night having focused more on their work reducing time spent with family. If the children are neglected often, even unintentionally, what kind of relationships will that family form?

It is very important how you balance your time between work and family. Taking time to show your love to your family will also reflect on you as a parent.

Imagine if your ears and nose are large and the rest of your body is small. Do you think that would look good? On the other hand, if the world is only filled with snakes, without birds, trees, or other animals, would you be happy with that unbalanced situation?

Likewise, if your supervisor gives you more work than you can manage, it will increase stress and staff may even leave the organization. So, while it is important to focus time on work, it is also important to take opportunities to pray, rest, visit friends and spend time with family to achieve a truly balanced and joyful life.

## MEET OUR STAFF



### SAW LAY KA PAW

Project Manager | SEAQE2

- Q1 What Race/Country are you from?**  
Kayin (Sgaw Karen)/ Myanmar
- Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?**  
Chapati, Puri, Spaghetti & Mohinga
- Q3 What is your favourite colour?**  
Purple
- Q4 What do you like to do for fun?**  
Fishing, hunting, and traveling
- Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?**  
Switzerland
- Q6 In one word, what would define you?**  
Flexible
- Q7 What year did you join ADRA?**  
May, 2015
- Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?**  
Working as a family and we do have the opportunities to serve, learn, grow, glow, and reflect the love of Christ to others.

## PROJECT UPDATES



## VESI

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

- 140 students from Batch 9 across 5 courses (Basic Motorbike Repair, Advanced Motorbike Repair, Handicrafts, Basic Sewing and Basic Computers) received their student payments in Lashio.

- A testing post-test and students' evaluation form was completed before the closing ceremony.

- A closing ceremony for 140 students from Batch 9 was held on 31 August 2022 in Lashio and attended by 19 local private trainers/business owners.



## BRIGHT

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

- Conducted 14 days of ALP Teacher Training from 1 August to 14 August with 20 participants from Northern Shan State and 15 from Kayah State.

- A gender equality training was conducted from 3 August to 9 August at the Kachin Buddhist Church with a total of 14 participants facilitated by Sopheap Sreng, Gender Equality Manager from ADRA Canada.

- A closing ceremony for the Basic Sewing course was held and 16 vocational students were given training certificates and supporting equipment.

- Food processing training, home gardening training, soap-making training, and nutrition training were delivered by partner KNWO to 45 beneficiaries from Loikaw Township.



# PROJECT UPDATES



## MOFA

With the closure of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and ADRA Japan-funded MOFA project this month, the project team ensured that all project activities were completed.

The SMC meetings were held and school construction, including well renovation, 2 unit toilet blocks and a teacher's dormitory was 100% completed.

During the meetings, the MOFA project ensured that SMC members will continue to maintain the school buildings and furniture.

## 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), successfully completed five renovations of shallow wells in Hlaing Bwe Township.

As a result, a total of 567 HHs benefited (1766 male, 1838 female) from these renovations to access clean water.



## PROJECT UPDATES



## WCP

The UNICEF-funded 'Water as Catalyst for Peace among Conflict-Affected Population in Kayin State' (WCP) project completed the following activities:

- Community Engagement meeting and project support committee formation were conducted with the community in Myawaddy Township.
- Baseline Data Collection training was conducted in Myawaddy and Hlaingbwe Townships. 9 enumerators participated in the training.
- FGD and KII sessions were conducted in Tha Mo village tract, Hlaingbwe Townships to collect quantitative data to be used as baseline data.

## SHAPE

The MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded 'Sustainable Health Agriculture Protection and Empowerment' (SHAPE) project conducted Farmer Field School training. The training was led by village-based volunteers under the technical guidance of the Agriculture and Soil Officer. A total of 118 farmers participated in the training.

The community orientation meeting was conducted in two different cluster locations, covering six project villages. During this meeting, community leaders, committee members, and farmers (a total of 173 participants) were engaged.



## PROJECT UPDATES



## SEAQE2

This month, the Norad and ADRA Norway-funded SEAQE2 project opened short courses (Batch 2/2022) in Basic Sewing, Hairdressing, Hair Cutting, Rural Mechanics, and Welding training with the support of partner organizations, MVA and KECD.

A total of 150 students have been enrolled with training set to finish on September 13, 2022. The 20 day internship program will be continued for both MVA and KECD short course trainees.

## CASE2Learn

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

In TSYU's area, 24 TEES schools were reopened and 60 TEES teachers were deployed to the schools in Namkham Township and Kukai Township.

MTTs and SMAs are continually visiting the schools for mobile activities and distributing TLMs to the rest of the schools.



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



August

### PHOTOGRAPHER:

BRIGHT Project

The Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada-funded BRIGHT project provided nutrition support to TEES students in Kayah State.

## 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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## SPECIAL FEATURE



## ADRA MYANMAR'S CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING

ADRA Myanmar held a Capacity Building-based Staff Retreat for all staff from admin and field offices at the Gerizim Resort Hotel, Chaung Thar Beach from 15 - 18 August.

Capacity Building topics included; Safety and Security training, Fraud and Corruption training, Finance training, HR training, and project presentations by Project Managers.

As a special guest, Mark Webster, Regional Director of the ADRA Asia Regional Office also attended the staff retreat.



# INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS



**SOE THU NYEIN**  
Business & Life Skills Officer  
VESI Project



**CHAN MYAE AUNG**  
Field Monitoring Assistant  
BRIGHT Project



**NAING LANE**  
Logistician  
SHAPE Project

## CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2022

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Timesheets are  
due on the 25th of  
each month

Holidays:

**'MINGALABA'**  
Next Volume:  
15 October 2022



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