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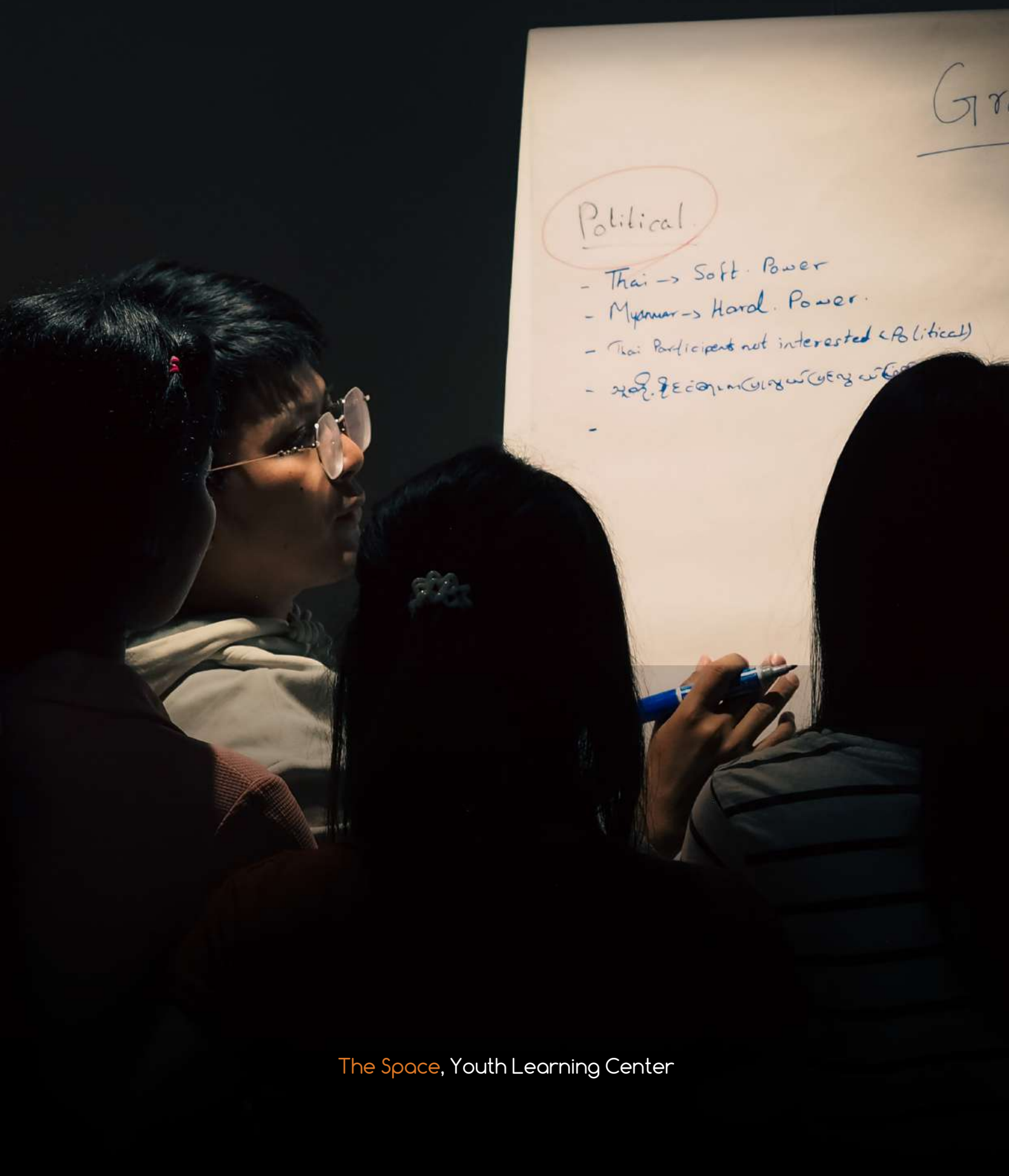

The Space, Youth Learning Center

The Space

2025 Annual Report

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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Journey

Greetings to all,

At a time when Myanmar continues to face profound political, social, and humanitarian challenges, the role of young people in shaping pathways toward justice, dignity, and collective resilience has become more important than ever.

Established on 1 December 2022 together with committed young volunteers who shared this vision, The Space continues to serve as a youth-led platform that promotes collective action, accountable leadership, and community-centered responses during a time of uncertainty and crisis.

We believe that spaces for open dialogue, critical discussion, learning, and collective problem-solving are essential foundations for sustainable social change.
Beyond creating physical safe spaces, our work focuses on strengthening the ability of young people and communities to organize, advocate, and respond to the challenges affecting their lives and futures.

Today, The Space continues working to foster safe and empowering environments where young people can strengthen their leadership and actively contribute to political and social transformation.

The Space was founded with the belief that young people must have safe and Inclusive environments where they can think freely, participate meaningfully, and contribute actively to social and political transformation.

At the same time, we continue building connections with youth networks and international communities to expand opportunities and platforms that uphold rights, dignity, inclusion, and participation.

