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Reporting Period: May 15 to May 16

Rope Bridge rebuild

Budget: \$10,500 – fully funded

Update:

In May 2015 funds were sent over to Myanmar to rebuild an extremely dilapidated rope bridge linking a number of villages to a larger town. The bridge was rebuilt, with the villagers contributing labour and part of the cost. In August Chin state had massive floods, and a large amount of infrastructure was washed away. But our bridge stayed! Now, nearly a year since the bridge was finished, we are writing to share with you the impact it has had on the region.



The old bridge



At the opening of the new bridge – there is no way the old one would have held all those people!

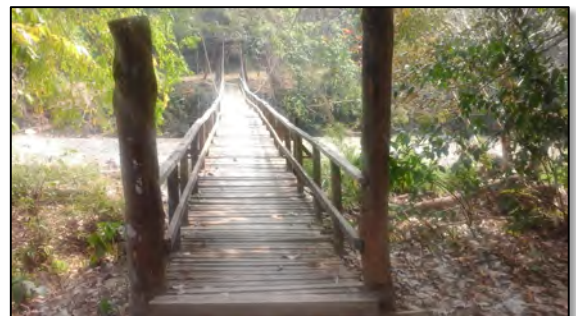
The bridge is the main link between two different township areas – Matupi and Palewa. In one is Sami Town which has a middle school and high school as well as medical services. In the other is 12 villages. These were regularly cut off from everything during the monsoon season when the river was uncrossable using the old bridge. Children were expelled from school for lack of attendance, and people died from lack of access to emergency medical care.

Now children can access middle and high school all year round. Medical help is accessible and lives are being saved. On top of that, farmers have access to Sami Town to be able to sell cash crops. With the money they can pay for education, clothes and daily food.

The bridge is making a huge difference in the lives of these 12 communities, and they are so thankful. As it was reported to us:

“It seems that the villagers are living outside the world, and they felt being abandoned. However, you pay an effort to reach us as of today . . . we are glad to report the condition is much better than before the bridge was build . . . We would like to thank all of you who helped us”

Here at Entrust we are incredibly moved that we were able to be part of such a transformation, and we want to add our thanks to theirs.



The new bridge in February of this year