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Nu Nu's Story

Vocational Education Support in Northern Shan State



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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

Vocational Education Support in Northern Shan State

Nu Nu is one of the students from vocational training in batch 9 of the VESI project, funded by LIFT. She is 34 years old and one of the disabled trainees in Batch 9. She has been living in an IDP camp in Northern Shan State since the conflict broke out in 2011 and 2016. She has two children who are 13 and 11 years old.

After she was divorced from her husband, she lives together with her children, and she takes care of them. Her family's income is nothing and not enough for their livelihoods. She struggles for her life.

One day, she heard about the VESI project, funded by LIFT, which supports vocational education and training in Northern Shan State. She was very happy and interested. Soon, she decided to join the training. Luckily, she

and one of her friends were selected to attend basic handcraft training delivered by ADRA Myanmar in Lashio township.

During the training course, she was very active in learning and tried hard while she was in training. She applied the handcraft course in a practical session and sold handcraft materials, such as basket weaving materials, to ADRA staff.

After the training, she applied the skills she learned from the course and started her own business with a friend at IDP Camp. She earned about

280000 MMK as an income from her own business, which included clip-making, basket weaving, shoemaking, and button flowers during the seasonal festival, school opening, and Christmas periods.

The VESI project also provides grants for start-up kits.She is now able to support either her children's school fees or family livelihood costs.

Currently, her dream is becoming reality with the great effort of learning and doing to be a qualified handicraft maker.

[•] I am really grateful to the VESI project as well as the donor LIFT since it was the greatest support I have ever had in my life".

HAY MARN SOE Medical Specialist

What Race/Country are you from? Mon / Myanmar

- **What is your favourite food/s to eat?** Mala Xiang Guo/ Coconut Noodle/ Durian
- *Q3* What is your favourite colour? Pink
- **What do you like to do for fun?** Watching Movies
- 25 What Place/Country would you like to visit? Disney Cruise_Florida
- **In one word, what would define you?**
- **What year did you join ADRA?** 2021

O8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?

I admire the fact that ADRA has been supporting vulnerable population groups in conflict affected areas of Myanmar despite escalating political and humanitarian crisis. When I get older and look back on my life, I will be proud of myself for helping people in need of medical attention, by working as one of ADRA staffs.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

MEET OUR

STAFF

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 life skills and business skills training for participants in Kyauk Me Township, Northern Shan State. the participants enthusiastically participated in the training activities.

- The project also provision of protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) trainings for the project team and community.

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ReCAP

Relief for Vulnerable Population (ReCAP) project have been distributed the second phase 1000 WASH non food item (NFI) in Thaton Township.

From this support, 1,000 households (2473 male and 2699 female), including 25 pregnant women and 36 individuals who need special supports, have since directly benefited from this distribution.

During the distribution of WASH NFI, the project is demonstrating handwashing practices and the uses of WASH NFI to the community hygiene promoters as well. The project is providing a monthly incentive fee to 50 CHPs who are promoting hygiene awareness among the IDP community.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS





WC4P

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

- On February 22, an operation and maintenance training was held for the members of the Water Management Committee. During the training, 25 community members engaged.

- Conducted a door-to-door campaign on the water user fee guidelines developing in the project, targeting 4 villages in Hlaingbwe Township. The main purpose is to establish a fund for the sustainability of the gravity flow water supply system. In this activity, 142 households out of 166 households from the four villages targeted by the project actively participated.

CASE2Learn

The European Union-funded CASE2Learn project team visited the partner Lahu Development Network (LDN) project implementation area in Kyaingtong Township, Eastern Shan State to observe project activities, their running status, and teaching and learning materials TLMs distribution activities.

The monitoring team includes three groups: program, M&E, and finance and logistics. The team has successfully engaged in program activities with the partner LDN organization.









PHOTO DESCRIPTION

Through the UNICEF-funded "Water as Catalyst for Peace among Vulnerable People in Kayin State" (WC4P) project, a cleaning campaign was carried out in Hlaing Bwe Township, and the youth, children, and villagers also actively participated.

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FEBRUARY - MARCH



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CALENDAR



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