

Pre-School Centre for Vulnerable Children

MMR-CAC-PSC-P12



Yangon, Myanmar



Education

Year 4 Budget extension \$7,500

Project Timeline

MAY 19

APRIL 23

Overview

By offering pre-school education, our partners are educating and caring for 56 children in a slum area of Yangon. Myanmar has been severely affected by COVID-19 lockdowns and deaths and a military coup (Feb 21). The pre-school was closed for two years as the country grappled for survival. As a result, Entrust added Year 4 to help part-support the teacher salaries until the end of the 2023 school year. The pre-school continues to be a hub for the community where many students have passed through, with some now having completed high school. Director Thai has worked tirelessly in the community bringing food, hope, advice and providing education.

Impact for April - Sept 22

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After two years of being closed due to the military coup and COVID-19 lockdowns, the pre-school tentatively reopened and has grown from 20 to 56. Government officials seem satisfied with how the pre-school is running. It can be an unstable environment.

There are now six teachers which has grown

due to government requirements from the previous three teachers. This puts a financial strain on the pre-school. Entrust supports 35% of the staff salaries. Teachers are actively engaged now after two years of closure.

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3000 Despite the coup and COVID-19



the pre-school team continue to reach out to the community via delivery of emergency packages and teaching about health issues, providing physical and mental health support. Over 3,000 families have been supported.

Despite the hardship, plans are still

being considered to start a full fee-paying pre-school one day. This would provide a service for those who can pay and would support the current pre-school.



- Safety is paramount as centres and schools cautiously re-open during these turbulent times.
- Food and fuel prices are soaring, putting families under severe stress caused by unemployment and increasing desperation.
- Project Manager Jenny Cramer is planning a visit in February 23.



Empty lunchboxes...

Director Thai said, "One of our students did not come to school for three days. We visited her, assuming she was unwell. Her story made us very sad. Her mum did not send her to school because they could not afford to pack a lunch. They could only afford one meal a day. We promised to fill her empty lunch box until they can provide it themselves. Now this beautiful little girl has returned to school and we are very happy to see her. In another case, a little boy only had a few grains of rice and a piece of sugar. We were able to fill his lunchbox with some chicken and rice much to the boy's delight. It is hard for so many."

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