

Building Hope Through Water



Rakhine State, Myanmar



Water

Budget Year 1: \$27,800; Year 2: \$25,800

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUNE 21

JUNE 23

Overview

This project focuses on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs in the Rakhine State, which is plagued with civil conflict and poverty. With the backing of experienced partners, this project targets a population of 12,939, made up of 10 villages - 5 Muslim and 5 Buddhist - which have no access to clean water. It will work alongside peace-building activities in the area, which is being driven into deeper poverty and neglect by the military coup and COVID-19. 500 bio-sand filters (BSFs) will be made and distributed to families together with WASH training, delivering clean water for the first time to these areas. What an opportunity! Year 2 budget \$25,800, fully funded.

Impact for January - June 22



5 Water and Sanitation Training (WASH)

continued to be provided by five paid WASH facilitators who are also responsible for coordinating the manufacture and distribution of BSFs and for liaising with local authorities.

3 villages received training in WASH and biosand filter construction

One village is Rakhine Buddhist and the other two Rohingya Muslim. 640 villagers participated in WASH training and now also have the skills to maintain the filters.



109 To date 310 bio-sand filters (BSFs) have been manufactured (\$59 per unit)

by the local communities. Despite some delays due to escalating conflict and travel restrictions, 109 BSFs were completed in this reporting period, taking the total for the first year to 310. These have been distributed to families with sessions on use and maintenance.

11,251 villagers have been directly impacted

with access to clean water. This comprises a mix of Muslims and Buddhists which is helping with community peace-building in working together.



- A military coup that began on 1 February 2021 continues to severely impact Myanmar. Violence, exploitation and loss of jobs combined with COVID-19 have led to profound destabilization of a nation where so many are already struggling to survive, especially women.
- 1014 Villagers from four other nearby villages also indirectly benefitted from WASH education.



U Than Khine's Story

My name is U Than Khine and I live in a Muslim village which has a pond and creek for its water supply. Over the years, many villagers have been affected by its unclean water, and each year some even die from water-borne diseases. Sadly, I lost my daughter last year due to severe diarrhoea – if only we had safe drinking water back then as we have now. I often wish the project had come to us sooner. I am proud that our village now has good quality water and my family is no longer affected by illnesses from water contamination. I am so thankful this technology was brought to our village.



Thank you for making a difference