



Completion Report

MMR-NHM-TAT-P01 Yangon, Myanmar
Reporting Period: January – June 2019

Trafficking Awareness Training – Myanmar

Budget: \$14,200 for a one-year project. Fully funded.

The Project:

This project took place in five urban slum areas in the outskirts of Yangon, the capital city of Myanmar. Due to poverty, children and women from the slums are vulnerable to being trafficked. Local police estimate 20 cases of trafficking of 12–18-year-olds monthly - mainly young girls for sexual exploitation in Thailand and boys for child labour in local tea-houses and restaurants. The project focused on anti-trafficking strategies in our partner's five community centres located in identified trafficking hubs. Around 500 children are reached through these hubs on a daily basis. It involved training parents and children of the risks, prevention strategies and procedures to follow should trafficking occur, including access to legal advice. This is the Completion Report for this successful one-year initial project.



Update:

- Altogether three trafficking prevention events were held across the year in selected, strategic locations across slum areas of Yangon. Increasing numbers are turning up to these events as word spreads
- A women's day beach event was held with 178 attending. Our partners are finding these events centred around an activity or a day out are bringing further attendance numbers and is allowing them the opportunity to make stronger bonds with the women (picture shown above)
- Further training was given to staff to strengthen their knowledge and presentation skills for events. This is setting good grounding for future events. In total for the year, 32 staff have been trained in anti-trafficking
- Training material has been developed over the year so that it can be used in future sessions
- Other funds have been used for hand-outs to participants which include information about trafficking, what to look out for and how to make contact with people who can help. These are fed back to family members

Our partners said, "We are thankful for the opportunity to develop community centres and to bring prevention events to the communities. It is really high risk around here. Girls and women in particular are so vulnerable due to poverty and ignorance. This has been a year to allow us to gauge the reaction of the communities, see how to best address these issues and to build a strong foundation for the future. We have found that after the presentations, many women are opening up to our staff about local trafficking practices and occurrences."

Jenny Cramer, Entrust Project Manager says, "Trafficking in Myanmar is a real issue. The growing trafficking industry worldwide generates \$150 billion per year with 2/3 of \$99 billion being generated through commercial sexual exploitation. Globally, 73% of all commercial sexual exploitation victims are found in the Asia and Pacific regions. Myanmar ranks on the lowest rating in dealing with human trafficking. We are helping to fill the gap until the system becomes stronger. Our partners are working well with local authorities. Together with you we are fighting the good

fight. Thank you for standing with us and these vulnerable communities.”

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