

# Annual Report 2013



Karuna Myanmar Social Services



**Karuna Myanmar Social Services** (KMSS) is a faith based social network, established and mandated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar (CBCM) as its social arm to serve the poor and the needy

**Vision** *Our people transformed into mature, self-reliant, holistically developed local communities in solidarity with the Church*

**Mission** *To serve the poor and the needy by motivating and empowering them towards Quality and Dignity of Life based on the social teachings of the Church*



## Governance

The CBCM, made up of the 16 Bishops and 3 Archbishops of Myanmar, oversees and has overall direction of KMSS. One Bishop is designated as the Executive Chairman to provide supervisory supports to KMSS. Also the Chairman, along with three other Bishops, make up the CBCM-KMSS Working Group which has responsibility for providing advice and guidance on maintaining high standards of transparency and accountability, ensuring coordination between KMSS Diocesan Offices and Episcopal Commissions, and decision making on delicate areas of social work intervention.

For routine operational and management, the KMSS Network take guidance and decision making from the Directors Board (made up of all 16 KMSS Directors and the National Office Director), and the five member KMSS Steering Committee (made up of one KMSS Director representative from each Archdiocese and the National Office Director). The Executive Chairman presides over the Board and the Steering Committee.

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# Message from Chairman

Myanmar is a nation blessed by Divine bounty of natural resources and human resources being courted by the world today. We are a rainbow nation of diverse culture.

As leaders of the Catholic community, come from various ethnic backgrounds, we the Catholic Bishops of Myanmar rejoice with our country men and women in the turn of events in the recent times. After a long night of silent tears, our nation wakes up to a dawn of hope. Hope is seen in the expanding democratic space and a parliament, lifting of media restrictions and increasing access to human rights.

We are pastors concerned with the holistic dignity of all human beings. As followers of Christ who asked us to be at the service of the vulnerable people and see God in service to others (Ref. Mathew 25:40), Church responds to the spiritual and physical suffering of the people through Episcopal commissions for pastoral and social development sectors like Karuna Myanmar Social Services (KMSS), and Justice and Peace commission.

KMSS is established, mandated and governed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar (CBCM) as its social arm to serve the poor. CBCM has organized social development activities in Myanmar since 1988, and in 2001 officially inaugurated KMSS. Today KMSS is organized with a Yangon-based National Office and 16 semi-autonomous Diocesan Offices across the country. In 2011, with a renewed sense of commitment for collaboration, we deliberated much and pulled together our KMSS Country Strategic Plan 2012-2014.

In 2013, particularly with the support of our partners, Karuna was able to implement our plans in seven strategic areas so as to reach out the people in the remote and isolated (in Education, Health & HIV/AIDS, Livelihoods, Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Responses, and Social Protection. In this entire strategic framework, Catholic Social Teaching services as our main guide for our KMSS network.

I am happy to present this report of Karuna Myanmar Social Services for the year 2013. I hope that this report will help our readers understand some challenges of our country and the responses of the Church to the needs of the people and the nation building.

Bishop Raymond Sumlut Gam

Chairman of Karuna Myanmar



# Message from Director

Dear respectful partners and colleagues in Christ,

Humble greeting from KMSS network family and our best wishes and the heartiest expectation and joy for the year 2014!

With the generous and abundant support of partners, donors, development agencies and individuals, the mission of KMSS has been institutionalized in early 1980. After the official inauguration of KMSS in 2001, our KMSS family gradually grew, matured and evolved in both humanitarian and development fields of Myanmar. After the 2010 election, Myanmar experiences the democratic reform and excitement and hope grows among the Myanmar people.

The Catholic Church grasped well the signs of the time and, accordingly, KMSS is encouraged by the Catholic Bishop Conference of Myanmar (CBCM) to become a registered entity. CBCM guided KMSS to fully participate in this change process according to the Church teaching and KMSS strategic directions. On 17th December 2013, KMSS officially submitted its registration to the government.

While KMSS is recognized by its good works in the grass root communities, it is venturing into the area of coordination, networking and advocacy with various stakeholders at national and international level. During the KMSS Board of Director Meeting in December 2013, all board members agreed to share the experiences of KMSS to all the partners, development agencies and the authority.

This very first effort of publishing the "KMSS Network 2013 Annual Report" intends to communicate to all stakeholders the data and information in 2013. The layout presented in this report particularly with regards to our programming, tries to capture the accomplishments in 2013 in line with our strategic focus areas of the our KMSS Country Strategic Plan (2012-2014). Given the short preparation time and first-time experiences, we have to admit that much improvement is still needed in this document. However, we can assure that all our heart and commitments are incorporated into this Report.

KMSS would like to thank Caritas Australia for its ongoing technical support and Caritas Denmark for its generous financial support to carry out this Annual Report development. In addition, the working team members who tirelessly contributed their time and energy to this report production is much appreciated. Last but not the least, we would like to thank the Diocesan Directors and their staff for sharing the necessary data and information to complete this Report.

KMSS assures to all readers that the annual reports will be regularly published and shared with all of you in future. We thank you in your continual encouragement and support to accomplish our mission.

