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Annual Report 2017



For every
Life Child
in all its
fullness

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Message from National Director

It is unacceptable when children do not have access to basic services, are experiencing abuse and violence, and dying needlessly. We are constantly challenged and looking to address root causes by creating learning environments for the children, delivering quality health services, and assisting families with agriculture and livelihoods support.

We expanded our operations in fragile contexts to assist the most vulnerable children and families affected by the armed conflict in Kachin and Rakhine States with emergency relief assistance.

We continue to integrate and work with our subsidiary microfinance organization Vision Fund Myanmar to better support families and communities with livelihood initiatives and financial inclusion.

Through the dedicated efforts of our over 700 staff and network of 5000 volunteers, we have reached over a million people. We have witnessed lives transformed and seen progress against Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators in all sectors of our work.

Without the continued support of our generous donors and funding offices, national and local governments and the communities we serve, none of this would have been possible. We thank them all for their partnership and the trust placed on us.

My heartfelt thanks also to our teams serving faithfully in challenging contexts and the Advisory Council members for their commitment, guidance and support that makes it all worthwhile.

With God's leading, we will continue to fulfil our commitment of transforming the lives of children and communities in Myanmar.



Suresh Bartlett
Sincerely,
Suresh Bartlett
National Director

Message from Advisory Council Chair



Love, Live, Laugh.....

Each year before I write my message for the annual report I choose a theme to express my reflection on “life with World Vision”. I have passed a decade with World Vision and needless to say my attachment and love towards grow with each passing year. It is towards all people serving in different roles as members of staff, Advisory Council members and the organization as a whole.

At present we live in a world of so much hatred. A lot of people are confused patriotism with jingoism and xenophobia, leading to undesirable consequences of racism. This also cause pain, suffering and sorrow. Each day we have heard and read the ugliness of ethnic cleansing, violence, and destruction of all kind.

However, as World Vision Myanmar we are blessed to serve in healing and assisting those who are suffering towards a better world, particularly children. I have the opportunity to observe how World Vision Myanmar Staff have committed their service to the

children with so much care and kindness. I feel such a sense of joy in how World Vision is giving their service to the utmost so that these children could live with laughter instead of tears. In other words, through the service of World Vision, these children have the opportunity to live in the fullest of life instead of deprivation, fear and oppression. World Vision is truly a blessing to others.

On behalf of the Advisory Council, let me express our true appreciation for your dedication in your service to the children and those who are in need. You have given them the chance to receive LOVE, LIVE and LAUGH.

It is wonderful. Let's LOVE, LIVE and LAUGH as we serve the Lord and others!!!!

May all of you have the blessing of Love, Life and Laughter.

May God Bless You All

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillian', written in a cursive style.

Gillian

Country Overview

World Vision Myanmar (WVM) is a Christian, relief, development and advocacy organization working for/with communities to create lasting change in the lives of deprived children and families in Myanmar. Inspired by our Christian values, we are dedicated to work with the most vulnerable children and communities regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

Kachin State

1. Waing Maw (P)
2. Chipwe (P)
3. Putao (P)

Kayah State

4. Loikaw ADP
5. Demoso ADP
6. Hpruso (p)
7. Bawlake (p)

Kayin State

8. Hpa-an ADP
9. Hlaing Bwe ADP

Chin State

10. Tiddim ADP
11. Falam ADP

Mon State

12. Mawlamyine ADP
13. Thanbyuzayat ADP
14. Bilin ADP

Rakhine State

15. Buthidaung (P)
16. Maung Daw (P)
17. Mrauk-u

Shan State

18. Hseni ADP
- Kengton ADP (Completed)
- Tarchileik ADP (Completed)

Magwe Region

19. Yenangyaung ADP
20. Chauk ADP
21. Seikphyu ADP

Yangon Region

22. Hmawbi ADP
23. Hlegu ADP
24. Thanlyin ADP
25. Dagon Myothit (Seik Kan) ADP
26. Taikkyi ADP
27. Mingalardon (P)
28. Mingalartaungnyunt (P)
29. Hlaing (P)

