Knowledge Zone Vocational Training Centre (KZVTC) Myawaddy, Myanmar
Further education for students with leadership abilities
Knowledge Zone Vocational Training Centre - Overview

Established in 2008 in Mae Sot, a Thai border town with a large population of Myanmar migrants, a group of dedicated teachers pursue their aims by founding Knowledge Zone Vocational Training Centre (KZVTC) to equip Myanmar future generations with life skills and professional knowledge that are relevant to the 21st Century.

Most nationals in Myanmar and those migrated to the border area in Thailand for job opportunities are severely hampered with exploitative and stressful living and working conditions. There is lack of hope and social mobility in the country where education system is significantly out of date, having missed out on many advances for the past 50 years of being under military dictatorship.

With urgency to promote access to quality education within Myanmar, another centre was established in 2012 in Bago City, followed by another opening in 2015 in Myawaddy Township, southeastern Myanmar. This inclusive development is for the betterment of individuals and entire communities, regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion and social backgrounds.
How It Works

- On average, 8 – 10 parallel short-term courses (3 months period) are offered in any month for:
  - language skills (English, Burmese, Thai and Chinese)
  - practical computer knowledge (Microsoft Office suite, graphic design, Photoshop, basic website development, etc.)
  - sewing and fashion design
  - on-the-job training [administrative work, IT skills, report and letter writing, professional communication skills and updated information about different NGOs and community-based organisations (CBOs)].
How It Works

❖ KZVTC offers flexible schedules available early morning and evening hours on weekdays and during weekends to suit the daily working hours of the students.

❖ Students are required to provide 10,000 Kyat (US$7.50) for an entire course. These tuition fees contribute to approximately 50% of the programme budget.

Beneficiaries: With approx. 1,000 new student intake for the 2019 academic year, KZVTC Myawaddy alone will have served more than 3,000 beneficiaries of a great age range from 5 to 60 years old (although the majority are young adults, aged 15 - 35), coming from different walks of life - students, teachers, migrant labourers, refugees, monks, nuns and youth from the surrounding communities.
How It Works

Knowledge Zone strives to succeed in the following objectives:

➢ Support the fundamental rights to education for the underprivileged Myanmar migrants
➢ Provide continuous quality education / life-long learning for young adults
➢ Promote students’ professional development, especially in the areas of computer and language skills
➢ Create a better environment for and empower the Myanmar community, regardless of an individual’s ethnicity, religion, race, gender, or political and social background
➢ Support higher education for students who want to have access to university level education abroad.

All these with the main aim to support an escape for the majority from experiencing drudgery and toil in working as domestic servants, labourers in sweat factories, construction, plantations, etc.
Budget

The total amount of the programme’s overall running costs is **USD 42,000** for the 2019 academic year (January – December).

Transfers from Child’s Dream to KZVTC are made in four quarterly instalments during the financial year.

**Monitoring & Reporting**

Payment is proceeded quarterly at reception of narrative and photo reports as well as monthly financial & activity reports. Feedback is also obtained directly during regular visits by our Yangon based team.

We report to donor(s) on a semester basis.