Regards,

Win Tun Kyi  
KMSS National Director





# 2013 Top Achievements (by Diocese)

**Myitkyina** KMSS provided 23,000 IDPs with food support and other basic needs and prepared them for future rehabilitation. 6,500 children living in IDP camps have access to education services, including qualified teachers

**Bamaw** By supporting the education sector, every year 90 percent of the students pass examinations. Many stay on in the boarding house volunteering as teachers. Shelter and food provided to IDPs in various camps

**Kalay** The commemoration of World AIDS Day became a show of trust in KMSS and its work, as the expected number of PLWHA participants nearly doubled. Awareness of communities and parents leads to increased requests for ECCD centres

**Hakha** The education sector was developed, enabling KMSS to reach 94 villages and over 5190 students. Improved networking between organizations working with HIV/AIDS in Chin State

**Mandalay** Staff and beneficiaries show a drastically improved awareness of the market for sesame products, through their involvement in the Value Chain Program

**Lashio** IDPs affected by the Kachin conflict receive relief, including medical help provided to children, who are now able to live a normal lives. New accounting software has improved efficiency of financial management

**Taunggyi** Improved capacity and efficiency of KMSS, especially within social protection, wherein Community Support Groups were organised and strengthened. Heho Boarding House opened

**Kengtung** Initiatives within agriculture, food security and natural resource management developed the area's potential as an agricultural region. Support of communities and Government gained for the emergency rehabilitation of roads

**Pekhon** Remarkable behaviour changes visible in communities involved in early childhood development, child protection, health and livelihood projects

**Pyay** Over five years the Micro Credit project has grown from only three to twenty villages - now including roughly one thousand members

**Taungngu** Integrated support provided to almost 500 IDP households, including distribution of rice, mosquito nets, school supplies, seeds and tools, construction of no-fly latrines, improved water supplies, and training of community promoters

**Loikaw** Integration of diocesan pastoral plan into KMSS education programme, focusing on early childhood development and primary education. Increased involvement of PLWHAs in awareness and income generation activities

**Patheingyi** Over a hundred volunteer community teachers contributed to quality education of children in rural areas, supporting the work of over sixty governmental primary schools

**Yangon** Improved partnerships with Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and Ministry of Forestry and Environmental Conservation, enabled productive cooperation within livelihoods and nature resource management

**Hpa-An** Disadvantaged children provided with the possibility of attending school, through continuous support to boarding houses

**Mawlamyine** Trainings of staff and communities resulted in increased capacities, especially within humanitarian assistance and social protection. Laynyar Boarding House established

## Areas of Intervention per Diocese







# Education

## ECCD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

KMSS provides active support to communities to address education issues in most dioceses. Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) has been agreed as a key focus of intervention, and is being addressed at all levels. Starting in 2003 the national and diocesan offices jointly developed a National Early Childhood Care and Development Program.

Activities in support of ECCD Management Committees range from setting up new committees to providing training and capacity building to communities, committees, parents and teachers. An interesting example is Yangon Diocese, where the month-long teacher and care giver training was supplemented with courses in toy making, parents education training and refresher courses.

In the diocese of Pekhon, in Southern Shan State, alone KMSS supports 53 committees. Over 75 percent of these are currently assessed as performing their responsibilities well and having a high potential for sustainability.

Overall interest in joining the activity is high and new villages are continuously being added to the project. During the year in Taunggyi the project was extended to four new villages benefitting 60 children and their families, while in Hakha committees were formed in five new villages.

During 2013 an innovative *child to child approach* was also piloted in two dioceses.

## SUPPORT TO ECCD CENTRES

Considerable parts of KMSS work goes directly to ECCD centres in the form of technical and material support. ECCD teachers are strengthened through provision of training as well as teaching and learning aids.

In Kalay Diocese, in Northern Chin State and Western Sagaing Region, twelve ECCD centres were supported through a school feeding program, which increased school attendance and improved the concentration and learning of children, while supporting poor and vulnerable families. In Taungngu Diocese, in central Myanmar, similarly the ECCD centres became the centre for further support to families, as children in 13 villages were provided with monthly medical check-up, medicines, health care and services. Another example is behaviour change achieved among children, especially in personal hygiene, as reported in Hakha.

In Pathein Diocese, in Western and Central Ayeyarwaddy Region, ECCD centres were repaired through a process of community support.

Indications suggest that children who enrolled in ECCD are better equipped for school than children without pre-school experience.



## FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Education is the focus of work in many dioceses and the year has seen achievements in a wide range of achievements

Schools and students at different levels have been provided with support in a wide range of Dioceses, even going up to students at University level in some cases. A concrete example from Taunggyi Diocese, in Western Shan State, is the inauguration of the Heho boarding house.

In Yangon Diocese, in Yangon and Eastern Ayeyarwaddy Regions, out-of-school children have received life skills, reading and literacy and income generation trainings, as well as HIV/AIDS awareness.

Both Hpa-An Diocese, in Kayin State, and Pathein Diocese, report decreased levels of student drop-out rates and improved collaboration with relevant authorities, as a result of advocacy on the importance of access and quality of education. This form of behaviour change is a corner stone for the development of the communities.

KMSS staff play a vital role in delivering the projects and uplifting communities. Their importance is reflected in the attention provided to furthering their capacities through training and continuous support.

Total number Beneficiaries: 79 101





# Livelihood

## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

KMSS aims at assisting the poorest to achieve secure access to resources so as to realise their livelihood rights without damage to natural resources and the environment. Work in the livelihood sector started in 1997 with an initial focus on agriculture, that later was expanded to include livestock production, small scale businesses and microfinance initiatives.