Mandalay Region

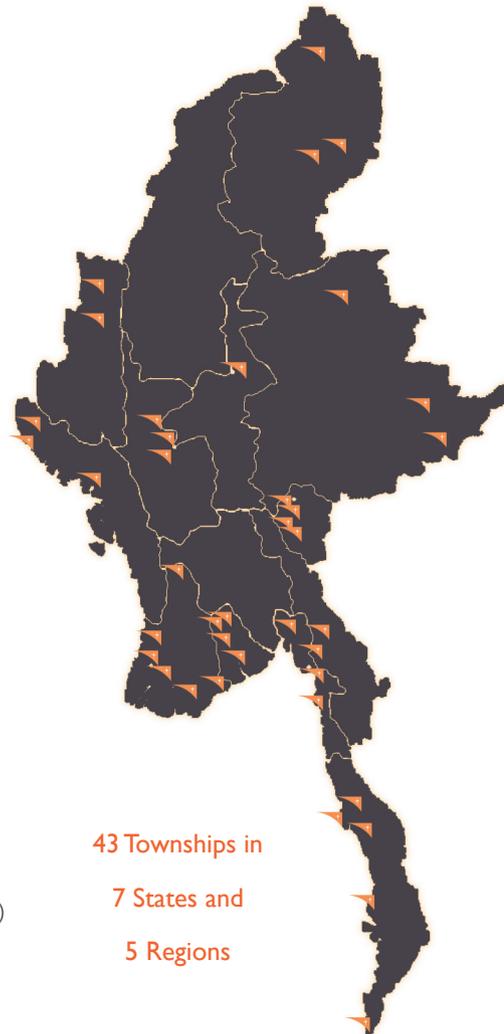
30. Aungmyaythazan ADP
31. Pyigyitagon ADP
32. Amarapura ADP
33. Mahaangmyay (P)

Ayeyarwaddy Region

34. Patheingyi ADP
35. Thabaung ADP
36. Kyaukse ADP
37. Myaungmya ADP
38. Einme ADP
39. Bogale ADP
40. Pyawon ADP

Tanintharyi Region

41. Dawei (P)
42. Myeik ADP
43. Thayetchaung ADP
44. Launglon ADP
45. Palaw ADP
46. Kawthoung ADP



43 Townships in

7 States and

5 Regions

- Area Development Programme (ADP)
- Project (P)

Since 1991, World Vision Myanmar has begun its community development program focusing on children and families living in the poverty.

While development program focuses on education, health, livelihoods and resilience and child protection to ensure wellbeing of children, our relief humanitarian work support families affected by all types of disasters to recover and get back their normal lives.

World Vision Myanmar joined WVI global movement "It Takes a World to End Violence Against Children" campaign and will mainstream same through all of its programs/projects and sectoral initiatives.

With over 700 full time staff and about 5,000 volunteers working on the ground, World Vision Myanmar's work benefitted more than one million people including over 300,000 children annually.

Today World Vision Myanmar operates in 43 townships through its 33 area programs and 30 grant projects in 12 of 14 states and regions.

Children impacted



over **300,000**

Total beneficiaries



over **One million**



Area Development
33 Programmes

Grants/special
30 Projects

Present in Townships



43 (Presence in 12 of
14 States/Regions)



Volunteers
5,000

Staff **over 700**

FY17 Budget



26 million



Education

World Vision Myanmar (WVM) helps children, particularly the most vulnerable, to get access to quality education and attain functional levels of literacy, numeracy and essential life skills. When children can read, they can better advocate for their rights and help provide for their families. WVM focuses on the needs of children at all stages of development: Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), Primary Education and Non-formal Education (NFE).

Achievements in 2017

513

ECCD centres supported

613

children attended NFE centers

14,944

children attended ECCD centers

14,944

Children benefitted from life-skills training

37

NFE centers established and supported

494

Participants attended life skills training to trainer

Guiding Star provides hope for School Dropouts

“Guiding Star Non-Formal Education (NFE) Center” was set up in Dagon Seikkan Township in 2011. The center has been a place for school drop out and working children for the past 4 years.