Myanmar's ongoing conflict and political instability continue to deeply affect civilian communities across the country. Escalating violence, displacement, insecurity, and limited access to essential services remain urgent realities faced by many communities.

In response, The Space has continued adapting its work to address immediate humanitarian and protection needs alongside its long-term vision for a just and peaceful society.

Throughout this period, our organization has contributed through humanitarian assistance, emergency response support, access to education for children affected by conflict, and civilian protection initiatives aimed at reducing harm experienced by vulnerable communities.

These efforts reflect our belief that meaningful social transformation requires both immediate solidarity and long-term collective action.

Over the past three years, The Space has continued to grow through continuous learning, dialogue, reflection, and collective problem-solving.

While challenges remainsignificant, we continue moving forward together with the communities, young people, and partners who share our vision for a safer, more just, and inclusive future.

It is with gratitude and solidarity that we present this Annual Report, which reflects the collective efforts, achievements, and resilience of our organization and the communities we serve throughout the year.

With respect,

Nant May Thin Zar

Executive Director, The Space

ABOUT US

WHO WE ARE

" The Space is a youth-led organization founded on 1 December 2022 by Myanmar young people committed to building safety, justice, and dignity for communities affected by conflict and displacement. "

We create safe and inclusive environments where young people including women and marginalized communities can organize, advocate, and participate meaningfully in the political and social processes that shape their lives.

Our work spans learning and leadership development, rights-based advocacy, civilian protection, and humanitarian response. Each grounded in the same commitment to justice, safety, and collective action. Our work is rooted in the voices, priorities, and experiences of the communities we serve.

OUR VISION

A youth-led safe and just society

OUR MISSION

Prevent violence and ensure social justice by promoting the collective action and accountable leadership roles of young people, including women, in political and social changes.

Values & Principles

Justice

We are committed to promoting freedom, dignity, justice, and human rights for all.

The Space works to reduce violence and strengthen access to social justice, particularly for communities affected by conflict, exclusion, and inequality.

Feminism

We embrace feminist values that promote gender justice, inclusion, equity, diversity, and shared leadership.

The Space is committed to challenging harmful gender norms and creating safe and meaningful spaces where women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and marginalized communities can participate and lead.

OUR ORGANIZATION

The Team Behind Our Mission

At the heart of The Space is a diverse and committed team of young people, staff members, community leaders, and volunteers working collectively toward a safer, more just, and inclusive society.

Our organizational culture is grounded in collaboration, shared responsibility, and accountable leadership across all levels of the organization.

"Women and youth continue to hold key leadership and decision-making roles across the organization."

The Space continues to foster a feminist and inclusive workplace that values diversity, equity, participation, and mutual respect.

HUMAN RESOURCE OVERVIEW

Department	Male	Female	Total
Management	-	2	2
Development & Partnership	1	2	3
Program	5	2	7
Finance	-	2	2
Operation	2	3	5
Training Team	-	1	1
Field Staff	7	8	15
Volunteer at Office	1	2	3
Consultant	-	1	1
Total	**16**	**21**	**37**

37

Total Human resources

Youth representation

Women in leadership

Youth in leadership

Our team reflects a wide range of ethnic backgrounds, gender identities, age groups, experiences, and perspectives, strengthening our ability to work meaningfully with communities affected by conflict and inequality.

Alongside our staff, volunteers also play an essential role in advancing our mission through community engagement, humanitarian response, youth mobilization, and collective resilience-building efforts.

AREAS OF OUR WORK

The Space works through integrated, youth-led, and community-centered approaches that respond to the evolving social, political, and humanitarian challenges faced by communities affected by conflict, displacement, and inequality.

Guided by feminist values and collective leadership, we foster safe spaces, social justice, and community resilience.

Our four core programs empower young people, women, children and communities.

2025 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A Year of Action

In 2025, The Space continued advancing youth-led social change through four core program areas: learning and leadership, rights and advocacy, civilian protection, and emergency response.

We reached communities across Myanmar and the diaspora with initiatives that fostered leadership, resilience, and collective action.

At the same time, we responded to same of the most acute humanitarian crises of the year, providing critical relief to communities affected by the devastating March 2025 Sagaing earthquake during the peak emergency phases of June and July.

Even while managing this response, we maintained our long-term investment in feminist education, youth political engagement, and community protection.

While quantitative metrics demonstrate the scale of our reach, the qualitative narratives define the true depth of our impact.

Impact in Numbers

54 %
Female participants
(weighted average, all programs.)

MMK 75.9M
Cash assistance disbursed - Civilian Protection & Emergency Response programs

+47 %
Avg. awareness increase - measured Youth Learning & Leadership activities

4
Conflict-affected states and regions covered

Est. 95.5 MT
Total Food distributed
Emergency Response Program

1,055
Youths working with the organization

Note:
Total food distributed was approximately 95.5 metric tons, calculated using standard conversion factors for rice, beans, cooking oil, and estimated package weights for canned fish, instant noodles, and drinking water.

