Project Outline

Freedom to Thrive

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Myanmar | Trafficking | Tax deductible

3 Year Project: April 2025 to March 2028

Total Budget: $277,164

Current Year Funding Required: **$95,810**





POPULATION
54.5 million

POVERTY
24.8% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH
Life expectancy at birth: 66.9 years

EDUCATION
Mean years of school (adults) 6.4 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*
Ranking out of 193 nations
Myanmar 150 (Aust 7)

**2025 Human Development Report*

Overview

Our partner is dedicated to supporting women and girls highly vulnerable to human trafficking amid Myanmar's ongoing economic and political crises. With 48% of households living in poverty and over 19.9 million people in need of humanitarian aid, conflict, displacement, and economic instability have left many communities destabilised, particularly in border and conflict-affected areas. The 2024 conscription law has triggered a mass exodus of men and boys, leaving many women without familial or community protection. In cities like Yangon, Lashio, and Tachileik, the collapse of social safety nets, lack of education, and limited job opportunities have created a perfect storm of vulnerability, exposing women to heightened risks of trafficking for sexual and labor exploitation. In this project, 150 women will be supported with stipends while participating in life-changing vocational skill training.

Why support this:

Our partner has an excellent model and track record of providing trafficking survivors with comprehensive care through drop-in centres offering trauma counseling, vocational training, and daily stipends to meet basic needs. A three-month vocational program equips women with skills in a safe environment, reducing their risk of re-trafficking. Graduates transition into employment opportunities, empowering them to secure sustainable, non-exploitative work.

Objectives include:

150 trafficking survivors and at-risk girls supported with stipends

To provide a salary for one vocational trainer

Empowerment programs & therapy to build resilience

Vocational training for 150 women

Expected Life Change

- A supportive environment promotes healing from trauma.
- Vocational training creates an income stream to ease economic pressures on girls and their families.
- Women develop vocational and life skills, restoring dignity and financial independence.
- A sense of community is strengthened through skill-building initiatives.