During 2013 capacity building in animal husbandry was implemented in Mawlamyine and Yangon Dioceses. In Yangon, Community Animal Health Workers, in cooperation with the Township Veterinary Officer provide required vaccinations, while also transferring knowledge on systematic livestock raising. In Lashio Diocese fishponds were constructed in 17 villages.



## ACCESS TO WATER FOR AGRICULTURE

Water is a key element for agriculture. Various dioceses worked on access to water for agriculture, including:

- Hpa-An Diocese - wells and water supply systems were built and maintained, benefitting 361 households
- Yangon Diocese - technical trainings were held on access to water for livelihood development
- Kalay Diocese - a small scale irrigation project was developed, supplying a collective lowland paddy demonstration farm.
- Pekhoe Diocese - terraced farm was developed and canals were constructed.
- Mandalay Diocese - a mini dam was constructed.
- Hakha - canals and tanks were built by the communities.
- Lashio Diocese - 5 mini earth dams were built



## INTERACTION WITH MARKETS

15 villages in four dioceses continued to receive support for four value chains (pig, sesame, corn, and banana). For each of these value chains (VCs) KMSS and communities had agreed to address high cost of inputs. KMSS contracted with 13 village tract level Input Suppliers (ISs) to provide low-cost inputs. We start to see some change among local ISs who begin to work closer together with target farmers for more timely delivery of inputs. Approximately 460 producers are benefitting from this intervention.

KMSS also brought together a number of interested state and regional level Input Supply companies and Buyers for the Corn and Banana VCs. By the end of 2013 these market actors were busy preparing proposals for KMSS to consider for collaboration to address more VC constraints.

## SAVINGS AND LOANS

KMSS' work in microfinance is based on the value of working together in the group and community, and learning by doing. During the year new groups have been set up and trained in among others Yangon, Mandalay and Kalay Dioceses. During the year 66 saving groups were formed. A similar option is rice seed banks, like in Pekhon Diocese.

The trainings provide members with basic skills in mathematics, bookkeeping, as well as the practice of cooperating and working together. Microfinance interventions are usually integrated with capacity building in agriculture, livestock raising or other livelihood skills. Initial small loans can be the seed that lead to wider opportunities or may provide a lifeline in times of trouble, without needing to recur to loans with exorbitant rates.



## FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

A multitude of dioceses carried out initiatives within the livelihood sector during the year. With focus on capacity building and technical support of various kinds, including important linkages to natural resource management and environmental protection. Community forestry projects were established or supported in Yangon, Kalay, Loikaw and Myitkyina Dioceses, while Taunggyi Diocese initiated a project in Natural Resource Management.

Agriculture trainings and support took place in many dioceses, including in Mawlamyine where agricultural, and vocational trainings for farmers, gardeners and women and youths were implemented in 14 target villages, and Hpa-An where capacity building initiatives included the setting up of demonstration plots and also had courses in bee keeping. In Yangon and Kalay Dioceses focus is on organic farming, which provides environmental and economic advantages.

As part of integrated strategies project often include elements of community development, such as governance trainings and support to Village Development Committees or capacity building on gender and women leadership. Important steps are also being taken towards increased cooperation with the authorities, for example in Mandalay Diocese, as are efforts to influence policy, for example through advocacy on land rights carried out by KMSS in Myitkyina.

Total number Beneficiaries: 79 686





# Health & HIV/AIDS

## HEALTH VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make up the backbone of KMSS' work in health. By assisting people and carrying important messages on health and hygiene to communities, their work impacts directly on people's lives.

Health volunteers are found in most dioceses, and have also made large contributions in emergency situations, such as the IDP camps resulting from the Kachin crisis.

KMSS provide the volunteers with continuous capacity building and assistance, and in many cases with modest honorariums to support their work.



## BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION

A key contribution of the KMSS Network in the health sector has been within Health Education. Issues such as issues such as access to safe drinking water, use of sanitary latrines, use of mosquito net to prevent malaria, TB prevention and care, and natural family planning - in line with Catholic Social Teachings. Some highlighted examples from the year include:

- Establishment of Social Development Committees in communities supported by KMSS-Taungngu.
- Awareness raising campaigns, including meetings and house to house visits, and celebration of World AIDS day in Kalay Diocese.
- Establishment of Community Health Committees and awareness raising on drug use and HIV in Pekhon Diocese.
- Increased awareness on personal hygiene and associated changes in behaviour in communities of Pathein Diocese.



## PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS interventions have always been part of KMSS' work, and it is now one decade since more deliberate efforts in assessments, planning, staff training, and other aspects of programming related to HIV/AIDS were taken up. In 2013 National Coordination Meetings on HIV were held both in July and December months.

KMSS works not only with prevention and awareness raising, but also provides direct support to PLWHA, including care and home treatment by volunteers, income and nutrition support, coverage of travelling costs for referrals and education support for children. In Loikaw links with the State Health Department provided access to ARVs, medical support and counseling. Another example is awareness raising on communicable diseases in Pathein Diocese.

## FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

KMSS-Pekhoe carried out an advocacy campaign on drug use, disseminating the findings of an assessment of drug use in twelve communities to local authorities and community leaders.

In Kalay Diocese campaigning aimed at raising involvements in HIV prevention, care and support program, and included meetings with church leaders, youth leaders and local administrators.

In Taungngu the diocesan office carried out a medical tour providing medical assistance to the needy. Also included was the distribution of mosquito nets and toilet pans.