52

Program

Total activities across all four programs

39,800+

Total people reached

Direct and online

3,104

Direct participants

Youth Learning Center & Rights-Based Program

9,394+

Success

Our Digital Engagement & Reach

4,840

Civilians reached

Civilian Protection Program

22,514

Lives reached

Emergency Response Program

PROGRAM 01 · YOUTH LEARNING CENTER(YLC)

Creating safe spaces for learning, leadership, and dialogue

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Youth Learning Center Program creates safe and inclusive environments where young people can access education, develop leadership skills, build meaningful connections, and actively participate in social and political change processes.

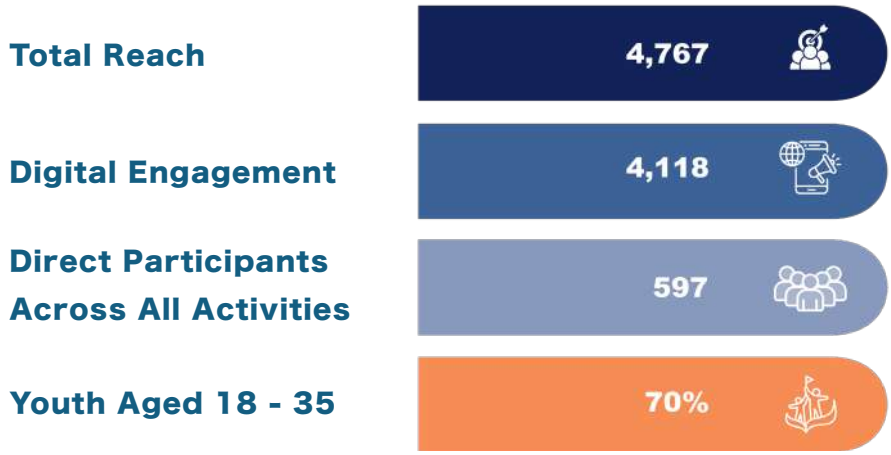
Through youth platforms, learning spaces, youth exchanges, and development activities, the program strengthens youth participation, creativity, dialogue culture, and community engagement.

The program also supports adolescents and young people from conflict-affected and marginalized communities through safe accommodation, educational support, mentoring, and access to learning resources. By fostering safe learning environments and youth-led initiatives, the program contributes to stronger social cohesion, increased confidence, and greater opportunities for young people to shape their futures and communities.

PROGRAM IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Throughout 2025, the Youth Learning Center (YLC) continued creating accessible learning opportunities for young people through workshops, community events, and digital learning initiatives, participants strengthened their confidence, and built meaningful connections with peers from diverse backgrounds.

The YLC program delivered 13 activities across 4 project pillars, reaching participants both in-person and digitally, and creating spaces where dialogue, creativity, and civic engagement could take shape.

