CHILD'S DREAM
ANNUAL YEARBOOK
While temperatures were dropping in December and Christmas music was playing in shopping centres, we realised that another year was coming to an end. Hence, it is time again to look back and reflect on yet another very successful and rewarding year for Child’s Dream.

At the end of every year we feel proud and satisfied with what we have achieved as a team and we want to revisit some of our major achievements during 2018.

Our Basic Education team constructed an amazing 46 schools, six boarding houses, 21 playgrounds and five water systems. In addition, we expanded our programmes to improve the quality and relevance of education such as our teacher training on both school management and teaching methodology. Our high school scholarship programme selected 331 new students, bringing the total number of currently enrolled scholarship students to 768 in the region.

Our Higher Education team was equally busy. We successfully launched a new undergraduate scholarship programme in Myanmar. Our university scholarship programmes currently support 201 motivated young adults poised to be the future leaders of their communities. We also engaged in four new partnerships. In Myanmar we are now supporting teacher training for ethnic education providers through ‘Rural Indigenous Sustainable Education’ (RISE) and we added an additional academy under our Myanmar Community Academies Programme (MCAP), based in Taunggyi. In Cambodia we are now working with Feeding Dreams to provide hospitality training to marginalised youth. In Laos we launched a new initiative together with ‘Education Zone for Youth’ to build life skills and leadership capacity for our scholarship students.
Our Health team continued to strengthen and expand our school health programmes, now serving about 4,500 students in Myanmar. Our Children’s Medical Fund not only accepted well over 150 new patients to provide life-saving operations, but also upgraded our patients’ safe house in Chiang Mai.

On an organisational level, the highlight was the 15 year anniversary retreat which we celebrated in November. The whole team went for four days to relax and enjoy the South of Thailand. What an energy packed long weekend with the most amazing team on the planet! But then, all of this would not have been possible without our amazing administration team that oils the whole Child’s Dream engine and ensures that it runs like a Swiss clock. And of course, a tremendous thank you goes out to our loyal donors, supporters and friends who provide the so needed fuel to run the Child’s Dream engine.

Thank you very much to all of you for standing by us over the past 15 years. We truly hope to be able to count on your very valuable support also in the many years to come.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!!!
26-28 JAN
Land & Meow - Thai scholarship camp for high school students

22-28 JAN
Koy travels to Savannakhet and Champasak, Laos

17 JAN
Yem meets with PEKY, Cambodia

15-17 JAN
Moe Kyaw & Law Eh travel to Namlan, Myanmar (clearing budget & checking buildings)

9-12 JAN
Tamalar Lin works on donor report for KRCEE (Karen Refugee Committee Education Entity)

11-12 JAN
Sophy searches for companies to invite to a career fair at Cambodia high school

13 JAN
Thailand Children’s Day
On 9-10 January, Child’s Dream actively participated in the National Volunteer Conference at Thammasat University, Bangkok. Daniel was a keynote speaker to highlight the opportunities and threats of volunteering in the educational sector, while our Basic Education team, together with our Thai volunteer teachers, facilitated a workshop about how to manage volunteers in the field. This conference was not only useful for us to expand our network in Thailand, but also important to foster dialogue among civil society organisations (CSOs) during a period in which the civil sector is being more restricted.
In our annual Scholarship Camping programme, we aim to raise awareness among students of social issues; therefore, this year’s theme was “Youth and Social Responsibility”. On 13-15 January 2018, CDCO arranged a camping event, with the topics of deforestation and plastic pollution, for 60 outstanding high school scholarship students. The students learned, through fun and sharing activities, about the causes and effects of pollution. At the end, students presented what they had learned to their peers. We hope the students understand and pass on their knowledge to help save our environment.
26 FEB - 1 MAR
Sreylin PKO agriculture training

27 FEB - 6 MAR
Interviews candidates for new administration team position

2.8 FEB
Manuela meets Department of Social Development and Welfare, Chiang Mai

2.8 FEB - 5 MAR
Min Chan Tein - Tara Life Skill training and monitoring

5 - 12 FEB
Tuu & Su Mon Swe monitoring Myanmar university students, Bangkok

5 - 10 FEB
Marc & Christin work on audit

20 - 23 FEB
Nikone in Laos - meetings with Ministry of Public Health, Lao Youth Union, alumni & university students

17 - 20 FEB
Teacher capacity workshop in Luang Prabang, Laos

12 - 15 FEB
Land & Meow interviews SSP VST
EVERY CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME
IN LUANG PRABANG LAOS
However, we soon realised that the capacity of teachers is an important factor for sustainable school development. Therefore, we conducted a teacher capacity building workshop, taking place over four days from 17-20 February, with Vieng Kham Secondary School as the host school.

