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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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## Vocational Training to Empower Women in Kayin State

My name is Ma Wai, and I am living with my family in Hpa-An Township. In our family, we have five family members. I have one daughter. In our village, most of the people are working on farming. My parents are works in farming for our livelihood.

Due to a lack of job opportunities in my hometown, I moved to Bangkok, Thailand, when I was 18 years old. I lived there for 13 years. After that, I returned home to look for work in Hpa-an.

One day, I heard about ADRA Myanmar's SEAQE2 project, which offers short course training in Hpa-An. I'm very interested, and I jumped at the chance to enroll in the training.

After the training, I applied for the startup grant from the project and

received it. By receiving the startup grant from ADRA, I bought hair styling equipment. Then I started a small business as a joint venture with a friend in Yangon. There were a few difficulties when starting the business, but by continuing to learn while working, I am now able to run a business well. I received 50,000 MMK to 70,000 MMK a day as income.

Due to the knowledge that I gained from the training, I was able to start my small business and generate income. As a result, I was able to support the family every month.

I will try to fulfill the requirements for the success of the business going forward, and my dream is to escape the financial difficulties at some point and be able to do humanitarian work as well. The income will be used not only for the family but also for the continued expansion of the business.

“I would like to say a special thanks to ADRA, which provided small business and skills training, and I wish them to go ahead and may all donors be healthy and prosperous.”

# THAWDAR WIN

## Public Health Promoter

- Q1 What Race/Country are you from?**  
Burma, Myanmar
- Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?**  
Any spicy food
- Q3 What is your favourite colour?**  
Any rich color
- Q4 What do you like to do for fun?**  
Cycling, mountaineering
- Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?**  
Dubai
- Q6 In one word, what would define you?**  
Diligent
- Q7 What year did you join ADRA?**  
2021
- Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?**  
I have got the opportunity to apply my qualification.

## 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.

Please visit our website [www.adramyanmar.org](http://www.adramyanmar.org) or express your interest by emailing [recruitment@adramyanmar.org](mailto:recruitment@adramyanmar.org)



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## ReCAP

Relief for Vulnerable Population (ReCAP) project completed the following activities:

- The project review meeting held at Submit Parkview Hotel in Yangon and the partner review meeting at Eco Inn Hotel in Maesot, Thailand, from February 14 to 23 was to evaluate the progress of the project. The meeting focused on discussing the challenges and difficulties faced by the implementing partners in delivering essential services to vulnerable people.
- The project renovated the existing water source and piping system in a project targeted village, Hpa Pun Township, Kayin State. From this support, 185 IDPs have since directly benefitted from this water supply system to access clean water.
- The project conducted E-coli testing by CBT test kit in those water supply system as well.



## SEAQE2

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

- The school construction is completed 59%, with various work types, including site cleaning and material collection. Site monitoring visits is having on a weekly basis, and technical support is being provided as required.
- The project conducted teacher training event in March. During this training, 116 participants were engaged consisting of ASAP support teachers from SEM Mission, AYM Mission, CMM Mission, and SEM support ACS teachers or representatives.
- The NFE classes will start in March 2023, with a total of 52 students enrolled. The program will last for three and a half months and will consist of three levels, with three teachers assigned to the program.





# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## WC4P

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

- The gravity fed water supply system construction is almost completed that for project targeted (4) villages in Hlaingbwe township.

Construction materials were transported to the site location by the labor contribution of project targeted community, intake dam construction and suspension pipeline across river construction were completed. The all construction will be completed at the end of April 2023. After the construction, 975 community members from 166 households will be benefitted by this water supply system construction.

## WinS

This month, the UNICEF-funded “WASH in schools (WinS)” project completed the following activities:

- The project completed GPS survey of elevation level assessment for gravity-fed water supply system construction.
- Conducted menstrual health management awareness sessions for schoolgirls in seven schools of the WinS project target schools;
- Completed the hygiene awareness sessions in two villages, and 39 education personnel teachers received the awareness.
- Three batches of Hygiene Awareness ToT sessions for schoolteachers were conducted. Total (50) school teachers teachers engaged the training.





## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## BRIGHT

This month, the Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada-funded BRIGHT project celebrated International Women's Day on March 8 in Demoso, Hpruso, and Lashio Townships as part of its gender component.

The theme of "2023 International Women's Day" is "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality."

During the event, the history of International Women's Day, a question-and-answer session, a cultural dance presentation, T-shirt distribution, play games, a fashion show for women, the sharing of experiences and challenges, etc. were included.



## SHAPE

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

- Watershed conservation meetings were conducted in two villages with 64 participants. The main objectives of the meeting are to prevent water pollution, depletion of watersheds, and conservation of critical areas.

- Skills development training was given to all volunteers in project 12 villages to improve their skills and knowledge. The training topics provided by ADRA SHAPE staff are finance sharing, logistics, basic computer, agriculture, home gardening, and natural resource management.

- The start-up workshop was conducted from March 29 to March 31, 2023, with 8 project staff in Gangaw Township. The workshop was held online, and all ADRA staff actively participated and discussed it together.





# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## CASE2Learn

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

- Conducted ECCD training workshop in Kale Township and 30 ECCD teachers attended the training. During the training, distributed ECCD teacher's stipend to 30 teachers.

Living Hope Myanmar Ministries (LHMM) team also prepared for the Vocational training with the support of ADRA and RISE team such as the vocational training curriculum, procurement process for VT materials, and development of the selection criteria for VT students. The Vocational training will start on 20 March 2023 and the sewing course will be provided.

- ADRA and RISE supports to Partners engaged for online financial Training including HR, Procurements etc;

- Conducted Organizational Development OD training from 27 Feb to 3 March, 2023.



## ADRA Finance Training

Finance staff from ADRA Myanmar in both the Yangon and project offices have conducted the four-day finance training at the Park Royal Hotel in Yangon in conjunction with capacity building. This workshop was led by the ADRA Myanmar Finance Department.

During the training, discussion on ADRA policy and donor compliance and, given training on Sunplus and financial management.





# SPECIAL FEATURE



## Global Youth Day 2023

The seventh day adventist church and ADRA Myanmar were celebrating together the Global Youth Day activity on March 18, 2023.

This year's Global Youth Day, with the theme "Love is a Verb," was held in Yangon and young people reach out and serve in the community.

ADRA Myanmar Office team members also participated in this year's Global Youth Day by singing songs, prying, cleaning and distributing some gift and foods and drinks for older people from Nursing homes which is located in Yangon.

During this activity, young people groups from the respective township churches also distributed cooking oils, rice packages, beans, potatoes, drinks and other dry foods to the vulnerables households from Dala Township, Hlaing Thayar Township, Insein Township, and Bahan Townships.



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



### PHOTO DESCRIPTION

With the closure of the LIFT funded VESI project this month, the project team ensured that all project activities were completed.

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## TENDER

### CALL FOR TENDERS

#### TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS

ADRA Myanmar are calling for suppliers to provide Teaching and Learning Materials and stationary in our BRIGHT project funded by Global Affairs Canada and ADRA Canada.

Visit: [www.adramyanmar.org/tenders](http://www.adramyanmar.org/tenders)

Deadline: 27 April 2023



# INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS

MARCH - APRIL



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M&E Officer  
SHAPE Project



**THEIN KYAW WIN**  
Procurement & Logistics Officer  
ReCAP Project



**KHINE NWE OO**  
Field Admin/ Finance Assistant  
BRIGHT Project

## CALENDAR



**APRIL 2023**

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Timesheets are  
due on the 25th of  
each month

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