

A close-up photograph of a young boy with a joyful expression, wearing a vibrant red traditional Burmese garment. He is holding a piece of white paper with a pencil drawing of a person's head and shoulders. The background is softly blurred, focusing attention on the child and his artwork.

# CHILD FUND MYANMAR ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

ChildFund Myanmar is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent and non-religious international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in the developing world.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 12 organisations which assists more than 15 million children and families in 58 countries. ChildFund Australia is a registered charity and is fully accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which manages the Australian Government's overseas aid program.

ChildFund Australia began working in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) in 2012, following the country's shift from decades of military rule towards a new civilian government. Child-focused development programs are being delivered in a partnership approach working with local groups and organisations, focusing on the areas of child protection, education, sustainable livelihoods, water and sanitation, health, and HIV and AIDS. In 2015, the first phase of ChildFund Myanmar concluded and the organisation is reviewing lessons learnt and strengths from the past three years to develop the country strategy for the next five years.

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# From the country director

**ChildFund's work in Myanmar has resulted in significant improvements to the lives of more than 15,000 children and their families over the past year.**



Nini Htwe, Country Representative of ChildFund Myanmar



ChildFund works in close partnership with local organisations to improve living conditions for children and youth in Myanmar

**C**hildFund Myanmar is working in partnership with local organisations, children and their communities to create lasting and meaningful change by supporting long-term community development and promoting children's rights in Myanmar.

This year marks a critical year for the development of Myanmar as a democratic nation. Myanmar held its second general election on 8 November 2015, with Myanmar's transition to democracy from political isolation welcomed by the international community.

As Myanmar moves towards democratisation, it is evident that much progress has been made during recent years, and living standards in the country are improving. But some limitations are also still posing

challenges for the democracy process, and fears remain that the country may regress on its reforms.

During the last year, ChildFund Myanmar has supported communities affected by flooding and fire, providing emergency response and relief to children and families. We continue to work in close partnership with eight local organisations in eight states and divisions to improve child protection, health and education.

Our partners are developing new skills and capacity in terms of their organisational development and programming in order to deliver effective services to children for long-term sustainable development. As a result, our projects have grown in impact and this year will benefit thousands of children, families, and their communities.

ChildFund Myanmar continues to benefit from the generous support of

the Australian Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), ChildFund Korea and ChildFund Sweden.

On behalf of ChildFund Myanmar, our partners, and the communities we work with, I would like to thank our supporters for their generosity and commitment to our mission.

**Nini Htwe**  
Country Representative  
ChildFund Myanmar

# 2014-15 Highlights

## EDUCATION



80 SETS OF EDUCATION SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES provided to children



25 SETS OF EQUIPMENT provided to community facilities



11,733 COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION MATERIALS distributed



4,974 CHILDREN AND YOUTH took part in 322 CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMS



10 CHILD GROUPS formed in Kachin State



2 MONASTIC SCHOOLS improved and upgraded



ChildFund upgraded the facilities in two monastic schools, and provided educational supplies



Youth take part in ChildFund-supported computer training workshops

## WATER AND SANITATION



1473 PEOPLE benefitted from 3 NEW WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES



5 SCHOOL LATRINES improved

During the 2014-15 financial year, ChildFund Myanmar implemented a range of projects benefitting over 15,000 children and their families in 8 states and regions across Myanmar: Kachin, Kayah, Mandalay, Sagaing, Yangon, Thaninthaye, Ayeyarwaddy, and Mon.

## CHILD PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH** took part in 34 **ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS**



**298 CHILDREN AND YOUTH** involved in 17 **SESSIONS OF COUNSELING, SUPPORT, OR REFERRAL**



**CHILDFUND COLLABORATED WITH THE MYANMAR GOVERNMENT AND INGOS** on child law reform



**12 CHILD PROTECTION CASES** in abuse, trafficking, and exploitation reported and referred through community systems



**58 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** provided with emergency support after Dawei fires



ChildFund provided emergency assistance to families following the fires in Dawei



ChildFund is partnering with a street children's centre, which offers vocational training to youth

## HEALTH



**1,745 CHILDREN** benefitted from health service treatments



**350 ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN** benefitted from healthcare support in Mandalay



**319 PREGNANT WOMEN**, including some with HIV, provided with antenatal services in Mandalay

# Lighting up rural villages in Myanmar

**Solar power is bringing education to children living in rural villages in Myanmar**



Solar power means education for best friends Chee and Jeru

Chee and Jeru are best friends, and neighbours, from a small mountain village in Eastern Myanmar. As two nine year-old boys in Grade Five, they both spend their time attending their village school, fetching water and playing with their friends. Additionally, as the boys are both from farming families, they often join their parents to help harvest crops: “Sometimes we pick corn and other fruits on the farm so our families can eat,” explains Chee.

Their village is located in Kayah State, a region with a history of conflict and large population displacement. As a result, infrastructure development and access to basic services, such as education and healthcare, remains very poor. Many families and children continue to live in extreme poverty.

Until recently, Chee and Jeru’s village did not have access to electricity. While they were able to study at school in natural daylight, once darkness fell they were unable to continue their studies at home or complete their homework.

Living without electricity can significantly impact the academic performance of school children, and affect their future opportunities.

To address this issue, ChildFund is working in partnership with the Local Development Network (LDN), a local organisation in Kayah State, which provides solar panels to homes and school supplies for children like Chee and Jeru. The installation of solar panels and distribution of stationery has now occurred in 20 villages across Kayah State.

Jeru says this has made a huge difference in his life: “Before I never studied at night, but now I can.”

The ChildFund-supported project also works to strengthen the relationship between parents and their children’s schools by organising Parents and Teachers Associations in villages. These small organisations help students, parents and teachers to work effectively at improving the learning conditions and success of local schools.

Chee and Jeru, as well as other children in their village, are already enjoying the benefits of these initiatives. Through the work of ChildFund and LDN, they have been provided with equipment that will improve their quality of education, and give them a brighter future.

# Collaborate to achieve change



Thank you to our ChildFund Alliance partners who have supported ChildFund Myanmar's child-focused development programs



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- Industrial Bank of Korea
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## Financial report

Financial Report For Year Ended 30 June 2015

Income Statement	2015 (MMK'000)	2014 (MMK'000)
Income	1,176,545	580,156
Expenditure	1,176,145	580,156
Excess of Income over Expenditure	400	-

Balance Sheet	30 June 2015 (MMK'000)	30 June 2014 (MMK'000)
Total assets	105,615	29,401
Total liabilities	85,087	9,273
Net assets	20,528	20,128