On 17-18 Feb, the participants were 51 Vieng Kham Secondary School teachers. The objectives were building relationships among teachers and encouraging shared leadership in school development.
On 19-20 Feb, the activities were for 42 participants, consisting of principals and teachers from 14 schools as well as a number of government educational staff. The objectives were building connections among different school leaders, enhancing leadership skills and promoting effective school development plans.

There were many activities for formulating school development plans such as active learning and group discussions about development opportunities and challenges as well as ideal qualities in a school. We learned about good leadership through model management videos. The participants realised that school development can’t be done by individuals, but needs assistance from everyone. Furthermore, we shared with the schools the criteria of school maintenance that could give them further opportunities for CD support in return for their effort.

According to the participants’ motivation and interest in attending our workshop, the event went well. Moreover, after the workshop we could see participants delivering to their schools what they had learned. Next February, we have plans to do another workshop in Phon Sai District which will be hosted by Phon Thong Secondary School.
This second CDCO Careers Fair aimed to create an opportunity for upcoming graduates to learn about the requirements, qualifications and responsibilities of their desired future careers. We had 19 companies and NGOs join our Careers Fair this year, with 698 students attending in the event. The students visited each booth in groups. This helped students take turns visiting all booths efficiently. For the last 30 minutes, everyone was free to go back to their favourite booth and ask for more details.
In February 2018, we embarked on our first fundraising trip to London. Not that we did not have donors in the UK for many years already, but we always need a critical mass of existing donors and potential supporters to justify the cost involved. As most of you know, cost savings are very important to us since donations must be deployed on our beneficiaries and only as little as possible on the running of the organisation. Thanks to free airlines mileage and free accommodation provided by donors, we are happy to report that the trip was a great success.
28-29 MAR
Gene finalized first 2018 newsletter

6-7 MAR
Sinoeuy - identification trip for solar charging stations

18-22 MAR
Tai and Koy - teacher workshop at Baan Muang Secondary School, Xaiyabuli Province

19-24 MAR
Thomas - partnership training

17-19 MAR
Moe Kyaw visit BESSM students’ homes

14-21 MAR
Daniel, Ta, Min Chan Tein - health team trip, opening NLIC, SNBH
After four years of school health implementation in six primary schools in Tomnup Khnor cluster in Trapeang Prasat District, Oddar Meanchey Province, we saw very good results in the school environment, students’ personal hygiene, nutrition habits and community engagement for school development.
However, there are still many problems in our target area regarding plastic waste, personal hygiene, sanitation and water resources, as well as lack of government funds and support to tackle these issues in schools. In the 2017/18 academic year, we decided to expand our school health programme to the same district with two more clusters called Pa Ov and Cheynivath with 1,935 beneficiaries in eight primary schools. To work effectively with schools, we have developed a log frame and designed activities that are useful for school health improvement and school development overall, with three years of financial support, providing different training related to the school environment, personal hygiene, school development plans and community engagement. We meet with parents and the community to encourage them to contribute some money each month to the school savings account to use for sustainability in operating the school health programme and activities once we stop funding.
The first students' camp was held for high school scholarship students and MSDA boarding house students at MSDA Hall in Demoso Township, Kayah State, Myanmar. Pi Tai and Nary came to support the event. The first two days were full of games and activities which aimed to promote team building, communications and goal setting. Also, students learned from Nary about student life in Cambodia. The final day of the camp was spent by visiting the State Museum and then a waterfall. Students learned a lot and very much enjoyed themselves as this was their first camping experience.
To operate within the law in the four countries we work, various legal entities or agreements are in place, giving our work and employees protection and framework. We constantly strive to keep our boards relevant and appointed with highly capable people, with a deep insight and knowledge about our industry. We are therefore happy to have added Assoc. Prof. Avorn Opatpanakit, PhD, and Ms. Padcha Mahatumarat to the board of our Thai entity as well as Ms. Sokha Khoun to our Cambodian entity. A very warm welcome on board and many thanks for your valuable support.
24-26 Apr
Sreylin meets with community in Prey Chas and Bak Prea villages, Cambodia

