



**MYANMAR  
CRISIS**

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## Now we're in business!

**Daw Thein Kywel (second from left in the photo) is proof of the impact you can make in Myanmar by empowering families - especially supporting women to take the lead.**

Daw is Chairperson of the Roma Lonemay Women's savings group.

Before support from Australia through ALWS partner, Daw's family was like many others in Rakhine State - living in poverty, struggling due to a lack of basic education, and having limited economic knowledge.

Families tried to earn a living on little local farms, raising a few livestock and by weaving bamboo handicrafts, but Daw says:

*"Due to political tension and the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, women's savings businesses are rarely able to operate regularly."*

That's where your ALWS support using the new 5:1 Australian Government Grant is critical.

Already there is exciting progress.

Our ALWS partner started working with 8 communities in this region in 2020, and despite all the challenges has increased this to 36 partner communities now.

These partner communities have 45 Self-Reliance Women's Savings Groups, like the one Daw leads. Nearly 600 women are benefiting from practical and technical training on how

to increase family income through small businesses.

In Daw's group, the women used their training to work hard and save hard until together their group had a base of nearly \$10,000 AUD.

Now, they are in business!

*"We are planning to open a traditional clothes-weaving business.*

*We have a cashew nut products business which is group-owned. There is also a liquid soap shop running in the township.*

*"I believe we will become a strong and reliable regional women's group very soon, because we can use the knowledge and techniques gained from the empowerment training.*

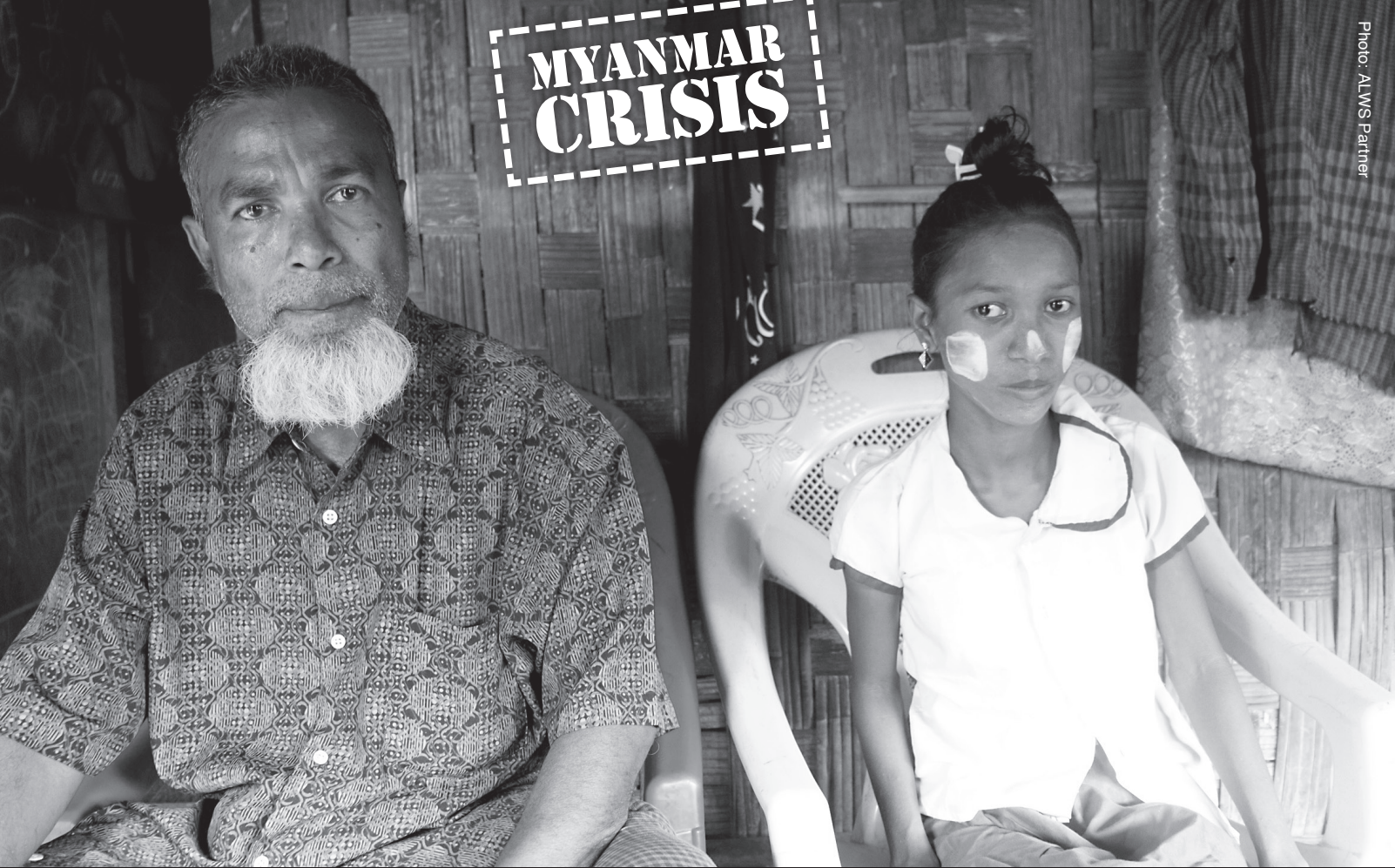
*"Moreover, strong participation and interest in us from several other women's groups across the township is a key point to upgrade the group quality as well."*