“Guiding Star” NFE center started with 23 children and 2 teachers initially. The purpose of this center was to give literacy, numerical and life skills to the children who drop out of school or have never been to school for any reasons.

Children in Dagon Seikkan area were forced to drop out of school and some never even had the chance to go to school due to their family income situation. Parents want their children to earn money rather than to study. Therefore, establishing a NFE center for the kids was not so welcomed by the community. Some of the parents even withdrew their kids from the center. That was not the only problem that Guiding Star NFE center had to face at the beginning. The NFE center did not have a facility, teachers and children studied in rented places in poor conditions.

After two years of using rented facilities for learning, a permanent NFE center was built with the collaboration of World Vision and the community. Land for the center was provided by the community and the cost of constructing the center was covered by World Vision.

Currently, Guiding Star NFE has become a child friendly learning space for 31 working children. Due to their work shifts, there are two sessions for learning per day, with 18 students in the morning and 13 students in the afternoon, with 3 hours each per session. Throughout the years, Guiding Star NFE center has successfully helped 3 girls get jobs in a garment factory, earning 150 USD (200,000 Kyats) per month, and 7 children (4 boys and 3 girls), were able to get back to their formal education.





Health, Nutrition & WASH

WorldVision Myanmar (WVM) is committed to improving the health and nutrition of women and children and believes that every child in the communities deserves clean water. WVM has been raising awareness and providing trainings on Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene practice for behavior change. In addition, WVM works on prevention and control of communicable diseases like Tuberculosis and Malaria by training volunteers and providing public awareness and services.

Achievements in 2017

1,857

community health volunteers trained

80

new water sources constructed

35

existing water sources renovated

4,492

patients referred to Government facilities for MNCHN and communicable diseases

13,167

water facilities improved (ceramic water filter, life straw filter, concrete ring storage mold)

13,034

no. of Long Lasting Insecticide Nets distributed

843

community latrines constructed

117,833

people reached with health education sessions on MNCH Nutrition and diarrhea prevention

40

school latrine blocks constructed

Improved Health for Naw and Family

Naw lost her first girl child when the baby was about 3 years old. During the period of her first pregnancy, Naw did not know anything about Maternal Child Health and Nutrition. She did not visit the health assistant regularly and did not know the importance of preventive medicine. The baby was not delivered by a properly trained midwife. Even after birth, she did not feed the baby appropriately based on any guidance.

After losing her first child and the birth of her second baby, she was introduced to World Vision. She learnt the importance of three nutritious food groups and maternal and child health. She now has two little boys who are being raised according to the knowledge gained from World Vision Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition trainings.

“As a mother it is important to raise children correctly and healthy. I’m glad that I had the chance to meet with World Vision and learn things that I did not know in the past. I’m sure my children will grow healthy and learn well.” Naw said.





Livelihood and Resilience

In order to address root causes of poverty, it is important for families to have sustainable income. World Vision Myanmar (WVM) is making sure that every family in the targeted communities is able to manage their household income through awareness, training on improved agricultural methods, animal husbandry, micro/small businesses and marketing practices. WVM also aims to improve food security and close the seasonal hunger gap through the provision of home gardens, alternative non-agriculture income, reducing the debt cycles of families through village savings and loans associations and microfinance services.

Achievements in 2017

111

agriculture producers groups (certified rice seed, vegetable and cassava flour) and 428 pig producers groups established

7,404

people received training in Income Generating Activities

30,000

people received training, livestock and farm inputs.

282

new Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) groups formed bringing the total to 1,042 groups

300

aspiring entrepreneurs trained and developed business plans to set up micro enterprises

21,750

people participated in VSLA with 84% of women membership

250

youth trained in vocational trades and engaged with private sector companies for employment while others commenced their own business (self-employment)

Vocational training empowers Aung

19 year old Aung used to carry the weight of his family after the divorce of his parents. The second marriage of his mother put him in a harder situation given his step-father doesn't work. Being the only bread winner for the family, Aung tried farming during harvest seasons and fishing during rainy seasons, to earn money for his family. He earned about 4,000 kyats (3.5 USD) per day. Although his income was not much, it helped his family to get by.