2-7 Apr
USP team interviews and monitors USPIMB students in Mandalay, Yangon, Mawlamyine, Hpa-an and Mae Sot

25-26 Apr
U & Tamalar Lin travel to Mae Sai-Thachilek to complete program agreement for Ethnic Youth Thachilek

22-28 Apr
Tai travels to Loikaw for MSDA, Myanmar

1-12 Apr
Koy & Gee interview students for scholarships in Luang Prabang and Xaignabouli

23-25 Apr
Khin Cho - MOOO Outcome Mapping Workshop
On 2 April, we interviewed two candidates at Green Restaurant in Mandalay. Both of them are PDO alumni and they prepared well. We met with five nursing students from Mandalay Nursing University and one student from Kyauksae University. Nursing students will begin to study in May, but the Kyauksae student will start in June. Nursing students actively participated in Trash Hero events and helped at Yellow Wave Generation Orphanage. Their two week holiday will be spent helping their communities. The student from Kyauksae University will teach neighbouring children English and Mathematics in her village. The USP team had a trip to interview and monitor USPIMB students in Mandalay, Yangon, Mawlamyine, Hpa-an and Mae Sot from 2-7 April.
On 3 April, we interviewed three candidates at the Child’s Dream Myanmar Office in Yangon. The candidates were excited about the interview, but answered our questions professionally.

On 4 April, we met three USPMB students at Yamanya Hotel in Mawlamyine. They will study English Speaking in May. We interviewed three candidates after a short meeting with Child’s Dream alumni from Gateway Learning Center at Hotel Gabbana in Hpa-an.

We interviewed the candidates in Mae Sot from 5-7 April. Most of the candidates are from MHEP and some of them are currently working for their communities in Myanmar.

In summary, the trip was a success. The students have various interests in their communities since they are from different places. Most of them are in the process of getting acceptance letters, having used the Myanmar university enrollment guidelines. We explained the semester report and communications system to them. It was good to know they will be gaining extra skills to help their communities.
SIX (Zurich Stock Exchange) once again kindly donated 38 second hand notebooks to Child’s Dream. Thank you for all your fantastic support of our schools and students. The Swiss Cooperation Office in Cambodia donated second hand IT equipment to our team in Siem Reap. The equipment will be given to selected university scholarship recipients of Child’s Dream in Cambodia. We are happy to support them in this way and wish them lots of success in their studies. Thank you very much, dear team at the Swiss Cooperation Office.
Thomas and Khin Cho participated in an Outcome Mapping (OM) session hosted by Mote Oo in Yangon. Organised by a monitoring and evaluation specialist from Germany, the purpose was to apply OM to Mote Oo’s activities. OM is a progress measurement system designed by International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to focus, not on measuring deliverables nor effects on primary beneficiaries, but on behavioural changes by secondary beneficiaries. The desired changes are documented, then broken down into ‘progress markers’. The workshop was very engaging, but challenging, as it delved into long-term impacts.
2-4 May
CDMA team building & staff retreat trip at Dawei, Myanmar

25-29 May
Marc & Daniel fundraise in Taipei, Taiwan

9-10 May
Ei Zi Mon HE project trip in MLM and HPA

9-10 May
Narong and Nary - BESPP Trip to interview high school students

7-11 May
Sak & Gade travel to set up water filters in Xaignabuli, Laos

12-13 & 15-16 May
Daniel Ng gives leadership training for CD team at Parami Institute in Yangon on 12-13 May, and Veranda Youth Community Café in Hpa An, Kayin State on 15-16 May

13-20 May
Gee, Koy, Fai hold interviews for high school scholarships at Savannakhet and Champasak, Laos