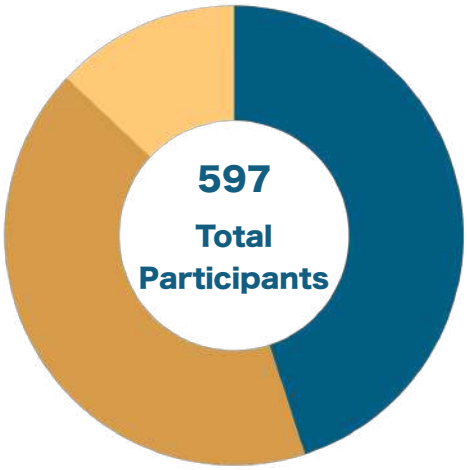


272
Female participation (42% of Direct Total)

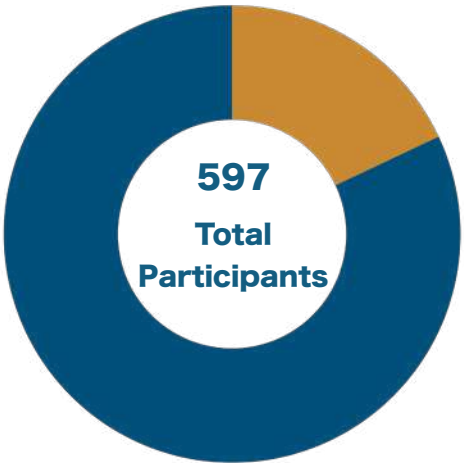
345
Youth in Organization

13
Activities

Gender Breakdown



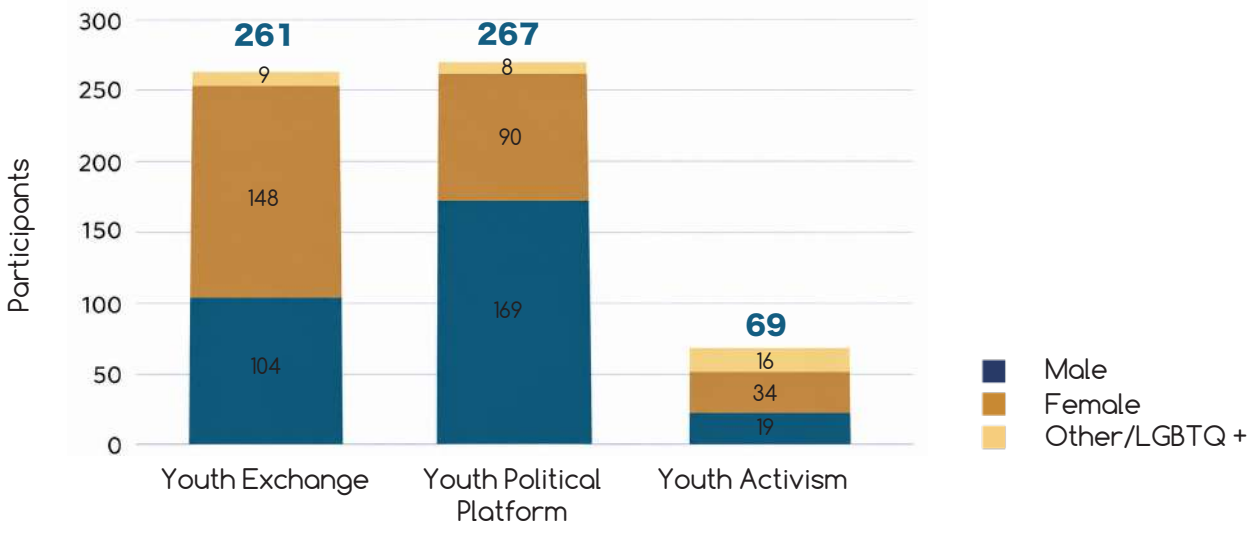
Type of Location



- **Male | 48.9% | 292 Participants**
- **Female | 45.6% | 272 Participants**
- **Other/LGBTQ+ | 5.5% | 33 Participants**

- **Diaspora | 80.1% | 478 Participants**
- **Field | 19.9% | 119 Participants**

Participants by Project & Gender



Youth Learning Center Program 2025

Note: Breakdown figures are based on direct, in-person participants only and do not include digital engagement.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

In 2025, the Youth Learning Center Program delivered 13 distinct activities across four project pillars: Youth Political Platform, Youth Exchange, Youth Activism, and Youth Development, reaching 649 direct participants in person and a further 4,170 people through digital channels.

The program combined structured political education with creative and recreational activities, running workshops on Non-Territorial Autonomy, political framing, and election integrity alongside chess training, photography, and youth exchange festivals, reflecting a deliberate strategy of building political literacy through both formal civic education and informal, relationship-based youth spaces.

The Youth Political Platform was the program's largest in-person pillar, anchored by the AntiSham Election Workshop, which alone reached 110 participants and stood out as one of the single largest learning activities delivered across the entire organization in 2025.

The Youth Exchange pillar demonstrated the value of combining cultural connection with advocacy: the Sawasdee Shwe Retro Festival brought together 175 participants across the diaspora and field, while the Hate Speech Podcast became the program's highest-reach activity overall, drawing 4,118 views and engagements online — evidence that digital storytelling can extend youth-led messaging far beyond what in-person workshops alone can achieve.

Across all direct participants, women made up 56% of attendance, and youth aged 18–35 represented 70% of the program's reach, confirming that the YLC continues to serve as the organization's primary entry point for young people moving toward longer-term civic and political engagement.

KEY FINDINGS

1

The Anti-Sham Election Workshop reached 110 participants, making it one of the largest learning activities delivered under the Youth Political Platform in 2025.
The significant participation reflected strong youth interest in political awareness and informed engagement during a period of continued uncertainty and political transition.

2

The Hate Speech Podcast, a youth-led initiative, produced under the Youth Exchange project reached 4,118 people via YouTube and Facebook the highest-reach single activity of the program.

This demonstrates that digital media is a critical amplifier for youth-led advocacy and anti-discrimination work.

KEY OUTCOMES

Project Pillar	Number of Participants	Key Dynamic
Youth Political Platform	267	Highest overall in-person footprint, heavily driven by the Anti-Sham Election Workshop.
Youth Exchange	261	Strong community engagement, anchored by the Sawasdee Shwe Retro Festival.
Youth Activism	121	Highly targeted advocacy cohorts working directly with external coalitions.

THE SPACE
Office & Youth Learning Centre

PROGRAM 02 · RIGHTS-BASED PROGRAM

Promoting justice, accountability and collective action

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Rights-Based Program works to promote social justice, gender equality, and violence prevention by strengthening awareness, participation, advocacy, and access to protection and support systems.

The program focuses particularly on women, LGBTQ+ individuals, young people, and migrant communities who continue to face barriers to justice, representation, and safety.

Through advocacy campaigns, feminist education, community engagement, digital awareness initiatives, and leadership development activities, the program promotes inclusive participation and challenges harmful social norms related to gender-based violence and discrimination.

The program also supports community-driven approaches that strengthen feminist leadership, amplify marginalized voices, and encourage collective action toward safer and more equitable communities.

