### **Progress Report**



#### **Building Anti-Trafficking Resilience**

MMR-NHM-BAR-P01





**Combatting Trafficking** 

**Budget \$22,000** 

**Project Timeline** 

FULLY FUNDED

**JAN 21** 

**DEC 21** 

#### Overview

Our partner works in the sprawling urban slum areas of Yangon, Myanmar's capital. Due to poverty, children from slums are vulnerable to being trafficked - young girls for sexual exploitation and boys for child labour in local tea-houses and restaurants. COVID-19 and the military coup have exacerbated trafficking risks due to increased financial pressures faced by families losing jobs. With nine community centres, our partner is well placed to deliver strong anti-trafficking awareness programs to these vulnerable communities and to engage in regular household visits. The project will also expand its combined vocational skills/trafficking prevention program for women.

#### Impact for Dec 20 - May 21

# 16

#### 16 community anti-trafficking training events

8 medium sized events and 8 family-based sessions a week held on trafficking and child care and protection. The anti-trafficking teams have also printed educational materials for distribution throughout at-risk communities.

#### Gathering data and tracking child presence

The presence tracker has been updated with new photos and records to streamline our partner's anti-trafficking response to active trafficking cases.



## **50**

#### 50 in-depth household visits each week

Community liaison teams, formed to build ties and relationships with families in the local areas and to record their needs and difficulties, make 50 visits, reaching 1500 people, per week.

#### Vocational training was held for 54 women

as well as trafficking prevention courses. The most vulnerable women and girls are identified and selected for these programs, reducing their risk of being trafficked due to better chances of employment and anti-trafficking education.



- increased political instability and economic hardship are driving more families to consider selling their children to traffickers.
- local leaders committed to aid vulnerable/impoverished groups through food, anti-trafficking education and vocational training programs have been trained in new roles and responsibilities.



#### **Family Reunion Hope**

One parent told our partner of an ongoing trafficking case involving their daughter. She was trafficked as a bride to China after being promised a high-paid factory job. Upon hearing of this case, our partners immediately forwarded her contact details and information to authorities who are now working with Chinese law enforcement to repatriate her back to Myanmar. This process can take several months as Chinese law demands short prison time for those who cross the border illegally, even when they are forcefully trafficked. The family eagerly anticipate being reunited with their daughter.

