



Completion Report

MMR-EDM-CHF-P01 Yangon, Myanmar
Reporting Period: July – October 2019

Create Her Future – Myanmar

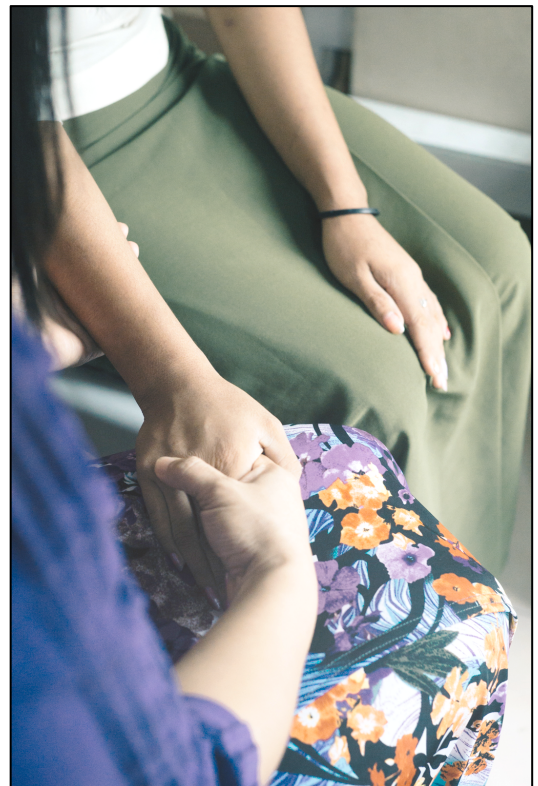
Budget: \$14,100 for a one-year project. Fully funded.

The Project:

Our partners work in Yangon to reach, rescue and restore female victims of trafficking, specifically those trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation and forced marriage. Thanks to your support Entrust assisted victims through a one-year program, providing hope and restoration of dignity using trauma-informed care, music, dance and art therapy, together with teaching vocational training skills through jewellery-making with sales through an on-line store and in-country.

Update:

Our partners provided stipends to sixteen survivors of sex exploitation or bride trafficking during the final four months of this project, indirectly supporting 67 family members of the recipients. This stipend allowed the trafficked survivors to: work in our partner's social enterprise in jewellery-making; financially support themselves and some family members (which means they have a reduced re-trafficking risk); receive vocational training which includes jewellery-making, hair and beauty, computer skills, English and Burmese language (to allow re-entry back into school, retail and barista training) together with creative therapies and trauma counselling. Survivors were given/taught tools to work through and overcome their trauma, assisting their long-term economic and mental well-being. Being a one-year program has allowed the girls, to bond and support each other in a caring and loving environment which is so important for the restoration of each girl.



Ma Ling has faced very complex trauma. Having been initially trafficked to China as a bride, she fell pregnant and gave birth to a daughter to her mentally ill husband. The family beat her and treated her as a slave. After running to the police, she was humiliated and arrested and was imprisoned before being deported back to Myanmar. Fortunately, the authorities brought her to our partners, but she experienced acute paranoia and delusional thinking. She left the program, falling pregnant again, only to be left by her "boyfriend". Fortunately again, Ma Ling returned to our partners, unwell physically and mentally. Our partners carefully and lovingly worked with Ma Ling and continue to support her and keep in touch. She is living independently and doing well with a job as a translator in a factory. Our partners say it was a privilege to walk with Ma Ling and journey with her. This is the calibre of the people that Entrust works with - they are nothing short of amazing.

Thank you for rescuing, restoring and rehabilitating girls like Ma Ling who are vulnerable and have suffered much trauma – what a privilege for all of us to be involved. Our partners have recently launched a new range of jewellery made by the girls. Go to thisiseden.jewelry and you can be sure you are assisting the ongoing work of our partners!