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Message from Executive Director

'USE YOUR LIBERTY TO PROMOTE OURS' (Aung San Suu Kyi).

"Our country is in unprecedented socio-economic and political crisis. The people are suffering uttermost hardships under the harsh repression of the military. We have to use our space and time to support, promote, and empower them in their struggle to overcome hardships and achieve their liberty. Peace without freedom is not a solution for our people. Life without basic human rights is the same".

Dr.Sann Aung

Executive Director
New Myanmar Foundation

ORGANIZATION INTRODUCTION

New Myanmar Foundation was established in 2008 by a group of citizens who wanted to contribute to the development of Myanmar by strengthening the capacity of the people and promoting democratic governance. Since the coup in 2021, the organization has been striving to support the people inside and outside Burma with emergency humanitarian assistance. That includes IDPs, prisoners of conscience and community leaders absconding from arrest, and, refugees who were recognized as just undocumented displaced persons risking arrest and refolement at any time. In this context, several regular and ad-hoc programs including the ones mentioned below were created and implemented in 2023.

Our Objectives

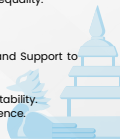
- To provide emergency humanitarian assistance to the Burmese people facing humanitarian crisis after the military coup.
- To empower the people, especially vulnerable women, with knowledge, social networks and social support so they can actively protect both their own rights and of the community.
- To encourage civic engagement of the people

Our Goals

To build a nation flourished with democracy, human rights, rule of law and equality.

Our Values

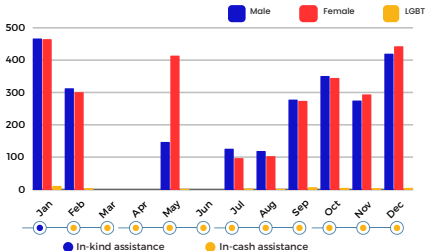
- Love, Kindness, Empathy and Support to others.
- Ensuring all Inclusiveness.
- Transparency and Accountability.
- Impartiality and Independence.



Basic Food Program

NMF's basic food sharing program was initiated in February 2022 as in-kind assistance, but has later been transformed to in-cash assistance and tailored to focus on unemployed, pregnant women, orphans, disabled and sick persons, and seniors without family support. In 2023, a total of 5275 individuals were assisted including 2496 males (47%), 2736 females (52%), and 43 LGBT persons (1%).

Since the start of the program in February 2022, the program has provided assistance of 22,131 units (One month units) to 10,265 individuals.

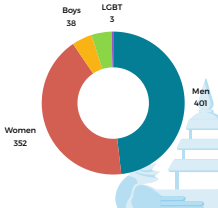


Safehouse Program

This program helps the HR defenders with immediate shelter upon their arrival in Thailand. Up to February 2023, four NMF safe houses, 18 other safe houses, and 14 individual housings were supported for six months. The program was downsized to three NMF safe houses in July 2023 due to lack of funding. At discharge from the safe houses, the residents were assisted with the rental deposit for their individual housing. Since the start of the program in April 2021, the program accommodated a total of 1,637 individuals.

Total beneficiaries in safehouse

	Male	Female	LGBT	Boy	Girl	Total
Other Safehouse	250	185	3	0	0	438
Individual Safehouse	24	27	0	0	0	51
NMF Safehouse	127	140	0	38	38	343
Total	401	352	3	38	38	832

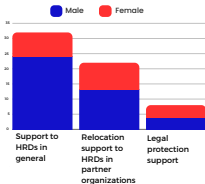


Human Rights Program

During 2023, we have produced 12 monthly and quarterly reports on human rights violations in Myanmar. The purpose is to systematically record human rights violations and strategically raise awareness on Myanmar human rights issues among local, regional and international communities, and to communicate with international justice and accountability mechanisms. The reports are published at the Human Rights Program's FB Page - <https://www.facebook.com/NMFHRP2023>.

We have conducted in-person and virtual meetings with 29 local and international organizations. Moreover, five local partner organizations have coordinated with NMF for all activities, including documentation, training, protection, networking, and advocacy.

Financial Support to Human Rights Defenders



International Human Rights Day on 10th December 2023 was held in Maesot

Opening remarks by Dr.Sann Aung



Congratulatory remarks by Mark Farmaner, Burma Campaign-UK

Reports produced in 2023



Online Language Training Program

In 2023, NMF has provided trainings of 4 English and 4 Thai with enrollment of 655 and 780 respectively. These free trainings were delivered with the aim that the languages would be used effectively in daily contact with the host community and also for asylum-seeking. Since the start of the program in March 2022, a total of 571 trainees successfully completed the Thai and English languages training.

In 2023,

Number of graduate students in Thai language training

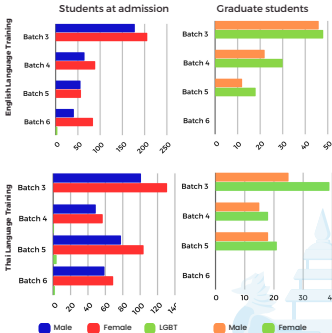


176 graduate

Number of graduate students in English language training



136 graduate



Spring Bridge Online School

To ensure that students have access to education of good quality, this online school provides primary, secondary, and upper-secondary education starting from Grade 1 to Grade 12. There are 62 volunteer teachers under this program and a total of 510 students completed the courses in 2023.

Since the start of the program in June 2022, total of 64 teachers has successfully delivered online education to 1,274 students.