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PROGRAM IMPACT AT A GLANCE

2466	Total Reach
13	Activities
63 %	Female Participants
+46.5 %	Avg. Awareness Increase

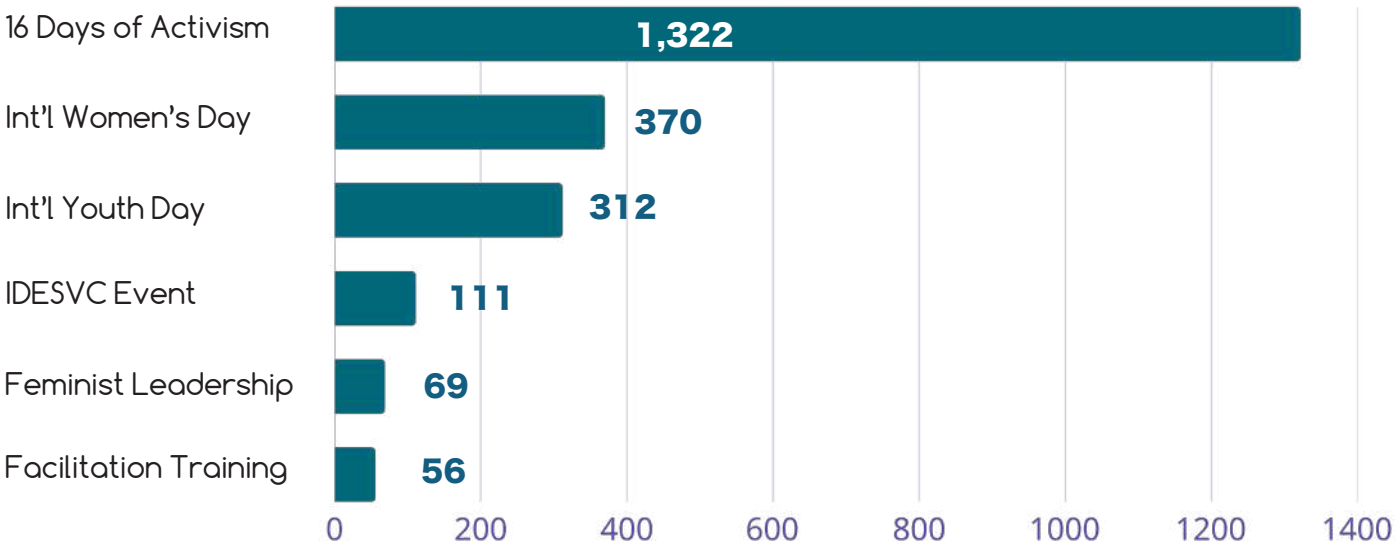
5,224
Digital Engagement

710
Youths in Organization

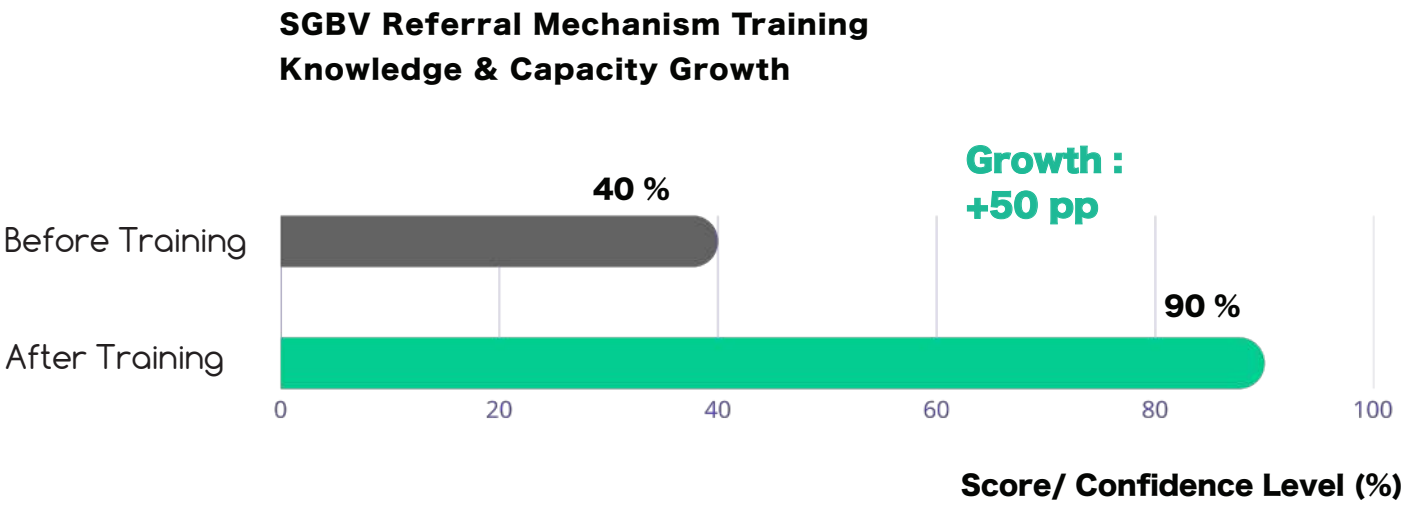
Throughout 2025, the Rights-Based Program turned awareness into action — combining feminist education and protection training with large-scale public mobilization on gender-based violence, women's rights, and youth civic participation.

