



MMR-CAC-PSC-P07, Yangon, Myanmar
Reporting Period: January – June 2018

Pre-School Centres for Slum Children - Myanmar

Budget: Year 2 \$43,090- fully funded!
Year 3 (of 3) funds needed \$5,196.

Update:

This projects funds two pre-schools in slum/poor areas in Yangon. The pre-schools act as a bridge into the community and the project also supports small community development and emergency medical projects. We have been working with our partners for eight years which has allowed this project to consolidate and provide a quality program to children, and by extension families, in the slum area.



As of June 2018, 110 children were enrolled in the two pre-schools. 50 little ones graduated in March at the end of the Myanmar school year in preparation for attending the state primary schools. Our partner helps fund special cases where financial assistance is needed to start in primary school or move up to the next year level. There are currently 150 scholarships. This helps some of the graduated students to begin school with the items they need. Without access to the pre-schools, these children would have no hope of getting into school. We are helping to kick-start a better future for them and their families.

It has been a difficult year for our partners with the passing of one of the founders of the organisation in May 2017, which saddened us all. His partner has carried on with difficulty as one would expect and recently visited Australia for some well-needed rest and encouragement. Our partners said, *“The two pre-schools have been maintained effectively as teachers and staff have taken on more responsibility for day-to-day operations. The pre-school continues to provide a two-fold advantage to parents as it is a safe-haven for children giving parents the opportunity to work and it provides an excellent, quality educational program in a caring and well-maintained environment.”*



In addition to running the pre-schools our partners help the families of the students as they can. Fifteen families received water filters which helps reduce ill health meaning children have better attendance at school. They were also able to support some war victims from Kachin State with items needed to send their children to schools.

Our partners are trusted as a source of advice and help in the community – they are much more than just a pre-school. Through your support the community can see a different future, and children are kept safe, loved, and provided with a way into the formal education system, potentially ending the cycle of poverty.

Thank you for making this possible.