21-25 May
Land & Play sign contracts with scholarship students for 2018-2019 intake
DANIEL NG’S TRAINING for HIGHER EDUCATION
Daniel Ng, who is Singaporean and the Managing Consultant of Telic (Asia), based in Singapore, offered to provide leadership development training to staff of Child’s Dreams’ partnered programmes.
Enhancing the skills of staff for effective and efficient assistance to community development is important. With the kind offer by Daniel, our Higher Education Myanmar team organised leadership development training for HE partnered programme staff to enhance their professional development so as to work effectively in team building and with different stakeholders and organisations. The two-day training was conducted in two locations: Parami Institute in Yangon on 12-13 May, and Veranda Youth Community Café in Hpa An, Kayin State on 15-16 May. Daniel provided the participants with ‘Effective Leadership and Team Effectiveness’ training which focuses on Personality Types (the different personality colours of Red, Blue, Green, Yellow); Personal Development; Dimensions of Behaviour; Self-Awareness; Dealing with Diverse People; Intention vs. Impact; Trust Building; Team Effectiveness; Communication and Feedback; and Conflict Management and Resolution. With his amazing training skills, the participants learned, via interactive sessions, knowledge and skills to improve the development of programmes and communities. All participants found the workshop very valuable and enjoyed themselves as the trainer was very cheerful and well organised.
Our caretaker, Mai, holds up a pair of plastic teeth with a big toothbrush. We take 8 of these to Oddar Meanchey, Cambodia, where our colleague, Sreylin, trains primary school teachers and pupils in teeth brushing as the vast majority of rural Cambodian children are not yet in the habit of brushing their teeth. At their training, the children also receive tooth brushes and tooth paste. This training is the third in a row of school health training clusters since 2013/14 in which 3,800 Cambodian children have been trained to brush their teeth.
To mark our 15th anniversary, Child’s Dream has made a donation of a cerebral oximeter machine to the Maharaj Nakorn Chiang Mai (Suan Dok) Hospital. This new machine measures brain oxygen levels using non-invasive diagnostic technology. Child’s Dream and Suan Dok Hospital have been partners for the last 12 years through the Children’s Medical Fund Programme, providing life-saving operations and medical interventions for infants and children, aged 0-12 years. Many of our patients will directly benefit from this new machine.
JUNE

13 June
- Myanmar office participates in procurement policy training

28 June - 1 July
- Koy attends training in Bangkok

4 - 7 June
- Marc. School openings in Shan and Kayah states, Myanmar

4 - 10 June
- Tai - TOT1 for MSDA Myanmar

4 - 23 June
- Koy & Gee - teacher capacity building training

11 - 17 June
- Narong travels to network with NGO partners for USPCB applications

10 - 15 June
- Saphat attends meeting & follows up on MLS activities in Mae Sot
SCHOOL OPENING IN MYANMAR
Opening schools is not only one of the biggest privileges one can have as the founder of a charitable organisation, but also proof that, with every facility we open, we get a bit closer to our vision and dream of education for all children in the four countries in which we work. This June, Marc had an opportunity to travel, together with donors, to Shan and Kayah States in Eastern Myanmar to open yet another three schools. The first school, Pan Lon Kha Post Primary School, sponsored by the Traumfaenger and the Retsua Foundation, was opened with our dear friend, Roli Braendli. A very colourful opening ceremony was held by the Pa-O ethnic minority with well over 200 parents, children and community members attending. We were also honoured by the presence of the former leader of the Pa-O tribe, Aung Kham Hti, who was instrumental in securing
a ceasefire agreement with the previous military government all the way back in 1991. After the opening, we drove from Shan State to Kayah State’s capital, Loikaw, to stay overnight before opening two more facilities the following day. We started the morning with the opening of the campus construction for STLC, or KnNc - Karenni National College, one of our higher education facilities, providing a one year community development course for youth from the refugee camps in Thailand. This campus was successfully set up in order to facilitate the move of refugee camp based education back to Myanmar. The afternoon finally brought us to Daw T’ Klae Post Primary School, where 120 little primary school children from a very remote and neglected community are now enjoying a beautiful and safe learning environment.
On June 26-30 2018, Chan Dein went to Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education (DARE) treatment centre to monitor their drug prevention activities and meet with DARE’s staff and addiction clients. During that period, there were 25 clients aged 19 to 60 who were suffering from drug abuse and needed help to recover. They came from different parts of Myanmar such as Yangon, Bago Region and Karen State. The activities took place in two villages in Karen State. The villagers were gathered at a school ground to participate in the training about the causes of substance abuse, its risks and impacts. The event had good collaboration from local authorities of Karen Nation Union.
The “Safe Migration” training was delivered by Koy and Tai to grade 7-9 students in Prey Chas Secondary School, northwestern Cambodia. The main goal was to discuss the meaning of migration and its risks. This area is in very high risk as many families tend to migrate to Thailand illegally as migrant workers. Many students drop out of school because of financial issues and become migrant workers. The training was delivered through “active learning” with games, role play, video clips, group discussion and presentations. We also included a “decision-making skills” exercise to help students.
23 JUL-8 AUG
Nita reads Cambodian USP applications