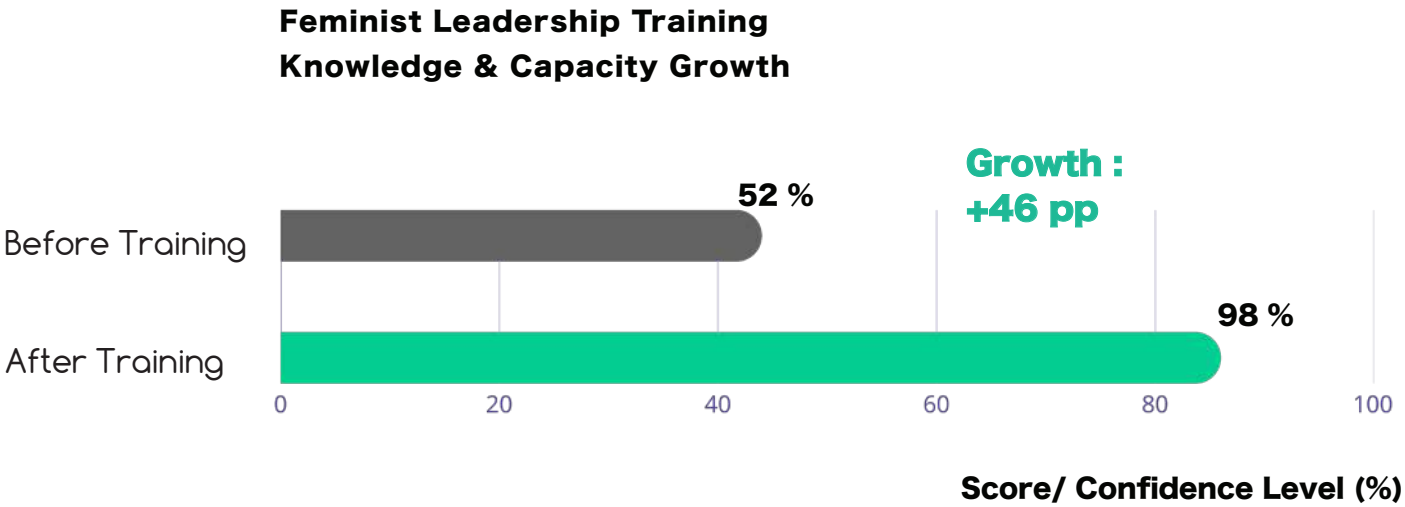
Across 13 activities, the program reached 2,446 people and recorded measurable gains in knowledge and confidence among participants.