Dioceses, such as Pekhon, Pathein, Yangon, Kalay, Myitkyina, Lashio, Taungngu and Bamaw, provided communities with water supply and sanitation systems. In Loikaw this extended to sources protection, in cooperation with the Forestry Department.

Capacity building for staff and volunteers was held in all dioceses working with health. In Taunggyi a Health Program Designing workshop took place, including components such as: Project planning design, Mental health promotion, Counter medicine distribution, Mosquito net distribution, No-fly latrine distribution and, Water supplies repair.



Total number Beneficiaries: 62 885  
Of which HIV/AIDS work: 18 662





# Social Protection

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT CHILD PROTECTION

KMSS is well placed for addressing social protection issues. Over the years the focus on child protection has gained importance, through collaboration with UNICEF at national and diocesan levels. KMSS' interventions contribute to fulfillment of the children's right to survival, development, protection and participation with the principals of the best interest of the child and non- discrimination.

As part of its overall commitment to child protection, during 2013 KMSS developed its Policy on Child Protection. The policy covers the areas of: Screening and recruitment; Implementing partners; Education and Training; Behaviour protocol; Communication, social media and digital technology; Safe child participation, and; Reporting and response on child protection incidents. The policy is accompanied by a dissemination and training and awareness plan to facilitate its roll-out.



## COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES

Through the Strengthening Community Based Child Protection System project there are 50 active community support groups with over 650 members. Further, 25 community centres have been set up and are in use by over 5000 children. Through the networks set up by the project 14 children could be rescued from human trafficking. Further ten children, victims of land mine accidents, and two victims of sexual abuse received medical support. 60 Children also received school support.

Capacity building and awareness raising focusing on community based child protection systems, and issues like abuse, neglect, exploitation, trafficking and children affected by armed conflict was carried out in Dioceses such as Taunggyi, Yangon, Lashio, Pekhon and Pyay. An important aspect of the awareness raising is the celebration of Child Rights Convention day.

Through the community based protection committees, the communities can stand up against cases of abuse, exploitation and neglect, and domestic violence is reduced.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

KMSS' interventions are community-based and participatory. This includes promoting and maintaining equal participation when implementing activities and working with communities, paying special attention to the poor and vulnerable.

In accordance with its Strategic Plan, KMSS therefore has been working on building staff capacity in participatory methodologies and approaches, and strengthening systems in downward accountability, including information dissemination and development of feedback mechanisms.



## FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

The work within protection also extended to assisting other vulnerable groups.

In Mawlamyine Diocese IDPs were assisted through the establishment of the Laynyar Boarding House, ensuring access to education for displaced children.

In Patheingyi Diocese advocacy was carried out on the value of ethnic languages and minority rights, and systems were set up to teach Karen in schools in villages where they are in majority.

In Loileikaw Diocese communities were provided with initial loans for caring for the elderly. Elderly people also started their own self-help activities such as small-scale business activities.

Capacity building of staff is priority for KMSS and through only one of its projects over 47 staff were trained in community-based child protection and case management as well as parental education teaching. As an example of inter-diocesan collaboration, a technical and Year Review meeting for child protection staff from Lashio, Pekkone, Taungngu, Pyaw and Patheingyi Dioceses and the National Office was held.

Total number Beneficiaries: 37 492





# Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Relief



## DRR AND VDMCs

In 2004 a Disaster Risk Reduction program was established in the KMSS National Office. Renewed momentum was gained in 2010 with the initiation of the Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) project, counting on multi-donor support. The project includes policy development and the formation of Emergency Response Support Teams (ERSTs) in national and diocesan offices, as well as projects in initially five dioceses - Pathein, Lashio, Mandalay, Taungngu and Yangon. This year, the project was improved and extended to Pyay, Myitkyina, Kengtung and Kalay, with the number of target communities going up from 7 to 57.

In the field the project focuses on Village Development Management Committees (VDMC), and their task force groups, which receive training and are supported through micro-projects. The whole community -including school children- are engaged through awareness raising - most visibly through comprehensive mockdrills, as those held in Pathein and Yangon.

In villages with previously no Village Development Committee the VDMC often is the first forum for community discussions and cooperation.

## ALIGNEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT

A key strategy is to link up and align the DRR work with the systems and plans of the government. KMSS has during the year increasingly established contacts with the relevant authorities, both presenting the work being done in the respective areas, establishing links and advocating for improvements.

The Dioceses of Kalay, Taungngu, Mandalay and Hpa-An report on positive meetings with authorities. In Taungngu the cooperation facilitated the response after the flooding incidents. In Yangon Diocese, cooperation with the authorities resulted in the finalisation of the 7 mile embankment protecting Nyaung Lein Gone village.

## DRR AND LIVELIHOODS

In line with KMSS strategy to apply integrated approaches, the work within DRR has integrated the aspect of livelihood support. In meeting the immediate needs and demands of the communities, it also serves to build up long-term resilience at household level and contribute to growing community contingency funds and community-wide cooperation.

Communities receive support to assess which livelihoods capitals are most vulnerable to disasters and identify interventions to promote or protect them. Currently communities are implementing six Savings & Loans, three Rice Banks, and one Fish Pond. Support is provided to link interventions with local community and government resources to further ensure resiliency



## FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

In Loikaw Diocese, in Kayah State, two projects on mine risk education have been implemented in collaboration with international NGOs. 34 communities have received awareness raising. The projects have actively incorporated Mine Victims and taken their perspectives into account. This important work is linked to the peace process, and has the support of local Government and communities.