However, Aung always wanted to learn and make a better life for himself. Aung heard that World Vision was planning vocational training support for youth in his village. Leaving everything behind and hoping for brighter days, Aung joined the mechanical and driving vocational training.

After 3 months of vocational training, Aung received a job at Power Eleven Group, a city bus company, as a cashier. He was responsible for counting the money received by the buses, and was earning 100,000 kyats (80 USD) per month. With focus and dedication towards his job, he was promoted to a higher position within three months, earning 250,000 kyats (192 USD) monthly. Aung is able to regularly send money back to his family, living in Bogale, Ayerawaddy Region. Aung now dreams about becoming a regular bus driver for the company.

Since April, 2017, 45 youth have completed vocational training in Bogale via the Growing Livelihood Project. World Vision also assisted youth to get suitable jobs after the vocational trainings. Out of 45 youth, Aung and 18 others have already got jobs in Yangon and are able to support their families.





Child Protection

World Vision Myanmar (WVM) aims to create safe, protected environment for children, free from all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence. WVM promotes awareness on Child Rights and Child Protection by building the capacity of children, youth and caregivers. We also strengthen community protection groups and connect them with the township authority to effectively address child protection issues.

Trafficking and child soldiers remain a concern for the nation. WVM works closely with Anti Trafficking Task Force and other partners, providing training to the police officers, criminal justice support and reintegration support to the returnees. WVM manages the hotline for reporting child soldiers, which resulted in the release of child soldiers and reintegrated them into their families and communities.

Achievements in 2017

- 242 child protection cases reported and 224 cases Closed
- 963 youths, members of watch groups, CBOs, local CSOs, DSW received capacity building training on Anti-trafficking
- 73 children referred and reunited with the families/communities
- 634 Child Protection Advocacy groups (CPAG) formed
- 85 trafficked returnees received Criminal Justice support
- 380 children received services and support through outreach activities
- 556 Children groups and Youth Clubs formed
- 167 trafficked returnees received reintegration support
- 75 children received vocational training and support
- 138 child soldier cases reported via the hotline
- 46 Police Officials trained on victim centered investigation
- 31 children obtained jobs after completion vocational training
- 25 former child soldiers provided with reintegration support
- 118 children access 24 hours services at temporary shelter (Transit Home)
- 15 families established small businesses

Second Chance to Life for ‘Thet’

Somewhere in a village in the outskirts of Yangon, there lives a sixteen year old girl named ‘Thet’ with her family. Thet was living a peaceful life together with her parents and four siblings.

While in the 4th grade, Thet’s father business went bankrupt and her mother was suddenly ill. Thet dropped out from school to help with the family income. Once her mother recovered, they set up shop where they sell meals and street food to support the family.

Promising 50,000 Kyats (Around 45 USD) per month, Thet’s aunt took her to work at a bakery shop. In reality, she was sent to a place where she had to entertain clients who pay for sex. She was scared and wanted to run away but couldn’t because her aunt had already taken money from the owner. Thet went through the darkest time for six months and never got paid.

A day of hope came for Thet when a client listened to her story and helped her report the case to local police. Her perpetrator was arrested and the shop was seized.