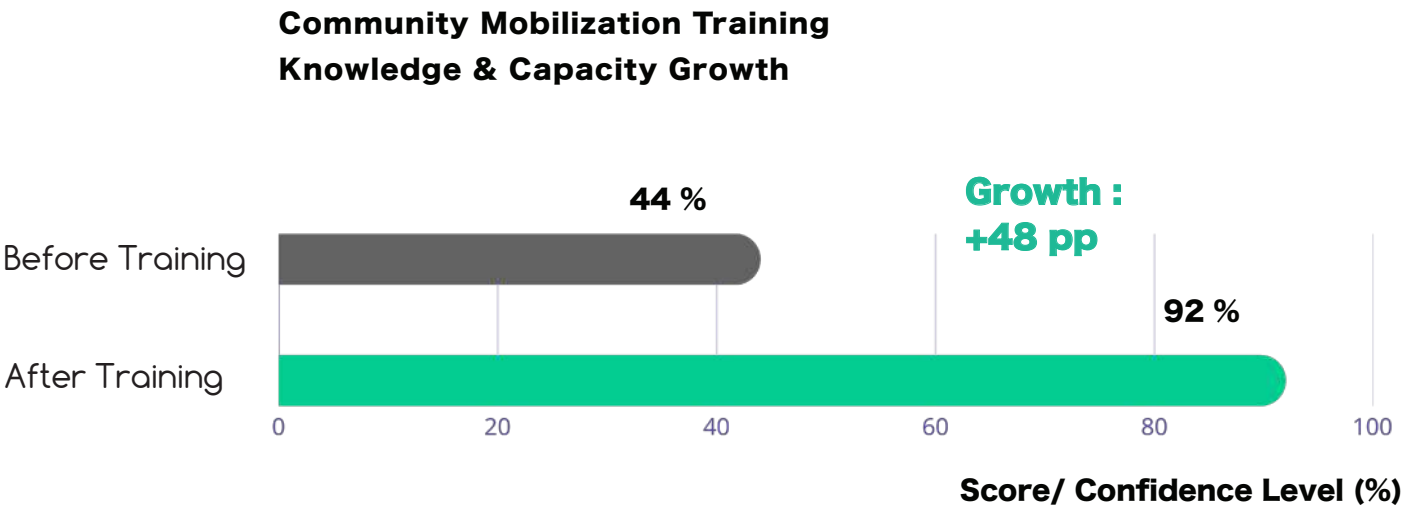
Reach by Activity



AWARENESS CHANGE: BEFORE VS AFTER






Community Mobilization Training
Knowledge & Capacity Growth
44 %
Growth :
+48 pp
92 %
Before Training
After Training
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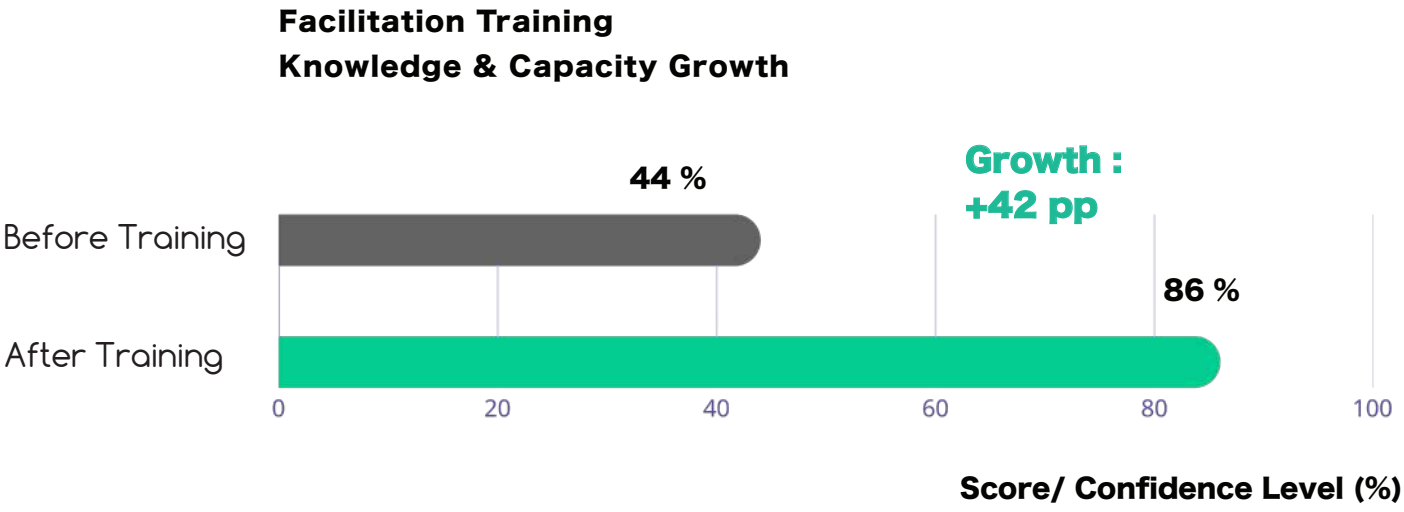
20
40
60
80
100
Score/ Confidence Level (%)


Facilitation Training
Knowledge & Capacity Growth
44 %
Growth :
+42 pp
86 %
Before Training
After Training
0
20
40
60
80
100
Score/ Confidence Level (%)

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Rights-Based Program advances gender equality, justice, and protection for communities who continue to face exclusion and violence — women, LGBTQ+ individuals, young people, and migrant communities.

In 2025, the program delivered 13 activities reaching 2,446 people through feminist education, GBV prevention training, and large-scale public mobilization, building both individual confidence and collective capacity for advocacy.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign was the year's largest mobilization, reaching 1,322 people and demonstrating the program's ability to turn awareness into visible public action.

Feminist Leadership Training produced the strongest individual learning gain of the year, with participant confidence rising from 52% to 98%. With women comprising 63% of all participants and LGBTQ+ representation reaching 3%, the program continues to center the voices most affected by the issues it addresses.

M&E FINDING — AWARENESS CHANGE

Four training activities conducted pre- and post-training awareness assessments.

Every activity showed a substantial knowledge gain, averaging +46.5 percentage points — from a combined pre-training average of 45% to a post-training average of 91.5%.

The Feminist Leadership Training recorded the highest single gain: from 52% to 98% (+46 points).

Across all RB direct participants, 63% were female and 3% LGBTQ+ — the highest LGBTQ+ inclusion rate of any program in the organization. Age distribution showed 67% youth (18–35), 7% adolescents, and 27% over 35.

