

Myanmar and The Nippon Foundation

— Mutual Trust from Long Term Relationship —

The Nippon Foundation (TNF) and Myanmar's relationship dates back to 1976, when TNF implemented leprosy elimination activity in Myanmar. Since then, TNF has been working closely with Myanmar through a wide range of projects for more than 40 years

Message from Myanmar Frontier

Mutual Trust will bring the "Fruitage of Peace"

TNF brings the "Fruitage of Peace" such as foods and houses to the conflict affected people in cooperation with the Government of Myanmar (GoM) and Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs). TNF, GoM and EAOs sometimes have a conflict of opinions, however, the argument strengthens our mutual trust which enables to bring the "Fruitage of Peace".



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Support the local communities to take action with their own ideas through school construction

The Key of our school construction projects is to ask the local communities "How do you support your children?" before starting the projects in order to encourage their initiatives. Their ideas, commitment and action are essential for the sustainable education system which is the foundation for stable development.



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- 1976 ● Support in Health Field started by leprosy elimination activity
- 1988 ● 8888 Uprising
- 1990 ● NLD won the election, however, the military junta refused to cede power.
- 1994 ● TNF started support in Human Resources Development Field.
- 2002 ● TNF started support in Education Field.
- 2008 ● Cyclone Nargis occurred.
- 2010 ● Renamed as "Republic of the Union of Myanmar".
- 2011 ● President U Thein Sein formed the civilian government.
- 2011 ● TNF started support for people with disabilities.
- 2012 ● TNF started support for conflict affected people.
- 2013 ● TNF set up The Nippon Foundation Myanmar Liaison Office.
TNF started support in Agriculture Field.
Mr. Yohei Sasakawa was appointed as the Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar.
- 2015 ● NCA signed between 8 ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) and the Government of Myanmar.
- 2016 ● NLD won the general election and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi became the State Counsellor.
- 2018 ● Followed by 8 EAOs in 2015, 2 EAOs signed NCA.

※NLD: National League for Democracy
NCA: Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement

Join Us in Supporting Myanmar!

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The Nippon Foundation Myanmar Support Program

Despite rapid economic growth and democratization, Myanmar still have various social issues deriving from historical events and the social landscape, and there are people who need support.

Solving the problems in Myanmar is not easy. However, The Nippon Foundation has been working for the betterment of Myanmar for many years in cooperating with the Government of Myanmar, the Government of Japan, local and international for-and-non profit organizations, and of course the people of Myanmar

The Nippon Foundation supports "with" and "for" the people of Myanmar by utilizing our network and years of experience in Myanmar.

We always ask "What we can do for Myanmar"



Why?

Why does The Nippon Foundation Support Myanmar?

Myanmar is one of the poorest countries in Asia and there are said to be about 135 ethnic groups in the country. Due to numerous issues such as lack of basic infrastructure, economic and educational disparity, internal conflict, etc., we are working on various activities to improve the living standard in Myanmar.

3 Reasons why we can provide support in Myanmar

1 Experience gained from long-term support

We have been working on over 70 projects since 1976 after the implementation of the leprosy elimination activity. Based on the knowledge and experience we gained through a wide range of projects, we are able to provide support, which reflects the local needs to the fullest extent.

2 A broad and diverse network

In addition to both the Japanese and Myanmar government, we work with a wide variety of stakeholders such as international organizations, educational institutions, private sectors, NGO, and even the ethnic armed organizations which are normally difficult to collaborate with. This enables us to have a diversified approach in which numerous actors cooperate.

3 Liaison office in Yangon

The Nippon Foundation set up its liaison office in Yangon in 2013. The liaison office enables us to work with local people more closely, grasp their local needs more precisely, and provide support more quickly.

How?

How does The Nippon Foundation Support Myanmar?

6 main fields which The Nippon Foundation supports:

● Peace Building

We conduct three pillars of activities: ①Build trust between the government and ethnic armed organizations, ② Provide support to conflict-affected people, ③Promote understanding of civilian control.

● School Education

We implement school construction projects led by strong ownership of the local residents for community development, focusing on border areas where education infrastructure trails behind.