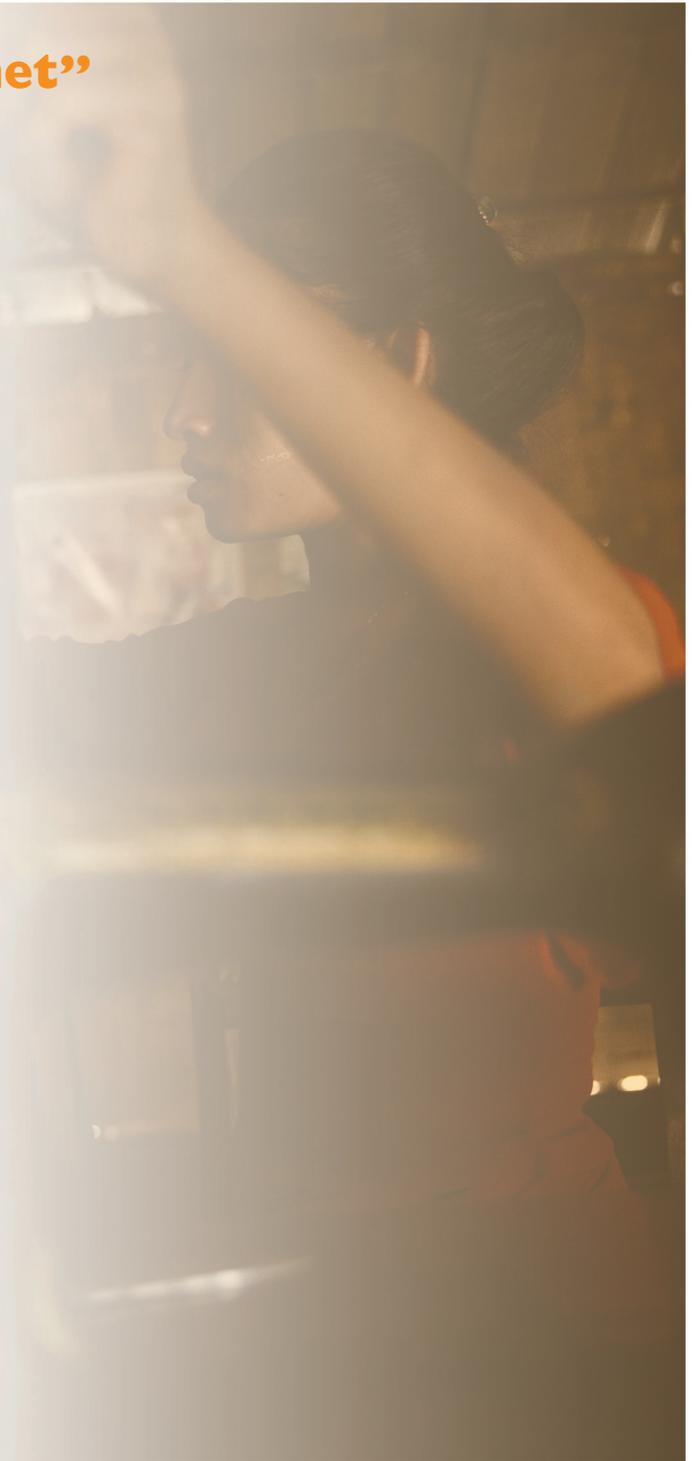
Thet was later introduced to a school where girls like her learned life skills. She stayed there for about four months while being a prosecution witness in court during the criminal justice processes. The school provided Thet a Lawyer to guide her during this time.

Subsequently, World Vision provided a sewing machine and textiles for Thet to start her sewing business. World Vision also repaired her house and supported the family to open a grocery store at home.

“I never thought we would get this kind of support. I’m really happy that my parents are doing okay with the grocery store and we are happy. I want to thank World Vision and the donors.”

The offenders involved in Thet’s case were sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Thet is now saving 20,000 Kyats per month and living happily again with her family.





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CLIMATE
ACTION



Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Response

World Vision Myanmar(WVM) works with communities to minimize the impact of disasters and to effectively respond to disasters. Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Response sectors distributes emergency food and livelihoods support to disaster affected families, prepositions relief supplies in warehouses for immediate emergency response. In order to reduce risks related to disaster,WVM facilitates Disaster Risk Reduction training and supports communities in developing Community Based Disaster Management plans (CBDM) and collaborates with government ministries and humanitarian actors during disaster responses.

Achievements in 2017

269,353

Metric Ton of rice distributed

749,354

USD cash distributed

11,501

beneficiaries

A New Start For Daw Lar Myar Masar

Moving from the place you grew up to an unfamiliar place is not easy especially for 42 years old Daw Lar Myar Masar. Originally from Sam Pai village, Daw Lar and her family had to flee to Wine Maw IDP camp due to the ongoing arm conflict between the ethnic armed groups and the army. Her husband, U Khaw Wu, works in a farm as hired farmer, where he received rice as daily wages, to support their five children. Without any income and their eldest daughter staying in a hostel for 11th grade in nearby village, it was hard for them to support her and other children but they were keen to ensure they continued at school.