4-5 JUL
July: Khin Cho & Moe Kyaw meet the Ministry of Education of the Kayin State

25-27 JUL
Sinoeuy signs contracts for Wat Chaeng and Ou Dangkor, 4th phase meeting for Prey Changha Primary School

4-23 JUL
Koy - TOT Laos Teacher Training

9-10 JUL
Min Chan Tein visits MYST for monitoring

16-26 JUL
Ei Zi Mon studies Exploring Social Innovation program

19-22 JUL
Land & Ploy - Scholarship Camp in Mae Hong Son
BUILDING
PROGRAMME
This programme aims to strengthen the capacity of teachers within schools that Child’s Dream has been supporting by providing training related to Holistic Learning Process Design to produce curriculum for Dialogue Education and Learner-centered.

Kob district in Xaignabouli, northern Laos, has high motivation to develop their schools with continuous support from Kob District Education and Sports (DES). Nevertheless, we saw that teachers lack of skills to design an interesting lesson or learning method. Students normally learn by memorizing, and teachers use a traditional teaching called one-sided: the expert talks; the learner listens. Therefore, students lack critical thinking and confidence to discuss or give an opinion. Seeing these problems, we organised a workshop to help improve teacher knowledge, attitudes and skills.
We worked with Mrs. Hathairat Suda, who is specialised in Child Center Approach, to be the facilitator. Our main target group is the schools in Kob district, and Vieng Kham, Luang Prabang. As a result, 6 teachers from Muang Kob Secondary School, 5 teachers from Vieng Kham Secondary School participated to be trained as Master trainer (MT). Moreover, staff from Kob and Vieng Kham DES, Xaignabouli and Luang Prabang Provincial Education and Sports (PES) who work for teacher development were also invited.

The programme was designed as a series, started from July 2018 to February 2019. Teachers have to clearly understand and can design their lessons with 7 steps of designing Dialogue Education and Learner-centered. Later on, the facilitator and CD staff will follow up in the classrooms. After teacher use this learning process for 3 months, we will organise an area to exchange lesson learned. To conclude, school opening house will be conducted for student’s work and ability demonstration.
On July 5 2018, Khin Cho Thein (CDMA Country Director) and Moe Kyaw (CDMA Basic Education Assistance Field Coordinator) met with the Director of Kayin State Ministry of Education at his office. Our staff explained about Child’s Dream and Basic Education activities in Myanmar. U Soe Myint welcomed us to collaborate with them to do support activities in Kayin State. Thus, we will conduct our first survey trip in Kayin State in September 2018, with the recommendation of the State Education Office and the assistance of each Township Education Office.
This year, as part of our High School Scholarship Programme, we arranged the scholarship camp in Mae Sariang District, Mae Hong Son Province on 13-15 July 2018. Fifty-seven scholarship awardees attended from Mae Sariang Boriphat sukha School and Mae Sariang Vocational Centre. The objective was to provide an opportunity, through activities and games, for students to review themselves and see the importance of having goals in life. From the activities, we saw that most could apply their knowledge to daily life, have self-reflective minds that enable them to develop and see their potential, so as to help them plan for their futures.
CDAA Conference
WORKSHOP
YANGON
On the 4 August 2018, Child’s Dream Alumni Association (CDAA) celebrated the fifth Alumni Conference, taking place at Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake by Kandawgi Park, Yangon. Seventy-five alumni participated, along with various prominent guest speakers, notably the Union Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, founders and executive directors of several of Child’s Dream’s partner community organisations and a number of successful entrepreneurs.

