

Human Rights for IDPs

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CATEGORY

[Civic Participation](#)

LOCATION

[Burma](#)

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE OR NEED YOUR PROJECT WILL ADDRESS AND WHAT INNOVATIVE METHODS WILL YOU EMPLOY?

Describe the specific need or challenge that your team will address with this project

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Briefly describe the specific solution or approach to address the need or challenge and explain why it is innovative

Our solution is to provide basic human rights awareness training to 210 people across seven Internally Displaced Camps in Kachin State and Shan State. The training period will be one week for each IDP camp. After each training, the project will set up a Human Rights Corner. Books, pamphlets, journals, posters and videos which are related to human rights will be also displayed at the corner. The corner will draw the attention of other the general Kachin population, so that they know how to practice and express their rights in a timely manner when their rights are violated.

How will the project impact your community? What changes (in people, institutions, attitudes, practices) do you think you will see?

The most significant impact we will see is more participation of internally displaced people in revealing, documenting and reporting human rights violations in their respective communities. The other important impact we will see is the changing of the attitudes of the people in the IDP camps. In their past experiences, they could not speak out about human right violations, largely because they were not aware of the fundamental principles of human rights. This attitude change is critically important for them to survive and live with dignity in the IDP camps. We hope that giving human rights trainings to internally displaced people will bring positive motivation in civic participation.

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

Beneficiaries: who are your target groups (or communities) and how many people will directly benefit from your project?

MEET THE TEAM

Project owner

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Our target group is internally displaced people who are from seven different IDP camps across Kachin State and Shan State. There will be thirty participants in each training in specific IDP camps, and there will be 210 participants all together, including both men and women. Those participants are actively involved in camp activities and have high potential capacities for leadership.

Local partners

Yangon School of Political Science (YSPS) will give technical assistance for human rights related readings and teaching materials. YSPS will also give necessary linkages and networking information about resource persons for arts and documenting methods for the Human Rights Corner.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) will help distributing booklets, leaflets, and human rights related documents.

Internally Displaced People Camps (IDP Camps): Representatives from our target IDP camps will arrange for training venues and necessary spaces for the Human Rights Corners.

Equality Myanmar will help with training designs, teaching materials and trainers.

Kachin Baptist Convention will help arrange with networking opportunities with IDP camps.

Alumni team

Project Leader: Ja Mun Mai (Ugrad 2012)

Financial Officer: Nyan San Kim (Ugrad 2013)

Program Officer: Naw Say Say Tun (Ugrad 2013)

Trainers: Sit Maw (Ugrad 2012) and David Gam Aung (Ugrad 2010)

Human Rights Corner Officers: Ngam Sian Kim (The Study of US Institute 2012) and DD Roi Aung (YSELI 2014)

Public Relationship Officers: Loom Sign Aung (Ugrad 2013) and DD Seng Htoi Aung (Ugrad 2012)

The reasons we choose those particular IDP camps are:

1. Easy to go those places with convenient transportation
2. Areas with safety (under government's control)
3. Administrations of IDP camps are close partners of project team
4. Easy to gather the participants (IDPs) via church based organizations
5. Good communication for long term and sustainability of the project

Proposed Project Dates: June 01, 2015 - April 30, 2016

HOW AND WHEN WILL YOU IMPLEMENT YOUR PROJECT?

Implementing Plan and Timeline

1. **June 2015:** Networking and outreaching to IDPs in targeted areas and class schedule confirmation. Course preparation, creating logo, website and collecting training aid materials and transporting supplies to nearby targeted areas
2. **July 2015:** Launching Training at Shatapu IDPs Camp in Myitkyina, Kachin State
3. **August 2015:** Launching Training at Shwezet IDPs Camp in Myitkyina, Kachin State
4. **September 2015:** Launching Training at Jan Mai Kawng IDPs Camp in Myitkyina, Kachin State
5. **October 2015:** Launching Training at Mogaung IDPs Camp in Mogaung, Kachin State
6. **November 2015:** Launching Training at Bamaw IDPs Camp in Bamaw, Kachin State
7. **December 2015:** Presentation to Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
8. **January 2016:** Launching Training at Muse IDPs Camp in Muse, Shan State
9. **February 2016:** Conference with NGOs and INGOs at Yangon
10. **March 2016:** Launching Training at Hpakant IDPs Camp in Hpakant, Kachin State
11. **April 2016:** Team meeting, Monitoring and Evaluation through Surveys from IDPs and preparing for final report

Specific Responsibilities

1. **Project Leader:** She will be responsible for coordinating between project areas and local partners, making sure that all the logistic matters are smoothly managed and

running everything smoothly.

2. Financial Officer: She has to keep all the financial records and makes sure to clear all the accounts according to schedules. She needs to manage the income and expenditures.
3. Program Officer: She will be responsible for procurements and keep records on project supplies.
4. Trainers: They have to design the courses and have to conduct trainings and contact guest speakers.
5. Human Rights Corner Officers: They have to lead setting up Human Rights Corner for all the project areas and collect for the corners.
6. Public Relationship Officers: They will be responsible for all the communication strategies to the public through media

Communication Plan

To beneficiaries, human rights booklets, pamphlets, journals, and videos will be sent for updating information depending on current trends so that IDPs can get up-to-date information and can strengthen their views on human rights. Via our website, we will share current information with the public about Kachin IDPs' human rights situation that we find out from trainees and camps. All our activities which are related to promoting human rights awareness to the public will be also uploaded on our own website.

Evaluation

Pre and post training surveys will be used to measure our project outcomes before and after the projects. For the long term, we will also recruit volunteers from respective IDP camps for our projects and those volunteers will be able to effectively communicate with project crews to keep informing the sustainability of the Human Rights Corner.

Sustainability

Our team will provide mid-term presentation to Myanmar National Human Rights Commission. We will also host a conference in Yangon to present our experiences and findings from those IDP camps to various international and local non-governmental organizations for further supports in future projects. Through our website and social media advertisements, we will also welcome new partners to extend our projects to other IDP camps that are still in need of human rights training and opportunities to practice their freedom of expression. At the end of every training, after setting up Human Rights Corner, three volunteers will be chosen to keep the corner alive and through them, we will get updated information from those seven IDPs camps and we will also keep in touch with them for corner maintenance. Moreover, in December 2016, we will host several events to celebrate International Human Rights Days in those IDP camps.

TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED

\$20,453.00

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT:

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