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Church has always been one of the first to take up humanitarian response. The KMSS network spreads across Myanmar, therefore whenever disaster occurs KMSS is increasingly gaining reputation as a good source for up-to-the-minute information, especially during the first 24 to 72 hours after disasters have hit an area. KMSS can reach to the most vulnerable people even in remote areas, providing appropriate assistance effectively to the affected, regardless of faith, ethnicity or class. The following emergency and humanitarian responses were conducted during 2013:

**Response to Kachin conflict and associated IDP crisis in Myitkyina, Bamaw and Lashio Dioceses:** KMSS' main relief intervention has been ongoing since armed conflict began in June 2011. KMSS has provided basic services and relief within sectors such as: food security and nutrition support; shelter and Non-Food Item distribution; access to water and hygiene; access to medical attention and health; access to education and nurturing for children affected by the conflict; protection activities with focus on the most vulnerable; livelihood support and early recovery; camp management, and; capacity building of staff. KMSS has greatly increased its capacity and operates based on the Sphere Minimum Standards. A total of 22,300 IDPs have benefitted

**Kengtung Earthquake Rehabilitation:** In 2011, a severe earthquake magnitude 6.8 hit the area of Tachilek in Kengtung affecting 18,000 persons. KMSS provided Emergency Resonse Phase in 2011, and during 2012 and 2013 provided rehabilitation response in 20 of the most remote villages with supports in house repair/ replacement, food security (rice banks and livestock replacement), irrigation repair, and health and medical, and road construction. In March 2013 this project can to an end with a total of 9,879 persons benefitting.

**Mandalay- Pakoku Flood Rehabilitation:** In 2011, a devastating flash floods wiped out homes and destroyed fields affecting more than 61,000 persons in a large number of villages in Pokoku township in Magwe division (Mandalay Diocese). KMSS provided Emergency Response in 2011, and during 2012 and 2013 provided rehabilitation response to five of the most remote villages with supports in housing replacements, food security, latrine replacement, school repair, livestock replacement, and health and medical. In March 2013 this project came to an end with a total of 1,709 persons benefitting.

**Cyclone Mahasan:** In May 2013 Cyclone Mahasan threatened the western part of Myanmar and, while it made landfall it neighboring Bangladesh, still brought tidal surges in some area, and very high winds. As result of better preparation by the government tens of thousands were brought to safer places. KMSS mobilized some staff to support in the evacuation stages, and also raised some funds for rice distribution as needed and benefitting to 500 families.

**Small Scale Disasters:** Compared to the larger disasters, the small scale disaster while leaving fewer numbers of victims can still severely disrupt the health, safety, and livelihoods of the very poorest small wards and villages of rural Myanmar. Through mobilization of local resources and Lenten Funds a number of KMSS DOs responded to small scale disasters during 2013 including flooding in Taungngu Diocese; assistance to those displaced by dam construction in Pekhoe Diocese; and victims of several landslides in Kalay and Hakha dioceses.

Total number Beneficiaries (DRR): 16 373  
Total number Beneficiaries (Emergency): 81 558



# Justice & Peace

In January 2012 CBCM approved the first-ever advocacy guidelines of KMSS. By the end of the year specific focus areas for the advocacy work were developed, namely: Ethnic rights with focus on land; Education, and; Equality and women's empowerment.

Below are some examples of KMSS' advocacy work during 2013

## **Mandalay:**

Serious discrimination of HIV positive patients in a township general hospital put to end, after sustained pressure from KMSS.

## **Pyay:**

Serious discrimination of HIV positive patients in a township general hospital put to end after sustained pressure from KMSS.

## **Taungngu:**

Constant petitions to local authorities on child soldiers raised awareness and led to amnesty issued to 5 child soldiers. Grants also provided to the five to further livelihoods

## **Pathein:**

In line with its work on access to and quality of education, KMSS pressing the case with township authorities about empty classrooms ensured the return of teachers to 4 villages in Labutta, benefiting over 400 students

## **Myitkyina, Bamaw & Lashio:**

- Continuous advocacy efforts to secure registration of all IDPs, to ensure rights and access to eventual support and facilitation of resettlement
- Successful struggle to be recognised as neutral party and allowed access to areas controlled by all parties to the conflict

## **Lashio:**

Child Rights Trainings, workshops and direct contacts with armed groups contributed to the prevention of the recruitment of underaged children

## **Loikaw:**

Advocacy and awareness raising on the rights of PLWHA, and the importance of access to ARVs. Awareness raised among authorities, general population and staff on the situation of PLWHAs

# Networking

The **KMSS National Office** (NO) provides technical and coordination support to the 16 Diocesan Offices across the country. The NO plays a coordinating role, providing training opportunities that bring together staff from among the DOs to meet their common needs for increasing skills, sharing learnings, raising awareness, and planning and review.

