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Bridging Communities through Clean Water Initiatives





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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 120 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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## Bridging Communities through Clean Water Initiatives

Water is a necessity for the survival of human beings. It is also imperative that the water used for consumption be deemed safe. Lack of safe water leads to many health issues and can even lead to death.

\*Thar Yar Aye, Hti Sa, and Wai Thit villages in the Kayin state, are home to the Sagaw Karen ethnic group. The villages are home to about 1500 people (300 households), with each village home to approximately 100 households.

In the Thar Yar Aye village, most of the families are in possession of a dug well with a concrete ring. But the other two villages do not have their own dug wells, as these villages are located on higher ground.

During the summer seasons, water from any existing wells in these villages is fully or partially dried out, leading to a limited or no supply of water.

"In summer, we have to get water from other places like streams and other sources. We need to walk for about 20 minutes. Communicable diseases like diarrhoea are highly prevalent during the summer, the village leader said.

Along with difficulty in accessing water due to dried-up wells, the community also faces health problems, mostly in the summer.

ADRA Myanmar, with the funding support of UNICEF, implemented a safe water project with a water supply system planned to be constructed to reduce the difficulties of the people in these three villages with access to water.

"Usually, women fetch water for the cooking and washing. They faced more difficulties than usual when there is inadequate access to water. Now we will be able to use water the whole year after water system construction. Health of the community will be improved. No need to wait to fetch water." said U Saw Hla, a household head.



“ We were overjoyed upon learning that a water supply system pipeline would be constructed for us. Thank you”



# AYE AYE NYO

## Project Manager - ReCAP

- Q1 What Race/Country are you from?**  
Kachin, Burma
- Q2 What is your favourite food/s to eat?**  
Durian Fruit
- Q3 What is your favourite colour?**  
Black & Red
- Q4 What do you like to do for fun?**  
Swimming
- Q5 What Place/Country would you like to visit?**  
Paris, France
- Q6 In one word, what would define you?**  
Mutual Respect
- Q7 What year did you join ADRA?**  
February, 2023
- Q8 What do you love most about working in ADRA?**  
Pay the respect for contribution to the organization

## 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



## SEAQE2

This month, the Norad and ADRA Norway-funded SEAQE2 project conducted a closing ceremony for Batch 3 vocational training on 20 October at Mountain View Academy (MVA).

The five short courses such as Basic Sewing, Hair Dressing, Hair Cutting, Rural Mechanic and Welding training have been offered by the support of partner organizations, MVA, Hsar Mu Htaw and KECD. Total 142 students have been enrolled in the 5 short courses.

During this graduation ceremony, 87 students from the short course organized by MVA and Hsar Mu Htaw organization were awarded certificate and prizes.

Vocational training program was started on August 28 to Oct 20 and through Batch 3 training, total of 142 students was successfully graduated and 100 students continue joined the internship program.





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## SHAPE

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

**Home Garden Meetings:** Engaged in productive discussions with households involved in home gardening to assess their agricultural needs and challenges. The aim was to provide tailored guidance and support in improving their crop management techniques and addressing any issues related to pest control, irrigation, and crop diversification.

**Rice Research:** Significant strides were made in the collection of crucial data pertaining to plant height, rice development, and successful seed production per rice. Systematic data collection methodologies were implemented to ensure accurate and reliable research findings.

## ReCAP

Relief for Vulnerable Populations (ReCAP) project organized a three-days Hygiene Promotion Training (ToT) in Billin Township, involving 10 participants.

The training aims to empower community hygiene promoters (CHPs) to advocate for hygiene practices within IDP groups and host communities, emphasizing the critical nature of WASH best practices and the practical utilization of relevant WASH NFI.

- Field monitoring visit to the partner organization, which is implementing the Mobile Medical Unit in Loikaw Township.





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## BRIGHT

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

- In Lashio Township, a local training session on poultry raising brought together 10 participants. Following the training, each of the 10 trainees received a supply of 3.8 hens or roosters to launch their business endeavors.

- Hpruso Township hosted a soap making training workshop with 23 attendees. Post-training, the project extended support to the 23 beneficiaries by providing them with soap raw materials as part of a comprehensive starter kit.

- Additionally, a food processing training took place in Hpruso Township, attracting 20 participants. Subsequent to the training, the project equipped all 20 beneficiaries with the necessary tools to embark on their bread-making ventures.





## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



### PHOTO DESCRIPTION

A child who is benefiting from the projects supporting health and WASH sectors implemented by ADRA Myanmar in the Kayin State.

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# INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

## CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Timesheets are  
due on the 25th of  
each month

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