Under the theme of ‘Networking & Sharing Knowledge, Resources and Skills’, the alumni were exposed to extensive knowledge/information sharing among their peers, who have now done respectable work in different sectors, as well the honorary participants who are prominent in their fields. Topics emphasising youth participation in community development, social enterprise business models and employment opportunities and challenges were addressed. Alumni were also able to build and strengthen networks, with leaflets distributed and business cards exchanged.
With the commitment to contribute to disadvantaged communities, every alumnus participated in brainstorming sessions for CDAA to be active throughout the following years under a newly-formulated goal: “To build a diverse, professional and sustainable association to contribute to the development of our communities and to strengthen the capacity of our alumni”. Each thematic group committed to arranging meetings after the conference and to establishing plans to carry through the activity and related events.
It was an auspicious occasion that offered a constructive platform for the personal and professional development of participants, so we can look forward to updates from alumni of their strategic plans towards inspirational community engagement to achieve the mission of CDAA.
Child’s Dream audiences come in all shapes and sizes: a group of six new university scholarship students; government officials and parents at a school opening ceremony; an entire secondary school of children and teachers. Therefore, we recently hosted a professional trainer who taught effective presentation skills to 15 Child’s Dream team members. After an introductory session, everyone had to do a presentation and was given feedback. Using their freshly gained skills, they then had to do the same presentations again, but better.
A total of 368 Cambodian high school students applied for Child’s Dream university scholarships to pursue bachelor degrees in Phnom Penh. Of these, 55 candidates were able to convince Narong and Nita to interview. The purposes of our interview are to verify candidates’ information and to meet in person for better understanding. We noticed that candidates from urban areas have more structured ideas and more confidence than those from rural areas. In the final shortlist, 20 successful students will be selected, but some have chosen majors which require them to take entrance exams.
SEPTEMBER

7 SEPT
Sept: Gene & Land visit FAL project in Khun Tae school in Chom Thong, Chiang Mai

5 - 14 SEPT
Gade, Fa, Gee - scholarship camp

6 - 12 SEPT
Tuu - USPMIB monitoring students and signing grant letter, 2018 intake

10 - 13 SEPT
Sophy holds first aid training for 3 school health clusters/CPPC exam questions

17 - 18 SEPT
Basic Education workshop (Yem, Sreylin, Sineouy, Fa, Gade, Land, Sophy, Law Eh, Mow Kyaw, Nary, Ploy, Tae)

18 - 22 SEPT
All staff - Child’s Dream annual workshop

Moe Kyaw - new survey with Kawkareit Township education officer
Our three-day annual staff workshop took place in September at a peaceful and lushly green Mae Rim resort. Our international team of 45 gathered with Bose, a talented Thai documentary photographer, who kindly volunteered to photograph our memorable activities. With everybody sprawled on the carpeted floor, Marc and Daniel started the event with our tradition of reviewing highlights and statistics of Child’s Dream’s achievements over the past year, our structure’s opportunities and risks, and fundraising and financial insights. From this inclusive, motivating atmosphere, we were open to learning more from each other in the following support sessions on time management, project monitoring and evaluation, children’s rights training and more. We also invited guest speakers from our partner organisations in Mae Sot and Yangon, namely Greg, Programme Director of Teacher Focus Myanmar (TFM), and Angelika, Civic and Peace Education Manager of Mote Oo Education, to share their admirable work.
They brought fascinating activities to engage us in contextual issues that teachers and students face in reforming education and curricula within Myanmar, as well as our regional focus. Mutual understanding further strengthened trust in our cooperation. We also enjoyed games, swimming and lounging by the pool, especially the night when our very own staff dressed up and took to the stage with their impressive singing and dancing in ‘Child’s Dream’s Got Talent’! The audience could hardly contain their excitement and enjoyment. The workshop was a balance of knowledge and fun, and it was amazing how the occasion down barriers and brought us closer together as a family. We cannot wait for the next one!
The BE team has participated in two workshops aimed at improving the M&E processes of the construction and scholarship projects. With a strong focus on long term sustainability and impact measurement, the workshops explored topics such as M&E log frame, impact indicators and alumni tracking. After months of hard work, the team has managed to develop stronger frameworks that will ultimately provide more relevant and robust impact data.
In September 2018, we committed yet another USD three million to advancing the education sector in Laos through a three-year project operation till 31 July 2021 – Broadening Access of Sustainable Education. This is the fourth such cycle which was agreed upon with the Ministry of Education. The focus continues on developing infrastructure, strengthened by programmes to enhance schooling quality across 41 districts, four provinces. Further opportunities include offering scholarships to highly capable and motivated youth to enable a complete cycle of education.
29-31 OCT
Second BE Workshop
- Gade, Land, Sophy, Moe Kyaw, Nary, Tai, U, Law Eh

