Progress Report

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Freedom to Thrive

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Yangon, Myanmar

Anti-Trafficking

Project Timeline: April 25 - March 2028

Year 2 Budget: $95,810

Overview

Myanmar's ongoing conflict and economic crisis have left many women and girls vulnerable to human trafficking and exploitation. Poverty, displacement and limited employment opportunities have increased the risk of exploitation, particularly for women living in urban and conflict-affected communities.

Entrust's partner supports women and girls participating in vocational training by funding participant stipends and vocational trainer salaries. This enables women to attend training, develop practical employment skills and take important steps towards sustainable livelihoods and greater economic independence. Entrust's contribution forms part of Eden's wider program supporting women who have experienced, or are at high risk of, human trafficking.

Impact April 2025 - March 2026

101 **Trafficking survivors and at risk women received economic support**

Monthly stipends enabled 101 women to remain engaged in trauma recovery and vocational training without the immediate pressure of meeting daily financial needs. The structured approach also helped participants develop budgeting skills, savings habits and greater financial independence.

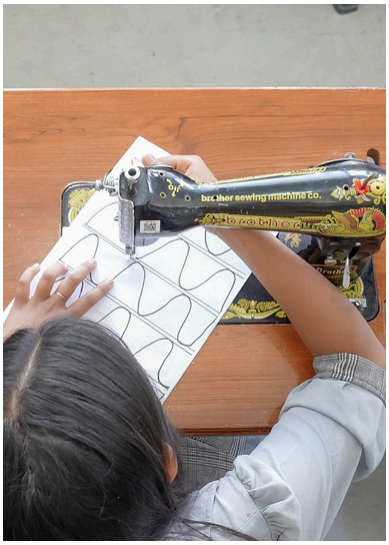
101 women participated in vocational training **101**

Women and girls explored vocational pathways including jewellery making, urban farming, sewing, beauty therapy, nail art and soft skills training. These practical opportunities helped participants build confidence, discover their strengths and prepare for sustainable employment.

1 **Salary of one vocational trainer**

Investment was made into an exceptional vocational trainer to facilitate the skills development of trafficking survivors within the safe shelters. The vocational training resulted in over 200 people being indirectly helped through an increase to household incomes.

- Many women transitioned from the drop-in centres into our partner's social enterprises, gaining meaningful employment in jewellery production and urban farming.
- Survivor-led mentoring and weekly "Girls Chats" built confidence, workplace skills, and greater independence.



Shwe Zin Mar's Story

"My name is Shwe Zin Mar (name changed for protection). After leaving school, I moved to Yangon in search of work but instead became trapped in exploitation and abuse, with little hope of escaping. Everything changed when an outreach team invited me to their drop-in centre. They treated an injury, welcomed me into their sewing training programme, and gave me a safe place to start again. Even after I left for a time, they welcomed me back without judgment.

Today, I attend training every day and am gaining the skills to earn a safe, reliable income. For the first time in years, I have hope for a better future for myself and my daughter.

I know this training is important for my future and for my daughter."

Thank you for enabling hope in hard places