

## Pre-School Centres for Vulnerable Children



Yangon, Myanmar



Education

Year 3 Budget \$7,500

Project Timeline

MAY 19

APRIL 23

### Overview

By offering pre-school education, our partners educate and care for around 100 children in a slum area of Yangon. They also provide 150 “scholarships” to families struggling to keep their children at school, allowing relationship to continue with the child and families over an extended time. Myanmar has been severely affected by COVID-19 lockdowns and deaths and a military coup. The pre-school has been closed for two years, as the country grapples for survival. The revised Year 3 budget for Entrust of \$7,500 partially supported the ongoing employment of teachers with other donations accepted to help the pre-school through the coup/COVID turmoil.

### Impact for July 21 - Mar 22

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**After two years of being closed due to the military coup and COVID-19, the pre-school re-opened its doors on 4 February - with great joy! It is hoped that more students will commence in May. In this sensitive environment the pre-school needs to stage re-opening.**

### Three teachers continue to be supported

with 44% of salaries through this project. Although unable to teach face-to-face for most of this period, the teachers conducted visits to the community, basic education where possible, health and hygiene education and helped with food handouts. They are delighted that children are back in pre-school having missed so much.

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### Despite the coup and COVID-19

the pre-school team continued to reach out to the community via delivery of emergency packages and teaching about health issues. Over 15,000 have been reached during this period.

- Concerns for student safety is paramount as centres and schools start to re-open during these turbulent times.
- Food and fuel prices are soaring, putting families under severe stress caused by unemployment and increasing desperation.
- Entrust will extend its part-support of the pre-school for another year (until March 2023) whilst the pre-school gathers momentum and begins to function fully once again. It is an incredibly stressful situation living under a military regime with frequent disruptions, interventions and safety issues.



### Director Thai's Reflections

Thai says, "Our partnership with Entrust has seen great benefits to communities, especially children who are from the poorest of the poor families. To date we have 980 graduates! We are still in contact with 700 children whom we are still helping through scholarships with their continuing studies at state schools. Some have finished high school and are working. These children are from five slum communities so this has a huge impact. I have learned about generosity, love, trusting others, treating people with dignity and fairness. I feel the pain of the poor and will continue the work."



**Thank you for making a difference**