



Completion Report

MMR-CAC-PSC-P08, Yangon, Myanmar
Reporting Period: July 2018 – March 2019

Pre-School Centres for Slum Children - Myanmar

Budget: Year 3 \$15,000 - fully funded!

The Project:

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

Update:

From July 2018 to the end of the school year in Myanmar (March 2019), 115 children were enrolled in the two pre-schools. Thirty-eight little ones graduated in March in preparation for enrolling at the state primary schools. Our partner also helped support 150 special cases where financial assistance was needed to start in primary school or move up to the next year level. These are called scholarships and it has ensured that children remain in the system, even when they do not have the finances. Without access to the pre-schools, these children would have no hope of getting into school. Together, we are helping to kick-start a better future for them.

Jenny from Entrust with Director Thai visiting some of the children sponsored into mainstream schools.



You may recall from the last report that it had been a difficult year for our partners with the passing of one of the founders of the organisation in May 2017. With much encouragement and hard work, his partner has carried on with the pre-schools and is working hard to strengthen the areas of need.

Our partner said, "I met with one of our pre-school graduates from three years ago. I was so impressed with the trophies she has gained for academic excellence. Her family live in a very tiny house in a poor community. It reminded us that people are not stupid because they are poor. They just need our help to show their potential."



Our partners are trusted as a source of advice and help in the community – they are much more than just a pre-school. Entrust's Jenny Cramer visited in November. She said, "With one of the kindergartens in central Yangon having been established now for 10 years, they have gained much trust and respect throughout the community. They are well-known and well regarded. It is a tribute to their love, care and professional approach."

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!