This is grassroots, hands-on work at a local community level. Over the 15 years our partner has worked in Myanmar, trust has been won - both from the people, and from the authorities.

**While the work now needs to be low-key and happen 'quietly', your 5:1 donation can effectively empower women to lead the way in building businesses to support their families! Daw Thein Kywel is proof, as you can see in her smile!**

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Photo: ALWS Partner



## “This trouble of ours ...”

**Their home is a one room hut in a Displaced Persons Camp. Their family just Dad and daughter Mya Mya. Their future “downcast”.**

**This is why your 5:1 donation to support children to go to school is so precious.**

“Now I am living together with my child who has a disability in the one room of shelter, having experience in hunger, feeling downcast and wanting to give up on everything.

We do not have any property. We just live with the support of the aid agencies.

Sometimes we have nothing to eat. Sometimes only rice and water. We do not have money to get the materials we need.



Photo: ALWS Partner

I am so sorry for my child because I cannot support what she needs for clothes, schooling, recreation and any events.

I am most worried about my child’s education because she has a physical disability. The left eye cannot see clearly. She cannot see everything like normal, sometimes even in the daytime. She cannot even care for her hygiene by herself.

I usually help her to travel from home to school. Sometimes the teachers or PTA help.

I would like to get support such as some money to see the doctor for my child’s health, and to buy materials that my daughter needs. A good shelter for my daughter and me. Clothes for her. Livelihoods support for me.

It would be my greatest happiness if we got this kind of help.

My daughter will be happy if I can support her health and basic needs. If the donor who can help us stands here right now, it must be the most satisfying thing for me.

**I really want a person who can help me with this trouble of ours.”**

# YOUR ALWS ACTION IN MYANMAR

## MYANMAR CRISIS

### Sittwe

Our ALWS Partner Head Office for Rakhine State is located here. Cyclone Mocha on Sunday 14 May devastated communities, especially Displaced Persons Camps. Your ALWS aid effort includes temporary shelters, two months Family Food Rations and Hygiene Kits. This is not supported by 5:1 Government Grant - so your help is precious!

### Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

More than one million Rohingya people from Myanmar forced to flee to safety here in Bangladesh. Through ALWS, you provide blankets and clothes, restore the environment through tree-planting, support refugees to start businesses and earn Cash-for-Work.

### Rakhine State

Your ALWS Partner manages 8 of the 23 camps for Internally Displaced Persons in Rakhine State. While there has been a build-up of military personnel, and there are multiple checkpoints, the situation remains relatively calm. Working together, our aim is to support 25,000 boys and girls in the camps to go to school.

### Kayin State

Through ALWS, you support an integrated plan that includes – starting small businesses, climate-smart agriculture, disaster-readiness, hygiene-promotion, empowerment, and livestock-raising. This work is supported by a 5:1 Government Grant.

## MYANMAR

Sittwe

Nay Pyi Taw

Yangon

Bay of Bengal

Gulf of Martaban

Andaman Sea

Gulf of Thailand



Australian  
Lutheran  
World Service

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# MYANMAR CYCLONE CRISIS



◀ On Sunday 14 May, Cyclone Mocha devastated Rakhine State in Myanmar, where you work through ALWS.

Many of the Rohingya people you help in Displaced Persons Camps lost everything.

The cyclone unleashed a 10 metre wave into coastal communities. This man shows the water height when it reached him. ▶

Thanks to people like you, ALWS provided \$100,000 for emergency aid through our local Myanmar partner.

