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## Soe Moe's Story

Promoting Vocational Skills for Young People in Kayin State



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## ABOUT ADRA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church - part of the 20 million strong Adventist Community, with hundreds of thousands of churches globally and the world's largest integrated healthcare and education network. ADRA delivers relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 118 countries regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, gender or religious association. By partnering with local communities, organizations, and local authorities we are able to deliver culturally relevant programs and build local capability for sustainable change.

## ABOUT ADRA MYANMAR

ADRA Myanmar is an 'implementing office' within the ADRA network, a registered and recognized INGO in Myanmar. Established in 1984, ADRA Myanmar is one of the oldest country offices in ADRA network providing development and relief assistance opportunities throughout the country. We operate under 4 key sectors that cater to: Livelihoods, Education, Health and Emergency. With the head office located in Yangon, ADRA Myanmar maintains 4 sub-offices within the regions of: Kayin State, Shan State, Magway and Mandalay Region.

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## FEATURED ARTICLE



### Promoting Vocational Skills for Young People in Kayin State

My name is Soe Moe (name changed), and our family works on a farm for our livelihood. Other casual work is also available as an opportunity. We had a difficult time with this work.

Due to many situations, there is a challenge of a lack of job opportunities in the village where I live. Young and middle-aged people are going to work in other countries, leaving only adults and children in the village.

When I heard about the ADRA project's vocational training, I became interested in hair cutting training and decided to join the program.

I was very happy when I was selected to attend the hair cutting training supported by the SEAQE2 project funded by Norad and ADRA Norway. During the training period, I have

learned the most and tried to improve my skills and other aspects. I also learned more about the seriousness of haircutting as well as female hairdressing.

From the training and internship program, I learned many useful subjects related to hairdressing.

Through the e-learning lessons provided and supported by the SEAQE2 project, I gained a lot of knowledge for my future career. The e-Learning lessons in particular have helped us to manage our finances more systematically, understand the

importance of accounting, and apply statistics in real life.

After the training, I received a grant from the project to run my own business. I started my own business, and I receive an average monthly income of 150,000 that I use to support my family with my own income.

I will strive to be more business-oriented. I hope my own business will be more successful in the future and aim to open a shop in a central and densely populated urban area.

**“ I would like to say thank you to donors and ADRA for the great support for the short course training offering for the youth in Kayin State.**

# SAW PERRY SEIN

Associate Finance Director

- Q1 What Race/Country are you from?**  
Kayin/ Myanmar
- Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?**  
Moke Hin Gar
- Q3 What is your favourite colour?**  
Blue Color
- Q4 What do you like to do for fun?**  
Playing badminton
- Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?**  
Israel Country
- Q6 In one word, what would define you?**  
Simple
- Q7 What year did you join ADRA?**  
2011
- Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?**  
Working with different ethnics and religions

## MEET OUR STAFF



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has been serving countries all over the world for more than 60 years to reach the most vulnerable communities and ADRA Myanmar is an 'implementing office' within the ADRA network.

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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## VESI

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

- Conducted an awareness and information session on TVET in Kyauk Mae, Northern Shan State. During this awareness session, 98 people participated.
- Provision of Life Skills and Business Skills Training and SEA trainings to 20 participants in Lashio from 19th Jan to 26th January.



## RECAP

Relief for Vulnerable Population (ReCAP) project have been distributed 1000 WASH Non Food Items (NFI) in Kayin State.

As a result, 1,000 households (5401 male and 4607 female), including 41 pregnant women and 79 people with disabilities, have since directly benefited from this distribution.

The project has reached over 2000 individuals during the distribution of WASH NFI, demonstrating handwashing practices and the uses of WASH NFI by the Community Hygiene Promoters as well.





## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## JPF

This month, ADRA Japan and the Japan Platform-funded JPF project distributed foods to beneficiaries in Kayin State.

As a distribution, 24 kg of rice for 1311 households and 59 households (48 kg of rice, 3 liter of oil, bean, salt, tarpaulin and 2 mosquito nets) were received.

The JPF project aim to enable vulnerable people in Karen state, who are limited access to income/items, to keep their health by distributing food and preventive items against infections



## SEAQE2

This month, the Norad and ADRA Norway-funded SEAQE2 project completed the following activities:

- Deliver teaching and learning materials to four ACS schools in Dawei region and to IDP learning centers in Taung Ngu region, which was successfully completed with a total of 720 beneficiaries.
- Effective learning environment, effective teaching, effective school leadership, and effective school participation were used to measure the main parts of the school, and the monitoring trip of 5 ACS schools in the Hlaingbwe area was successfully completed.





## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## WC4P

The UNICEF-funded “Water as Catalyst for Peace among Vulnerable People in Kayin State” (WC4P) project completed the following activities:

- Art and Cultural Harmony Festival conducted in Hlaingbwe Township. Over 200 community members participated in the event. After that, the youth and children provided WASH-related awareness and entertainment by acting in short dramas, performing traditional dance and shows, and singing songs.

- Cleaning campaign held in a village with village leaders, men, women, youth and children participated actively. During the activity, the community practiced solid waste disposal management by classifying the rubbish as organic waste, packing waste, and other material wastes.

## SHAPE

The MFAT and ADRA New Zealand funded Sustainable Health Agriculture Protection and Empowerment (SHAPE) project conducted the home gardening training in three project villages, and 48 men and 59 women, a total of 107 people, participated in the training.

Watershed conservation meeting was conducted in four villages from Matupe Township.

Carry Map training was conducted in three clusters, representing eight villages. The main objectives of the training included installing the Carry Map phone application on the mobile devices of the training participants to help familiarize them with the use of Carry Map and the use of it in agricultural land expansion and land management.







## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

### PHOTOGRAPHER:

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Community viewing photos of the project's activities at the Art and Cultural Harmony Festival in Hlaingbwe Township, through the UNICEF-funded "WC4P" project.

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## CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2023

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 Union Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Timesheets are  
due on the 25th of  
each month

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