1 OCT
Beer goes to immigration office to submit visa documents and pick up work permits for CD staff

1-5 OCT
Law Eh & Moe Kyaw
- Taunggyi Trip

22 OCT
Yom meets with department of education Trapeang Prasat

5-7 OCT
Land, Ploy, Tai: VSP Teacher Workshop

16-22 OCT
Saw Char - Higher Education programme
visits with Tamalar Lin & Ei Zin Mon

15-23 OCT
Nikone interviews new candidates in Laos & Su Mon Zaw gives computer training to USP students in Laos
USPLB annually distributes application forms to students in April-May, screens and shortlists applications at the end of August and has the selected candidates sign scholarship grant letters in October. We follow a standardised set of criteria in ensuring eligibility, such as the students have to be Laotian nationals, under 30 years of age, of low socioeconomic status, possess a high school diploma with an overall GPA 25% above average, demonstrate commitment to community development, and so forth. Additionally, students must ensure their own university admission, which may require them to sit entrance examinations. The scholarship covers 100% of tuition fees for all academic years and includes living costs, uniforms and learning supplies as well as health insurance.
This year was the first year that applications were open to schools nationwide. We received 223 applications from 14 provinces across Laos, from which we shortlisted 50 candidates for interview. With many of them showing promise, 26 students were ultimately granted scholarships, exceeding our target number by six. The awardees are now attending various reputable universities and undertaking different majors from social subjects such as Education, Environment and Health to more scientific ones such as Engineering, Architecture and Computer Science. The majority were admitted into the top National University of Laos (NUOL). This year we were pleased to see our young candidates having richer community experience and skills than in previous years, with numerous students, including our alumni from Child’s Dream Basic Education Scholarship Programme, having volunteered at international and community-based organisations.
Basic Education High School Scholarship Program-Myanmar (BESSM) conducted a three-day Training of Teachers (TOT) session under the topic “Facilitating Skills” to strengthen the capacity of our partner organisations. The training took place at Phoe Bya Hall, Demoso Township, Kayah State from 17 to 19 October 2018. Two trainers and a total of 16 trainees from five different partner organisations participated. Under the main topic, four subtopics of deep listening, getting main ideas, effective questioning and activity based design skills were practised.
There were six host schools in the north and four in the south of Laos where we signed contracts with students who had been awarded our scholarships. We met our first student intake in Luang Prabang Vocational College. Then we went from Muang Kob Secondary School down to Xaignabouli Town and finished our first trip at Paklay High School. The process went well, despite a land slide problem during our travels. We concluded the event with another 12-hour drive south to host schools in Savannakhet and Champasak Provinces.
1-6 Nov
Child's Dream 15-year Anniversary Field Trip

