Basic Education
Aims at increasing access to quality education
Overview

Child’s Dream is a development organisation dedicated to improving health and education for sustainable development. With our Health, Basic Education, and Higher Education programmes, we strive to help the communities of Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand to create a better future.

Our Main Interventions

**Higher Education**
Aims at creating leaders and specialists who work towards the development of their country

**Basic Education**
Aims at increasing access to quality education

**Health**
Aims at reducing childhood mortality and improve health and hygiene in schools and communities
Vision, Mission & Strategy

Vision
Empowered people responsibly shaping their communities

Mission
Improving health and education for sustainable development

Strategy
We design, implement, and partner to support interventions for children and young adults. We address current and future needs in Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand related to:
- Basic or essential health
- Relevant and quality education
- Responsible leaders and qualified specialists
- Values of peace and justice
- Environmental sustainability

Our strategy follows the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

Direct Goals
- Good Health and Well-Being
- Quality Education
- Reduced Inequalities

Indirect Goals
- Gender Equality
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Climate Action
- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- Partnership for the Goals

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The Situation

Myanmar
- Only 54% of all children in Myanmar currently complete primary school.

Laos
- In rural areas of Laos, 30% of children do not attend primary school.

Cambodia
- Secondary school enrolment in Cambodia is only 39% for male and 36% for female students.

Thailand
- 600,000 primary school-aged children in Thailand do not attend school or enroll late.
Focus Group: Basic Education

Our focus group Basic Education (BE) represents the core competence of our organisation. This group builds educational facilities, such as primary, secondary and high schools, where children can intellectually thrive, and boarding houses for children from far away villages. We also offer high school and vocational scholarships to underprivileged youth with potential, through our High School & Vocational Scholarship Programme.

In addition, we improve our basic education facilities by providing computer laboratories, clean water systems, solar systems, playgrounds, life skills training and other extracurricular activities for teachers and students alike. Reducing dropouts is also an intervention we run.

247 SCHOOL BUILDINGS BUILT
5,897 BURMESE MIGRANT STUDENTS STUDYING IN OUR LEARNING CENTRES IN THAILAND PER YEAR
138,599 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN MYANMAR RECEIVE STATIONERY PER YEAR
681 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUPPORTED IN 2017
Our Approach

Guided by our bottom-up approach, community leaders and school committees are engaged in close collaboration and consultation, from the early stages on, to develop and construct the facilities. We believe in fostering good relationships with the communities, as it enables us to understand their real needs and ensure the projects’ sustainability. Through regular follow-ups and communication, we remain sensitive to their needs even after the project is completed, enabling us to continue supporting them to promote education and to increase child and youth participation in school.

In Laos and Cambodia we work closely with the respective ministries of education, while in Myanmar we often partner with Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and local NGOs. On July 2017, Child’s Dream Myanmar was approved by the Myanmar government and our collaboration with the local education authorities has increased notably since then.
How You Can Help

- **USD 800** can provide a scholarship for a high school or vocational student for one year.
- **USD 2,500** can build a playground at a school.
- **USD 5,000** can install a clean water system at a school.
- **USD 7,000** finances an entire solar system for a school, which also provide energy for the entire village.
- **USD 40,000** can build a boarding house for about 20 students.
- **USD 50,000** can build a school building for 200 students.

_With less than 7% administration costs, every dollar makes a huge difference for youth in need._