A priority was replacing household essentials that were washed away.



◀ Here you see a well ruined by the inundation of salt water from the wave generated by the cyclone.

As water aid specialists restore clean water systems, through ALWS you provide Hygiene Kits to help keep families safe from disease.



Through ALWS, you join in the rebuilding effort ▶ by supplying tarpaulins and solar lamps.

You also support Cash-for-Work programs, providing income for displaced families as they are paid to rebuild damaged infrastructure - around \$6 per day for unskilled labour.



# How you empower families

## Livestock

- Pigs
- Goats
- Chickens
- Cows

## Crops

- Paddy
- Rambutan
- Cashew
- Durian
- Sesame
- Chilli

## Agriculture Training

1. Soil preparation
2. Plant nutrients
3. Organic fertiliser-making
4. Pests and disease control
5. Seed quality
6. Nursery seed
7. Seedling trays and nets
8. Kitchen gardens

## Health & Well-being

- Nutritious cooking
- Reproductive health
- Infant and early childcare
- Seasonal diseases
- COVID-19
- Personal hygiene
- Sanitation
- Early childhood development
- 6 months exclusive breast-feeding
- Rural Health centres

## Climate-Smart Farming

- Conservation agriculture
- Natural fertiliser
- Climate-adaptation practices
- Contour plantation
- Natural pesticides
- Crop rotation
- Trees as windbreaks, and to stop erosion
- Legumes to replenish soil and reduce topsoil loss

## Small Business

- Café for local food
- Grocery store
- Rambutan plantation
- Hairdressing
- Motorcycle repair
- Liquid soap-making
- Weaving traditional clothes
- Organic vinegar
- Rice husk charcoal fertiliser

## Hygiene Promotion

- Protection from water-borne diseases
- Latrines: supply concrete rings and roofing materials
- People provide labour, wood, nails
- Awareness of safe drinking water
- Stop effluent flow
- Put covers on wells
- Fence off wells



Through ALWS, you support families to become independent by starting their own businesses, including grocery shops like this one.

Photo: ALWS / Magdalena Vogt

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## Empowerment

- Women leaders
- Signatures from both spouses on micro-project proposals
- Gender-based violence awareness-raising
- Management skills
- Small business set-up
- Savings and credit loans

## Safety

- Raise awareness landmines and UXO
- Preparedness to flee: evacuation
- Food security - Rice Banks
- Boats & Life-vests
- Ropes
- Bamboo raft
- First aid

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## STUDENT KIT

- 12 x Exercise Books
- 12 x HB Pencils
- 6 x blue pens
- 2 x eraser
- 2 x ruler
- Zippered pencil case
- Box of crayons
- Backpack
- Pencil sharpener
- Raincoat
- Sketch drawing book
- One litre water bottle
- Mini solar lamp
- English meaning book
- Bicycle Bag
- **INVESTMENT: \$32**



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## How you educate children

## TEACHER KIT

- 2 x A4 Notebooks
- 3 x 400pp Ledger Books
- 2 x Attendance Books
- 5 x red pens
- 5 x black pens
- 5 x blue pens
- 6 boxes of coloured chalk - each 80 pieces
- 12 boxes of white chalk - each 80 pieces
- 10 x Flip charts
- 4 reams white paper
- 6 x HB pencils
- 6 x erasers
- 6 x rulers
- 6 x staplers
- 6 boxes staples
- Pencil sharpener
- 3 posters Myanmar map
- 3 posters World Map
- 3 posters English Alphabet
- 3 posters Myanmar Alphabet
- 3 posters Weather seasons
- 3 posters Rakhine State map
- 3 posters Animals
- 2 x Wall Clocks
- 3 posters Vegetables
- 3 posters Health maps
- Dishwashing liquid
- 2 x blue permanent markers
- 2 x spades
- 5 x dusters for whiteboard
- 5 x towels
- 2 x brooms
- 2 x dust bins
- Teacher Chair
- Teacher Desk
- White Board
- Plastic Storage Box
- **INVESTMENT: \$176**
- **TEACHER: \$131 per month**



## TEMPORARY LEARNING SPACE

Through ALWS, you can support the construction of Temporary Learning Spaces (like the one you see left) inside Displaced Persons Camps in Rakhine State.

- **RECONSTRUCT: \$13,500**
- **REPAIR: \$4,500**

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