For further Collaboration and Coordination, effective delivery of services and advocacy, KMSS is involved in a number of key strategic Working Groups and Committees as the following:

- **Children Affected by Armed Conflict Working Group** (members include Save the Children, World Vision, KMSS, Metta, and MRCS):  
Valuable for KMSS for learning and sharing of resources, and case management. Members also share resources on vocational training and assessment findings;
- **National Working Group on Mine Risk Education (MRE)** under the Ministry of Social Welfare with UN agencies and large number of international and local NGOs:  
The group has brought greater visibility of KMSS as active organisation in MRE and recognition from government for coordinated action to address landmines issues
- **Food Security Working Group (FSWG)** is a network of international and local NGOs and CBOs addressing food security:  
As a member KMSS and target beneficiaries have participated in assessments, and also trainings for developing skills on food security and mobilising for research, dialogue and advocacy
- **Land Core Group (LCG)** is a part of the FSWG that deals specifically with land issues, laws, advocacy initiatives, etc:  
With a particular interest in seeking change in Common Land Law which particularly affects ethnic groups in Myanmar, KMSS remains an active member among the LCG to provide information and discuss ways for policy change
- **Myanmar Catholic HIV&AIDS Network** seeks to improve networking and develop programs to reduce stigma and discrimination and increase capacities for HIV&AIDS treatment:  
KMSS members participate in MCHAN activities and/or offer their technical expertise, and share program plans, needs, and training materials
- **DRR Working Group** (with more than 60 international and local organisations addressing Disaster Risk Reduction):  
KMSS serves as a Steering Committee member in this working group which facilitates exchange on practices regarding DRR mechanisms, approaches and research
- **Joint Strategy for Humanitarian Response in Kachin and Northern Shan States** (2013-2015) is a working group with seven Myanmar organisations including Kachin Baptist Convention, Kachin Relief and Development Committee, KMSS, Metta, Nyein (Shalom) Foundation, Wunpawng Ninghtoi, and BRIDGE:  
As a founding member, KMSS collaborates in this joint strategy with aim to minimize donor-driven policy and maximize the use of international cooperation opportunities using locally owned common strategy, in order to server as common platform for local humanitarian actors for a stronger and more effective coordination among them



# Financial Summary

## Total Income 2013

Diocese	Health & HIV/AIDS	Education	Livelihoods	Social Protection	DRR & Emergencies	Other	Grand Total
Pyay	86 421 526	59 977 250	149 846 675	-	-	-	<b>296 245 451</b>
Taungngu	6 851 000	17 322 275	-	34 234 000	88 441 680	30 079 552	<b>176 928 507</b>
Pathein	61 995 610	90 043 160	43 722 750	13 168 720	-	106 363 410	<b>315 293 650</b>
Mawlamyine	8 959 800	3 939 650	59 355 250	-	-	6 755 340	<b>79 010 040</b>
Hpa-An	-	-	-	49 372 666	-	-	<b>49 372 666</b>
Pekhon	42 861 160	32 099 980	152 941 975	16 654 695	11 762 547	-	<b>256 320 357</b>
Yangon	135 553 878	30 454 748	268 736 309	48 685 650	7 265 900	-	<b>490 696 485</b>
Mandalay	-	2 741 500	125 436 707	-	2 718 575	-	<b>130 896 782</b>
Myitkyina	-	-	35 453 899	-	2 054 093 298	-	<b>2 089 547 197</b>
Kalay	58 360 476	12 372 668	244 998 203	-	14 912 344	-	<b>330 643 691</b>
Taunggyi	3 000 000	3 725 000	17 870 550	16 756 964	1 000 000	37 786 120	<b>80 138 634</b>
Kengtung	14 787 451	67 969 700	49 423 125	-	-	67 560 697	<b>199 740 973</b>
Lashio	68 051 148	13 311 144	-	98 964 749	302 682 481	-	<b>483 009 522</b>
Bamaw	-	79 221 149	-	-	4 744 682 941	55 828 538	<b>4 879 732 628</b>
Loikaw	141 738 955	7 524 850	100 222 328	48 747 855	20 935 630	-	<b>319 169 618</b>
Hakha	11 881 700	1 300 000	357 066 149	4 387 800	4 612 772	-	<b>379 248 421</b>
National	36 175 773	105 137 969	136 144 756	126 595 669	2 681 220 960	-	<b>3 085 275 127</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>676 638 477</b>	<b>527 141 043</b>	<b>1 741 218 676</b>	<b>457 568 768</b>	<b>9 934 329 128</b>	<b>304 373 657</b>	<b>13 641 269 749</b>

## Total Expenses 2013

Diocese	Health & HIV/AIDS	Education	Livelihoods	Social Protection	DRR & Emergencies	Other	Grand Total
Pyay	86 421 526	59 977 250	133 935 501	-	-	-	<b>280 334 277</b>
Taungngu	6 852 900	16 232 710	-	34 635 308	85 613 621	30 482 860	<b>173 817 399</b>
Pathein	39 692 400	83 379 260	39 754 480	11 640 000	-	96 772 050	<b>271 238 190</b>
Mawlamyine	2 905 600	3 029 650	14 913 299	-	-	21 675 700	<b>42 524 249</b>
Hpa-An	-	-	-	45 765 556	-	-	<b>45 765 556</b>
Pekhon	37 953 333	37 935 579	131 940 103	21 349 928	3 343 960	-	<b>232 522 903</b>
Yangon	100 454 013	26 021 470	246 008 674	42 540 604	7 311 700	-	<b>422 336 461</b>
Mandalay	-	3 513 847	242 727 752	-	2 718 575	-	<b>248 960 174</b>
Myitkyina	-	-	22 683 838	-	1 342 593 412	-	<b>1 365 277 250</b>
Kalay	46 181 846	12 172 168	232 635 739	-	12 127 547	-	<b>303 117 300</b>
Taunggyi	2 375 693	3 186 000	12 508 820	16 249 020	1 000 000	37 594 658	<b>72 914 191</b>
Kengtung	14 052 494	58 466 327	24 344 834	-	-	72 819 759	<b>169 683 414</b>
Lashio	68 051 148	12 651 144	-	97 599 003	297 312 001	-	<b>475 613 296</b>
Bamaw	67 478 905	49 417 645	31 202 996	82 555 867	4 455 175 470	112 948 974	<b>4 798 779 856</b>
Loikaw	118 635 399	7 246 535	44 532 635	29 004 545	11 071 875	-	<b>210 490 989</b>
Hakha	11 569 700	1 300 000	352 263 930	3 105 000	4 612 772	-	<b>372 851 402</b>
National	24 287 928	64 803 080	144 826 397	104 055 897	1 827 716 269	-	<b>2 165 689 571</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>626 912 885</b>	<b>439 332 665</b>	<b>1 674 278 998</b>	<b>488 500 728</b>	<b>8 050 597 202</b>	<b>372 294 001</b>	<b>11 651 916 478</b>

