

Myanmar Jungle Schools

MMR-HOP-MJS-P02



Thai-Burma border, Myanmar



Education

Total Budget

\$40,540

Project Timeline

AUG 2018

AUG 2020



Overview

This project supported teacher salaries at two schools in Myanmar with a total of 400-450 students. The schools are located inside the troubled Thai/Burma border area near Mae Sot, Thailand. Internally displaced people and refugee families have lived along this area in camps, often for many years. After years of unrest and destruction from civil unrest and war, Karen people group families are cautiously returning to villages to start again with little or no resources to support themselves. This project has taken two years and the consolidation of the teaching staff has had a huge, impact, providing much-needed consistency with a better quality of teaching, despite the period of lockdown this year

Objectives



Salary for
27 school
teachers

Impact

Teaching numbers remained very stable over the two-year period which is a reflection on the positive school culture being developed and the consistency of wages. The schools are expanding with additional teachers to be added.



407
students
have
benefitted

Student numbers have also been steady over the two-year period, despite the uncertainty and few resources. Families are re-establishing themselves from scratch and education is a huge step forward bringing hope for a brighter future.



Building a Better Future!

"My name is Naw (second from right) and I have been teaching at Kwee Ler Shue school for the past two years. I teach grades 1-4 in science and geography. I love teaching. I have seen many changes in the students as they develop their skills not only in school subjects but in music, sport and relationships. After school, I help the students to study and to develop personally so that they see the value of education and they can build for the future. I also have to support my own family. Your support means a lot and I am so thankful that I can help my own community."



Life change

- Increased access to education is providing children with alternatives for the future and is helping students to aim for a brighter future
- Children have gained a better and more consistent education and more families will have an opportunity to break out of poverty
- Further development of a sense of community pride in the schools