7-11 Nov
Volunteer Spirit Programme (VSP) Orientation Workshop

19-25 Nov
Management Team Meeting in Taunggyi, Myanmar

15-18 Nov
High School Scholarship Camp in Mae Sariang, Thailand

10-11 Nov
First Annual Alumni Association Programme (AAP) Conference Laos
CHILD’S DREAM
15th ANNIVERSARY
Let’s celebrate 15 years of passion and impact!
On 22 October 2018, Child’s Dream turned 15 years young. We cannot believe it, as it seems like yesterday when Daniel made his ‘indecent’ proposal to convince Marc to help him set up a charitable organisation. Now we are looking back at an incredible 15 years of passion and impact. Surely, this is reason enough to celebrate. The whole Child’s Dream team from all 3.5 offices (0.5 referring to our staff based in Mae Sot with a partner organisation) flew to the South of Thailand for four days of sun, fun and laughter. We spent one night on the Cheow Lan Lake in the Khao Sok National Park, where we swam, kayaked and rode boats through the breath-taking scenery of turquoise waters and limestone mountains. This area is also called the Guilin of Thailand, but it is, in fact, much nicer than Guilin.
We continued to the Kho Khao Island in the Andaman Sea a few kilometres north of Khao Lak. We relaxed at the beach or the pool and shared so many amazing and inspiring stories from our daily work lives. The fun continued the next day when all the team members participated in the Child’s Dream Beach Olympics with disciplines like water balloon beach volleyball, beach Frisbee and spin & run race. In the evening we organised a lovely beach party with a mouth-watering seafood BBQ and a fire show. These four days brought our team even more closely together. Our work would simply not be possible without exceptional teamwork and constant willingness to help and learn from each other. We all look forward to another 15 years of passion and impact! Let’s do it!
The second Laotian Alumni Conference was held in Don Chan Plaza Hotel on November 10-11, 2018. There were 76 participants, including alumni and final year students, guest speakers, partner organisations, government ministers, and CD staff. The event served as a platform for networking amongst peers and organisations. There were also discussions on why volunteering or internships are important and other issues relating to Laotian Youth participation opportunities in alumni projects for community development in the fields of education, social entrepreneurship and the environment.
Our Management Team (MT) had a 2018 quarterly meeting at one of our partnered Higher Education organisations - MCAP (Myanmar Communities Academies Programme) in Taunggyi, Myanmar. The MT also visited TKMI (Theik Khar Myanmar Institute) and at both places had the opportunity to meet the students and teachers whom we support. The MT continued to Pin Long for more projects - a school and a boarding house - and met one of our University Scholarship alumni interning at UNICEF. The trip was a fantastic combination of project exposure, team building and cultural exchange.
DECEMBER

1 DEC
Manuela’s Farewell

7-20 DEC
MCAP (Hpa An, Loikaw, and Myitkyina) Graduation

12 DEC
Drug Alcohol Recovery and Education (DARE network) Graduation Ceremony

18 DEC
Childhood Memories Chefs Charity Dinner and Auction to raise funds for Child’s Dream

17-22 DEC
USPLB home visit and MOE Meeting in Vientiane and Xiangkhouang Province, Laos

19-21 DEC
Adolescent Health Training for Our Partner Health Organisations
Farewell
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On December 12, 2018 Drug Alcohol Recovery and Education (DARE network) hosted its client graduation. The client graduation ceremony or families’ reunion activity was the most formal graduation ceremony since DARE moving back to Hlaing Bwe Township, Karen State, Myanmar, in 2016. The client family members, communities near DARE treatment center, local authorities in Karen State from different Karen army groups, as well as some client alumni, also attended the graduation ceremony.
On 19 – 21 December 2018, Community Partners International (CPI) provided training related to health education, family planning and STDs to our partner health organisations: La Hu Women Organisation (LWO), Border Health Initiative (BHI) and Tara Foundation. After this knowledge advancement opportunity, LWO is now providing family planning and STDs education to La Hu communities in Shan State, BHI is providing school health programmes for internally displaced communities along the Thai-Myanmar border and Tara Foundation to various ethnic schools in Mon State.
WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM?

DONATION VOLUME
(M USD) VS. ADMIN. COSTS (%)

WHO SUPPORTS OUR WORK

DONOR TYPES

ORIGIN OF DONATIONS

- 45% Foundations
- 37% Individuals
- 9% Trusts
- 7% Companies
- 2% Companies
- 7% Others
- 35% Switzerland
- 12% Hong Kong SAR
- 11% Singapore
- 10% Liechtenstein
- 8% Japan
- 6% Thailand
- 6% Germany
- 5% USA
- 7% Others
ORIGIN/NATIONALITY OF BENEFICIARIES

- 49% Myanmar
- 20% Cambodia
- 15% Laos
- 11% Myanmar migrants & refugees
- 4% Thailand
- 1% Regional

FOCUS GROUPS

- 43% Basic Education
- 41% Higher Education
- 15% Health
- 1% Social Enterprise

USE OF FUNDS
OUR TEAM

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2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

USD 7.2 MILLION were spent on our direct project work

INDIVIDUALS REACHED BY OUR INTERVENTIONS

393,808

- We built -
47 SCHOOL BUILDINGS
7 BOARDING HOUSES
8 PLAYGROUNDS and
7 WATER SYSTEMS

6% ADMINISTRATION RATIO

USD 8.1 MILLION funds raised in 2018

215 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN THE REGION

448 PATIENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 12 WERE SUPPORTED IN THE CHILDREN’S MEDICAL FUND

628 HIGH SCHOOL and VOCATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE REGION
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