Higher Education
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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
- Partnerships for the goals
The Situation

- Access to tertiary education is beyond the reach of our beneficiaries due to a lack of financial resources and/or necessary legal or academic documentation. Particularly for Myanmar refugees and migrants based in Thailand, lack of proper documentation is a huge problem.

- With outdated curricula, the government high schools and even vocational colleges do not sufficiently prepare graduates for employment in a globalized, competitive labour market.

- Undocumented people or people from ethnic minorities often face commercial exploitation and are forced to work in so called “DDD jobs” (dirty, dangerous and demeaning).

- We believe significant, relevant economic and social change for the better requires a younger generation of responsible leaders and specialists willing to act. We support this change through interventions in our Higher Education focus group.
Our Higher Education Team focuses on education and training programmes for youth belonging to the age group above the red line (usually above age 18). Some students are supported for main-stream academic education paths, schools we support with annual running cost, their students for very specific diplomas, certificates or community college degrees.
Focus Group: Higher Education

Our Higher Education programmes aim at creating leaders and specialists who work towards the development of their countries.

- Leader: someone whom people follow to take action towards a common goal
- Specialist: someone with an in-depth knowledge or skill

We create leaders by teaching skills and imparting knowledge through our Higher Education (HE) and Further Education (FE) programmes:

- University scholarships
- Post-high school academies
- Vocational training programmes
- Civic empowerment
- Teacher training and curriculum materials development
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We create **specialists** by offering targeted programmes for

- inter-ethnic conflict and/or inter-religious conflict
- successful community engagement skills
- learning experiences through student projects in rural communities

- **427** UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED SINCE 2006
- **202** UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS ALUMNI
- **2,849** TRAINED TO BECOME FUTURE LEADERS
- **6,394** STUDENTS RECEIVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT
Leaders

Vannasith Sotthiso, Laotian
Chiang Mai University
MSc in Biology, focus on teaching

Since 2016:
- Lecturer at Savannakhet Teacher Training College, Savannakhet, Laos

Aung Mrat Lurn, Myanmar
BA in Politics, Philosophy & Economics, at Rangsit University, Bangkok, followed by MA at Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore

Since 2017:
- Donor Relations and Capacity Building Consultant, Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee, Yangon, Myanmar
- Rangsit University, Bangkok
- Child’s Dream Myanmar Board Member
Supported Programmes & Specialists

Maung Than Shwe
Project Manager, Network for Environment and Economic Development, Myanmar

NEED trains youths from Myanmar, who mostly belong to ethnic minority groups, on organic farming methods. These youths will then return to their communities to develop their agriculture after the training.

Elis Tun
Principal, Myanmar Community Academies
Myanmar, Loikaw

The Mission of MCAP is to support Myanmar youth, who have the potential to be actively engaged, and who represent a diverse range of backgrounds, to develop the skills and abilities they need to make a positive change in their local communities.
Our Approach

We work closely with university administrations, faculties, and the respective Ministries of Education regarding our higher education for University Scholarship coordination. We work with a wide variety of local organisations for other, non-formal further education programmes.

In 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.

In Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, we are registered and regulated by the respective Ministries of Education for many years already.
How You Can Help

- **USD 300** buys a computer for one of our colleges

- **USD 3,000** provides an annual scholarship for a university student from Laos, **USD 8,500** provides an annual scholarship for a university student from Myanmar

- **USD 60,000** covers the annual running cost for a Myanmar skills training center empowering youth to better cope with potentially exploitative and dangerous work

- **USD 70,000** covers the annual running cost of a Myanmar Community Academy with 60 young adults who become local community facilitators and social workers

We also refer to our ‘Urgent Funding Needs’ website where you can find many more interesting Higher Education initiatives:  [http://childsdream.org/donate/funding-needs/](http://childsdream.org/donate/funding-needs/)

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