Teachers



12 Male (19%)



50 Female (81%)

Students



228 Male (44%)



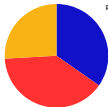
278 Female (55%)



4 LGBT (1%)

Upper secondary education

25.9%



Primary education
34.7%

Secondary education
39.4%

Students in Myanmar



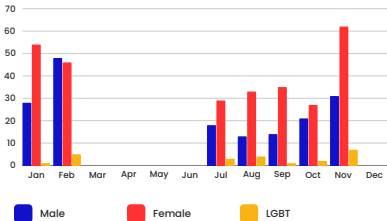
Students in Mae Sot



Digital Security Training Program

This training was given to human rights defenders inside and at the borders, fostering the digital security of the individuals. In total, 16 trainings were offered to 482 participants in 2023.

Since the start of the program in August 2022, a total of 23 batches have delivered to 890 trainees.



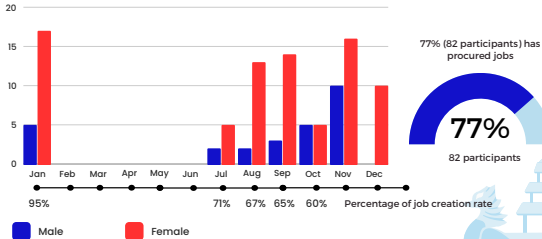
89% (427 trainees) has successfully finished the training



Sewing Machine Training

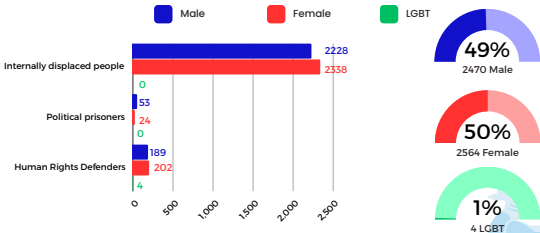
This training was delivered to enable Myanmar refugees and migrants, especially girls and women, to get jobs and incomes for their livelihood. In total, 12 training (107 participants) have been delivered in 2023. Food, accommodation, transport, and all other training costs were covered by the NMF.

Since the start of this training in February 2022, there are total of 37 batches delivered to 351 participants.



Inside Burma Support Program

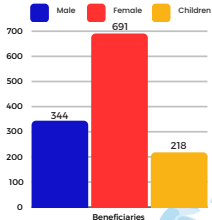
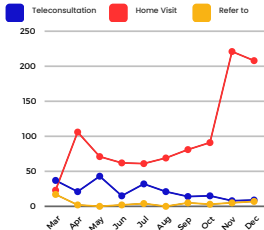
This program was primarily developed to provide financial assistance to internally displaced people, prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders absconding inside Myanmar. There has been a total of 5 projects (from 4 donor organizations along with individual donors) implemented in 2023, contributing to 5,038 beneficiaries inside the country. The overall assessment of our beneficiaries is as follows. This program has started in April 2021, financial assistance was provided to 6,178 beneficiaries.



Telehealth Program

Two professional medical doctors led this program, providing health care services to local communities in Thailand starting in March 2022. In 2023, 1253 persons have been provided with health care services such as teleconsultation, home visit treatments, and referrals to Mae Tao Clinic. The program was extended to include basic health training in October 2023.

Since the start of the program in June 2022, the program has provided free healthcare services to 1,448 Burmese in Mae Sot.

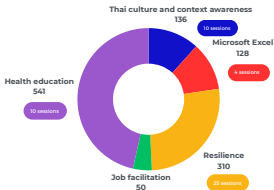


Other Activities

In 2023, new programs and activities were provided including:

- Psychological resilience, Thai culture and Microsoft Excel trainings,
- Burmese-Thai-English translation and interpretation service,
- Events of 8 Human Rights Days commemorations were held, including the International Human Rights Day on December 10th.
- Solidarity visits to and a solidarity lunch with the local CSOs.
- Assisting the application of HR defenders for emergency funds.
- Job facilitation: 50 HRDs were supported to procure jobs.
- Two socio-economy-political surveys were conducted through 180 participants from inside Burma.

Number of beneficiaries in the trainings



Risks, Complications and Mitigations

The NMF is a refugee-led local organization based in Thailand and most of the staff are refugees who fled to Thailand but not seasoned NGO staff. Many are talented and seeking for life development including refugee resettlement or scholarship programs. As a result, there are risks faced by NMF including security, limited financial, human resources, and knowledge in Thai context, and a moderate turnover rate.

All risks were mitigated by all practical means. Activities were done in a very low profile; local and legal security documents including work permits were procured for all staff and volunteers; and Thai laws and local regulations and practices were strictly abided by. A friendly relationship with the local community was created. Funding opportunities have been actively searched for. We are striving for recruiting skilled and well-experienced staff, organizational development and individual capacity building. Thai language training was provided for staffs, and a staff member fluent in Thai language was recruited. Moreover, networking activities have been actively conducted.



Summary

In 2023, we faced both progress and setbacks. Although there were financial difficulties, all programs were able to continue, except for the hairdressing training which was closed in February. On the other hand, new long-term programs including the Human Rights Program and Organizational Development Program were initiated this year, strengthening organization capacity and widening the scope of activities.

After the military coup in 2021, Myanmar is in unparalleled humanitarian and political crisis. The people need emergency humanitarian assistance. At the same time, the main cause of the crisis, the forced removal of the democratic government, must be overturned. The people, including us, are striving for these tasks and international support is very crucial for success.



Acknowledgement

New Myanmar Foundation has successfully implemented the emergency assistance programs which were expanded wider in 2023 due to the generous contributions by local, national, and international donors. We would like to express our highest gratitude to all the donors, partners, and staff for their contributions to the people of Myanmar, and also for working together with us.





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