Note: The KMSS National Office (NO) financial figures in these tables represent the coordination and overhead of the NO, but mostly they include various amounts which the NO eventually disbursed to Diocesan Offices (DOs) as intended. Generally, the bulk of funds received by the NO subsequently go out to the DOs who implement their respective sectoral projects and program activities. We are confident in providing this information as accurate, and we put forth our best efforts to fully record allocations that were afterwards disbursed to the DOs. However, we could not completely record in this way. The result is the NO line figures appearing to be considerably high. We remain committed always to make available our full reporting which will provide a completely balanced accounting on this, as well as on overheads, administration, support to communities, etc. You may anticipate this in our next report!

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# List of Projects

## Livelihood

### Education

Taunggyi, Pekhon, Mandalay, Taungngu, Lashio, Mawlamyine, Patheingyi	Scholarship programme	Misereor, Kindermissionswerk, Les enfants du Mekong
Taunggyi, Loilek, Hakha, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Patheingyi, Loilek, Yangon, Kalay, Myittha, Taungngu	ECCD programme	KMSS(NO) Misereor, PMK, Kindermissionswerk
Taunggyi	AVSI programme	AVSI
Hpa-An	Thai - Burma Border Programme	Caritas Denmark
Yangon, Pekhon	Extended and Continuous Education Learning for Out of School Children from 10 to 17+ year olds	UNICEF
Yangon	Education Support for Rural Children	Mission Austria
Kalay	School Feeding (High Energy Biscuit)	WFP
Kalay	Training for ECCD teachers	Caritas Australia
Kalay	Construction of two school buildings	Kindermissionswerk
Pekhon	Education Support for IDP and vulnerable children	Self-funded
Pekhon	English and Computer Courses	Self-funded
Kengtung	Early Child Care Development	Caritas Italia
Kengtung	Child Centre Approach	Kindermissionswerk
Kengtung	Vocational skill training	Caritas Australia
Partheingyi	Integrated Rural Development (Livelihoods, Education, Health) in Hinthada Zone	Caritas Italiana
Partheingyi	Quality Education in Rural schools	Pestalozzi Children's Foundation
Partheingyi	Training support to Volunteer Community Teachers	Episcopal Commission for Education
Loilek	Support to quality education	AVSI foundation

### Health & HIV AIDS

Taunggyi	Basic Health Care and Micro Credit Union Training	Misereor
Hpa-An	Thai - Burma Border Programme	Caritas Denmark
Yangon	Water and Sanitation Project	Committee for Charitable Interventions
Kalay	HIV/AIDS Project	Caritas Australia
Kalay	Water and sanitation project/ Basic health care	Misereor / Australia Embassy
Taungngu	Development of the Rural people through Integrated program for 5 villages	Committee for Charitable Interventions
Taungngu	Basic Health care Awareness Training, Medical Tour and Medicine assistance for six preschools	MISSIO
Taungngu	Basic Health care Awareness Training, Water supply and distribution of mosquito nets and toilet pans for Eder village	Little Way Association (England)
Pekhon	Community health promotion	Misereor
Pekhon	Harm reduction of drug use and HIV	CAFOD
Pekhon	Health paediatric centre	Una Mano Per i Bambini
Kengtung	HIV/AIDS	CAFOD
Partheingyi	Integrated Rural Development (Livelihoods, Education, Health) in Hinthada Zone	Caritas Italiana
Partheingyi	Provision of health care and awareness to the poor and most vulnerable people in the diocese of Patheingyi, Myanmar	Caritas Italiana
Partheingyi	Health Project in Two villages	KMSS National Office
Loilek	HIV program support	CAFOD
Loilek	WASH & ECCD	CARE MYANMAR
Loilek	Water & Sanitation	UNHCR
Hakha	HIV/AIDS Education for General Population as well as Care and Support Program for PLWHAs	Caritas Australia
Mawlamyine	Micro Project	KMSS National Office
Pyaw	HIV and AIDS prevention and care and support programme	CAFOD
Pyaw	EC NSA Maternal and Child health Program	EC, IRC
Taungngu	CD course small project	KMSS
Lashio	Awareness	Own Project