Not finding any solutions for her problems, Daw Lar came across the livelihood support program from World Vision and applied for it and was provided three pigs to breed. "I was so happy when I received the pigs from World Vision and I believed this would help with the tuition fees for my eldest daughter and other children" says Daw Lar.

Now, Daw Lar and the family has finally escaped their struggles and are living happily in a village, resettled by the government for the armed conflict refugees. Her pig breeding is going well and she is planning to expand more in the future. "I would like to thank World Vision for helping us overcome our struggles" says Daw Lar.





Cross Cutting Themes

Advocacy

World Vision Myanmar (WVM) strengthens the capacity of Community Based Organization (CBO) through Local level Advocacy approaches to better address their critical community needs with local authorities and service providers. All Area Development Programs (ADP) reported improvement in at least one service as a result of their engagement with authorities via this process. Child protection groups in the communities were connected with the township child rights committees and addressed child protection cases.

768

CBOs formed in the targeted villages and wards

8,204

members

Gender

As a member of Gender Equality Network, World Vision Myanmar promotes the empowerment of both males and females in the organization and community. Gender is mainstreamed across all program designs, activities and a special focus is on women and the girl child. Organizational policies, structures and appropriate mechanisms are put in place to achieve gender equality.

Disability

Disability inclusion is mainstreamed in all thematic program areas. People with disabilities are encouraged to participate in community development activities and the decision making process. World Vision Myanmar practices social inclusion and helps to break down institutional, attitudinal and environmental barriers to ensure disability inclusion in all program activities.

Environment

World Vision Myanmar works to safeguard the environment particularly across education, livelihoods and resilience sectors. We encourage the communities to grow more trees and support school activities in planting trees. The cookstove project minimizes deforestation by saving on use of firewood. Home gardening activities encourage families to use natural fertilizers to ensure soil conservation.

Peace Building

World Vision Myanmar upholds "Do No Harm (DNH)" principles in all our work and brings communities and stakeholders together to build trust and gain greater understanding. Our integrated advocacy in sectoral activities brings communities and stakeholders together to strengthen trust and greater understanding.



VISION FUND MYANMAR

Vision Fund Myanmar (VFM), a subsidiary microfinance organization of World Vision Myanmar, has the largest spread in the country. Vision Fund Myanmar provides financial services to the marginalized poor to bring about financial inclusion and empower them to unlock their economic potential.

Achievements in 2017

174,874

clients 87% are women borrowers

175,876

total loan disbursed

\$28M

loan portfolio

220,194

job created and sustained

44

branches covering 43 townships

337,878

children impacted

202,503

Saving clients

New possibilities for Shein

58 years old UWin Shein lives in rural Mandalay and makes a living from farming. He has six children and seven grandchildren. UWin Shein was a hired farmer, earning as little as 1000 kyats (about 70 US cents) per day. Shein owns a land passed down from his parents but lacked money to invest and work on his own farm.

Four years ago, Shein received his first loan from Vision Fund. He bought plants, fertilizer and expanded his flower plantation. He also purchased an irrigation system to make it easier for him to water his flowers. At the time, his youngest child was 13 years old and the eldest 34 years old.

