

Trafficking Prevention Training

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Yangon, Myanmar



Trafficking

Total Budget

\$20,000

Project Timeline

SEPT 19

SEPT 20



Overview

This report completes a project in the sprawling urban slum areas in Yangon, the capital city of Myanmar. Due to poverty, children 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 and boys for child labour in local tea-houses and restaurants. COVID-19 has seen increased trafficking due to people being locked down and the loss of nearly all jobs in this area. With nine community centres among the slums, our partners were perfectly placed to deliver strong anti-trafficking awareness programs to these vulnerable communities and to support families through COVID-19. These hubs have proved to be a place of safety, encouragement, information and employment (mask making).

Objectives



2650 most vulnerable families reached

Impact

The most vulnerable families were prioritised to receive emergency support which included education about trafficking, what to watch for and how to protect their children.



10,870 indirectly benefitted

The benefit of community centres embedded in the slums means word travels fast. Family visits and community meetings allow those who attend to share with others which builds a stronger network of defence against trafficking.



A life transformed!

Sar Sar is 33-years-old and has six children. From the poorest slum area and with no education, she was married at 17. Her husband lost his job due to the lockdown and he was tricked (trafficked) into the fishing industry for labour - an all too common occurrence. Sar Sar's children were hungry and desperate. Our partners visited and provided some emergency relief. Sar Sar is now learning sewing skills at one of the community centres to earn an income. She understands trafficking risks and ways to prevent further trafficking happening to her family.



Life change

- Over 30 trafficking awareness and prevention events held (pre-COVID) mean locals recognise the dangers of trafficking and how to access help if needed
- Parents and teens feel confident in identifying risks and empowered to act
- Building of self-esteem means better life choices
- Vulnerable families learn to support and watch out for each other