● Human Resource Development

We support professional training to conflict-affected people to gain an opportunity of employment and earn a stable income.

● Agriculture

We strive to increase the farmers' income and enhance the community development through support farmers to obtain skills and to ship their crops to the enterprise.

● Health Care

We aim to improve the health care service through traditional treatment and donation of social welfare vehicles.

● Support for People with Disabilities

We provide support to people with disabilities to promote their independence through expanding their job opportunities and empowerment.

Number of Employed Youth



360

Expand employment opportunities with multiple Japanese actors

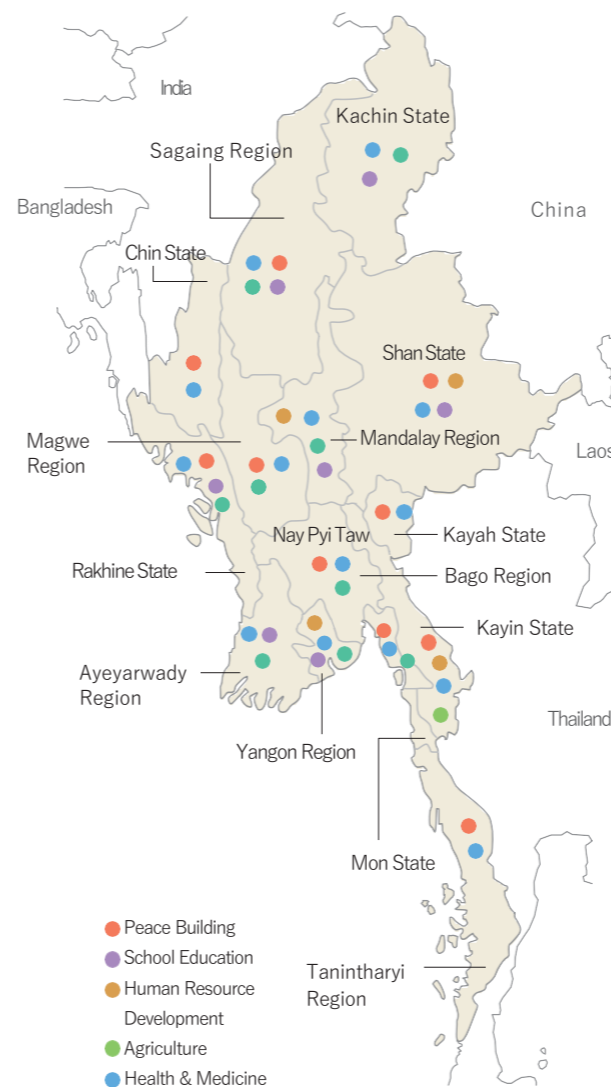
Human Resource Development

At the technical training school in Kayin State, we provide technical training in 4 fields (construction, electrics, welding, automobile mechanics) with the cooperation of Japanese NGOs and companies for youths such as those who did not have an education opportunity due to conflicts.



Map of activities supported by The Nippon Foundation

(As of Mar, 2018)



- Peace Building
- School Education
- Human Resource Development
- Agriculture
- Health & Medicine
- Support for persons with Disabilities

Development of Rural Areas by Utilizing Local Medicinal Plants

Agriculture

We aim to promote the medicinal plants industry, increase farmers' income and preserve plants, through training staff and cultivation as well as shipping of medicinal plants.



Number of people who received support



Support for Conflict-Affected People

Peace Building

We provide support to the conflict-affected people based on the request from both the Government of Myanmar and the ethnic armed organizations. Funded by the Japanese government, we provide foods and other humanitarian assistance, and prepare the living environment such as houses and schools.



Traditional "Medicine Box" Contributes to Better Health

Health Care

A refillable traditional "medicine box" has been distributed to villages all over Myanmar. Villagers are able to cure mild illness without going to a hospital far away.



Number of Schools Built



460

Increase of Education Opportunity and Enhancement of Social Stability in Border Areas

School Education

We aim to promote the sustainable development in ethnic minority areas through school construction along with micro-finance and agricultural activities. Building costs saved by materials and labor provided by the local residents are returned to the community as a community development fund after school completion.