Mawlamyine	Assistance to the Vulnerable Families and Children in Myanmar Program	Caritas Italiana& Caritas Belgium
Hpa-An	Thai - Burma Border Programme	Caritas Denmark
Yangon	Integrated Community Development Project	Catholic Relief Services & Caritas Italiana
Yangon	Strengthening Livelihood Project for Six Poor Communities in Yangon Archdiocese	Caritas Australia
Yangon	Improved Livelihoods through Capacity Development of Civil Society in Northeast India and Burma	Caritas Denmark
Kalay	Improving Food Security and Livelihood of poor and small scale farmer	Misereor
Kalay	Low Land Paddy Land Preparation	CEI
Kalay	Asset creation (Land development, road construction and environment conservation)	WFP
Kalay	Integrated development capacity building training	Caritas Australia
Kalay, Myittha	Value Chain	Caritas Denmark
Pekhon	Microcredit	Self-funded
Pekhon	Rice Bank	Misereor& KMSS
Myittha	Community Forestry	Oxfam-Hong Kong
Myittha	Land Reclamation Agriculture and Livelihood Programme	SCIAF
Mandalay	Micro Credit Project	Caritas Australia
Mandalay	Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development	Caritas Italiana
Mandalay	Interaction with Markets	Caritas Denmark
Kengtung	Community-led Sustainable Agriculture & NRM	SCIAF
Kengtung	Farmer Field School Project	MISEREOR
Kengtung	Income Generation & Vocational Skills	Caritas Italia / New Humanity
Kengtung	EA- Rehabilitation Phase	Caritas Germany and Contribution from Singapore
Loilek	Rural farmer families development program	MISEREOR
Loilek	Integrated WASH & Food Security	ACF
Loilek	Livelihood	Danish Refugee Council
Loilek	Livelihood and Social Cohesion	UNDP
Hakha	Preservation and conservation of Water shed (Plastic layering water tank for agriculture)	Caritas Italia
Patheingyi	Integrated Rural Development (Livelihoods, Education, Health) in Hinthada Zone	Caritas Italiana
Pyaw	Building community Resilience to Disaster Risk through community led livelihood program in Myebon township, rakhine State, Myanmar	OECOS
Pyaw	Primer led sustainable livelihood project at Thanlyin village	Misereor
Pyaw	Women empowerment micro credit project	CEI
Lashio	PRRO- Project Man Pang Region	WFP & UNDP
Pekhon	Productive Agricultural Asset Development	WFP
Hakha	Terracing Land Development	WFP
Hakha	Road construction project in Falam, Hakha and Matupi townships.	WFP
Taungngu	The Development of the Rural People through Integrated Program for 12 villages in Hiteethasaw and Minlone Parthes	CEI (Italy)

Hpa-An	Thai - Burma Border Programme	Caritas Denmark
Yangon, Taungngu, Mandalay, Lashio, Patheingyi, Pyaw, Myittha, Kengtung and Kalay	Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Project	CAFOD, Caritas Switzerland
Pekhon	Emergency Food Assistance in food crisis area in the western part Pekhon Tap	WFP
Pekhon	Emergency support for victims of IDPs who were relocated due to dam construction in Pin Long Township	Lenten Fund
Mandalay	Pokoku Floods Rehabilitation Response	Caritas Denmark, Caritas Italia, Caritas Japan, SCIAF, Caritas Korea
Kengtung	Tachileik / Tarlay Earthquake Rehabilitation Response	Caritas Denmark, Caritas Japan, SCIAF, Caritas Germany, Caritas Korea
Lashio and Bamaw, Myittha	Emergency Response & Protection for the Internally Displaced People of the Kachin Conflict - Phase IV	Caritas Internationalis and CIDSE (Macau, Japan, Sweden, Korea, Trocaire, Belgium, Canada, CRS, Denmark, CAFOD, Secours Catholique, Czech, Caritas Australia, Caritas Germany, SCIAF, Spain)
Lashio and Bamaw, Myittha	Comprehensive Response to the Kachin Conflict(Kachin and Northern Shan states) Myanmar	Trocaire / DFID
	The above two emergency responses in Kachin, there are donors who have generously contributed to both projects as follows:	WFP, UNOCHA, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, Danish Refugee Council, Danish Church Aid, People in need, OXFAM, METTA, WPN, Shalom Foundation, Irish Aid, Save the Children, Columbian Missionaries, CCFD, CARE (Myanmar)
Loilek	Mine risk education	DRC
Loilek	Mine risk education	Dan Church Aid
Loilek	Mine risk education	CRS/KMSS-NO
Loilek	Emergency	Own Project (Lenten fund)
Hakha	Emergency Food Distribution in Zalai village due to Landslide	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Hakha	Relief grant	Lenten Fund from Hakha Diocese
Taungngu	IDP	CD-KMSS

Patheingyi, Taungngu, Lashio, Taunggyi	Child Protection	KMSS-NO/ UNICEF
Yangon, Loilek, Lashio	EXCEL	UNICEF/KMSS-NO
Mawlamyine	Thai-Burma Border Programme	Caritas Denmark
Mawlamyine	Support to Children from Conflict-Affected Communities in Boarding Houses along the Thai-Burma Border	Caritas Denmark
Yangon & Pekhon	Strengthening Community Based Child Protection System	UNICEF Myanmar
Pekhon	Support for Aged Home	KMSS Lenten Fund
Partheingyi	Empowering Karen young girls/women to teach Karen Language in primary school in Ayeyarwaddy Region, Myanmar	American Embassy Small Grants Program
Taunggyi	Religion for Peace	Religion for Peace
Loilek	Assistance to Internal Migrants	Caritas Korea

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