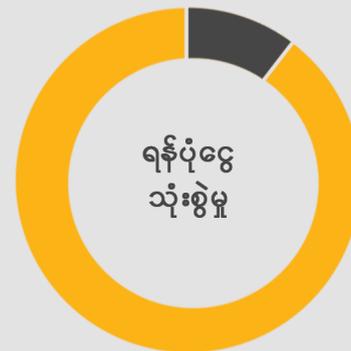
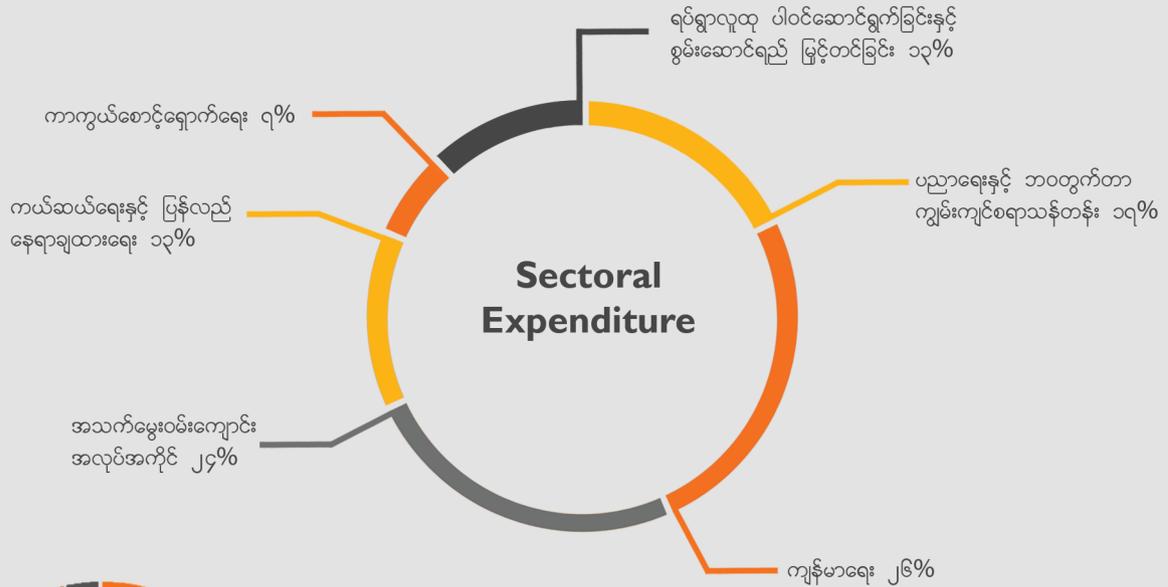
Four years passed quickly and from a man earning 70 US cents per day, he now earns 3,000 USD profit every six months. This significant income helps his youngest daughter study in the university. Only if Shein had this income earlier, he could've sent all of his six children to university.

Shein's flowers business continues to grow and he beams when he thinks about his daughter graduation from university. VisionFund is focused on reaching poor rural families like Shein.

"This would not have happened if I did not receive a loan from Vision Fund. This loan helped me start up my business. Thank You Vision Fund." said Shein.

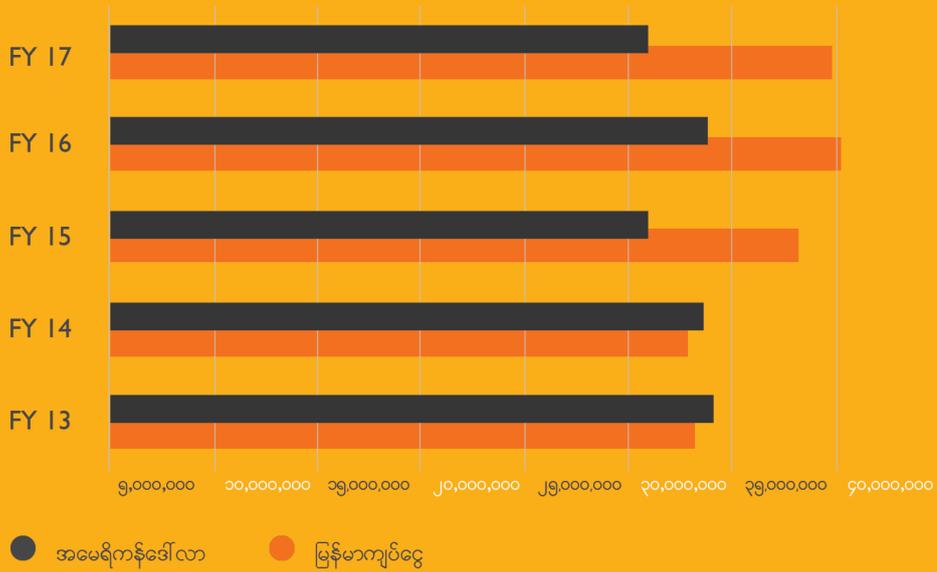


Financial Report



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