

# Our programme in 2014



A young girl outside a house at the Eh Thu Hta camp for internally displaced people in eastern Myanmar. Christian Aid partner The Border Consortium (TBC) supports displaced Myanmar people to be independent and self-reliant.

## Christian Aid

Christian Aid is a UK-based international development organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and inequality.

We have an integrated approach to poverty eradication, working worldwide on humanitarian relief, long-term development, advocacy and campaigns to expose the scandal of poverty by challenging and changing systems and institutions that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities, supporting projects on the basis of need, not religion, ethnicity, gender or nationality.

Last year, Christian Aid gave grants and/or technical support to more than 800 partner organisations in 46 countries across the world. Our total income was £95.4m (US\$153.7m).

## Christian Aid in Myanmar

Christian Aid has worked in Myanmar for more than 25 years and is one of the few agencies fostering collaboration between organisations based inside and outside the country. This approach is increasingly relevant as political reforms increase the space for development.

Our programme has expertise in civil society strengthening, accountable governance, community-led healthcare, secure livelihoods and humanitarian response and recovery. Christian Aid has also played a key role in shifting UK policy on Myanmar and advocating for the rights of its refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs).

## Our goals in Myanmar

1. By 2017, we will **strengthen civil society's capacity to influence and hold the powerful to account, demand good governance and uphold respect for human rights**. With our partners, we will raise awareness around human rights, democracy, state-citizen relations and conflict transformation. We will also support human rights training and community monitoring mechanisms, challenging inequality, especially around gender.

**2. Christian Aid Myanmar will promote resilient livelihoods and build community capacity to prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises.** We will support community organisation, access to information, and the participation of IDPs and refugees in planning and decision-making around resettlement. We will provide agricultural and other technical training and mentoring, and support income-generation activities, small business enterprise development, the creation of farmer associations and cooperatives and micro-finance initiatives. Alongside local partners, we will also provide food and other aid to IDPs inside Myanmar and refugees in border areas.

**3. We will increase the access of marginalised communities to high-quality health and HIV services.** With our partners, we will provide HIV prevention, care and support services, tackle stigma and discrimination among people living with HIV and AIDS, drug users, commercial sex workers, migrants, orphans and vulnerable children. We will build the technical capacity of partners and staff around key health issues and support rights-based approaches and universal access to culturally appropriate healthcare. Our health programme is an entry point to gender equality and peace-building.

## Our partners

Christian Aid works with partners in Myanmar and in the Thai and China border areas to meet the needs of the most vulnerable communities and to advocate for and secure the rights and aspirations of all Myanmar people. We also support campaigning and advocacy work in the UK. Our partners and projects include the following.

- **Backpack Health Worker Team (BPHWT) and Burma Relief Center (BRC)** promote increased access to and involvement in community healthcare in conflict-affected areas in eastern Myanmar. **Global Health Access Programme (GHAP)** and **Friends for Health** provide the technical expertise.
- **Burma Campaign (BC-UK)** tackles human rights issues around rape and sexual violence, political prisoners and land confiscation.
- **Gender and Development Initiative (GDI)** empowers civil society organisations to advocate for gender integration in the peace process and the post-conflict reconstruction in Myanmar.

- **Health Poverty Action (HPA)** creates a supportive environment for reducing HIV-related risk, vulnerability and impact for people most at risk.
- **Karen Baptist Convention (KBC)** works to reduce the vulnerability of marginalised communities in eastern Myanmar through access to health and livelihood development.
- **Knowledge and Dedication to Nationhood (KDN)** promotes the understanding of democratic processes in Myanmar among marginalised ethnic communities. KDN supports a national network of people trained to manage community organisations and projects. They are also part of our health programme.
- **Metta Development Foundation** reduces poverty and promotes diversified livelihoods. Metta also supports people living with HIV/AIDS and community members in harm reduction activities and addressing behaviour patterns of vulnerable groups.
- **Myanmar Council of Churches (MCC)** develops the sustainable livelihoods of disadvantaged people. It strengthens the competence of churches, communities and civil society in tackling HIV.
- **Paung Ku** builds the capacity of civil society organisations, supporting networking and joined-up advocacy towards political actors.
- **The Border Consortium (TBC)** supports displaced Myanmar people to be independent and self-reliant.

## Where we work

We aim to work with the poorest and most vulnerable communities and we prioritise the ethnic states of Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon. With our partners, we support work in more than 50 townships in these states and eight other states and regions, including Bago and Tanintharyi.

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