KEY OUTCOMES

Project Pillar	Number of Participation	Key Dynamic
Feminist Leadership	**69**	Strengthened feminist leadership knowledge and inclusive leadership practices among emerging youth leaders, with over **60% women** and **10% genderdiverse** participation.
Community Mobilization	**60**	Built community organizing and facilitation capacities through training and workshops, enabling participants to mobilize local initiatives and strengthen grassroots engagement.
Gender-Based Violence(GBV) Prevention	**81**	Enhanced community understanding of GBV response mechanisms through referral guideline workshops and SGBV referral mechanism training, improving survivor-centered support and coordination.
Campaigns & Public Advocacy	**2124**	Mobilized communities through rights-based campaigns including **International Women's Day, IDESVC, International Youth Day, and 16 Days of Activism**, amplifying public awareness and civic participation.
Institutional Capacity Strengthening	**42**	Strengthened internal systems and partner capacities through financial procedures and CRSV module development workshops, supporting more effective program implementation.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

Why We Cultivate Feminist Leaders

Leadership is often difficult to define. It can be shaped by mindset, behavior, social influence, initiative, and even culturally inherited systems of power.

Yet, when we think about social and political change, leadership remains a critical force in shaping movements, building collective action, and inspiring communities toward a shared vision for the future.

As The Space envisions "a youth-led safe and just society," promoting youth leadership remains central to our mission and organizational approach.

> ***"We believe meaningful and sustainable change requires leaders who practice values rooted in equity, inclusion, accountability, collective care, and shared power."***

Guided by this belief, The Space continues to invest in creating learning spaces that nurture feminist leadership and encourage young people to actively engage with social and political change processes.

Between July and November 2025, the Space conducted a series of Feminist Leadership Trainings with a total of 69 participants, including over 60% women participants and 10% representation from gender-diverse communities.

The trainings were designed to strengthen participants' understanding and practice of feminist leadership across diverse social and community sectors.

The learning environment was intentionally designed as a safe space for participants to build analytical thinking, connect personal leadership with collective action and advocacy, and deepen their awareness of gender, patriarchy, SOGIESC, and inclusive leadership practices.

The sessions also emphasized the importance of self-care, resilience, and sustainable movement-building within community and social engagement work.

> ***"Through our youth leadership initiatives, we intentionally cultivate feminist values alongside leadership development processes."***

PARTICIPANT VOICE

"It would be invaluable if we had understood feminist leadership concepts since childhood. Rather than just short-term sessions, these insights should be taught continuously from preschool through university to truly overcome the deep-rooted patriarchy within our society."

"I believed I possessed empathy, but exchanging identities during the sessions made me realize how difficult it still is for our environment to accept diversity. I've learned that for anyone striving to be a leader, constant self-reflection is the most essential lesson."

Hein Soe Thein, 34, Mae Sot

Building Campaigns, Building Movements

Campaigns can refer to political movements, social advocacy, advertising efforts, or community expressions of collective voices.

A strategic campaign turns objectives into action, and action can lead to policy influence and social change.

> ***"Through our youth leadership initiatives, we intentionally cultivate feminist values alongside leadership development processes."***

With this concept in mind, The Space organized two Campaign Strategy Workshops for a total of 47 young participants from diverse backgrounds.

Through interactive discussions, campaign simulations, group exercises, and collaborative learning, participants explored how campaigns can challenge social issues, mobilize communities, and influence change.

The workshops created spaces for young participants to sharpen their strategies, reflect on community realities, and transform their ideas into collective action.

Throughout 2025, The Space continued strengthening youth participation and collective action through a series of youth-led campaigns, public engagement activities, and awareness initiatives aimed at raising community concerns, amplifying diverse voices, encouraging dialogue, and promoting rights-based advocacy across both online and offline spaces.

> ***"Young people bring energy, creativity, and the courage to challenge injustice, mobilize communities, and amplify collective voices. In Myanmar's current context, youth movements and advocacy campaigns continue to strengthen solidarity, encourage civic participation, and push for justice, democracy, and human rights."***
>
> ***- Head of Program, The Space***

During the year, The Space led, organized, and participated in several key advocacy and awareness campaigns, including the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (IDESVC), International Women's Day (IWD), 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, International Youth Day (IYD), and anti-hate speech initiatives.

These campaigns created opportunities for communities, young people, women, and gender-diverse participants to engage in discussions around gender justice, youth leadership, inclusion, human rights, and social accountability.

Through community events, dialogues, creative campaigns, and online engagement activities, The Space reached a total of 2,115 in-person participants and generated over 4,118 online engagements throughout 2025. Beyond participation numbers, these initiatives contributed to strengthening youth political platforms, encouraging civic participation, fostering solidarity among communities, and supporting the growth of youth activism and collective advocacy efforts.

PROGRAM 03 · CIVILIAN PROTECTION PROGRAM

Protecting civilians and restoring safety in conflict zones

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Civilian Protection Program focuses on safeguarding vulnerable populations, particularly women and children, through integrated and community-centered protection approaches.

This includes the establishment of Child-Friendly Spaces that provide safe environments for learning, play, and psychosocial support, as well as protection case management services that ensure individuals at risk receive timely and appropriate assistance.

The program also conducts awareness-raising activities on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV), and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) to strengthen community knowledge, prevention mechanisms, and protective practices.

Through these efforts, The Space works to promote dignity, safety, well-being, and community resilience in conflict-affected areas.

PROGRAM IMPACT AT A GLANCE

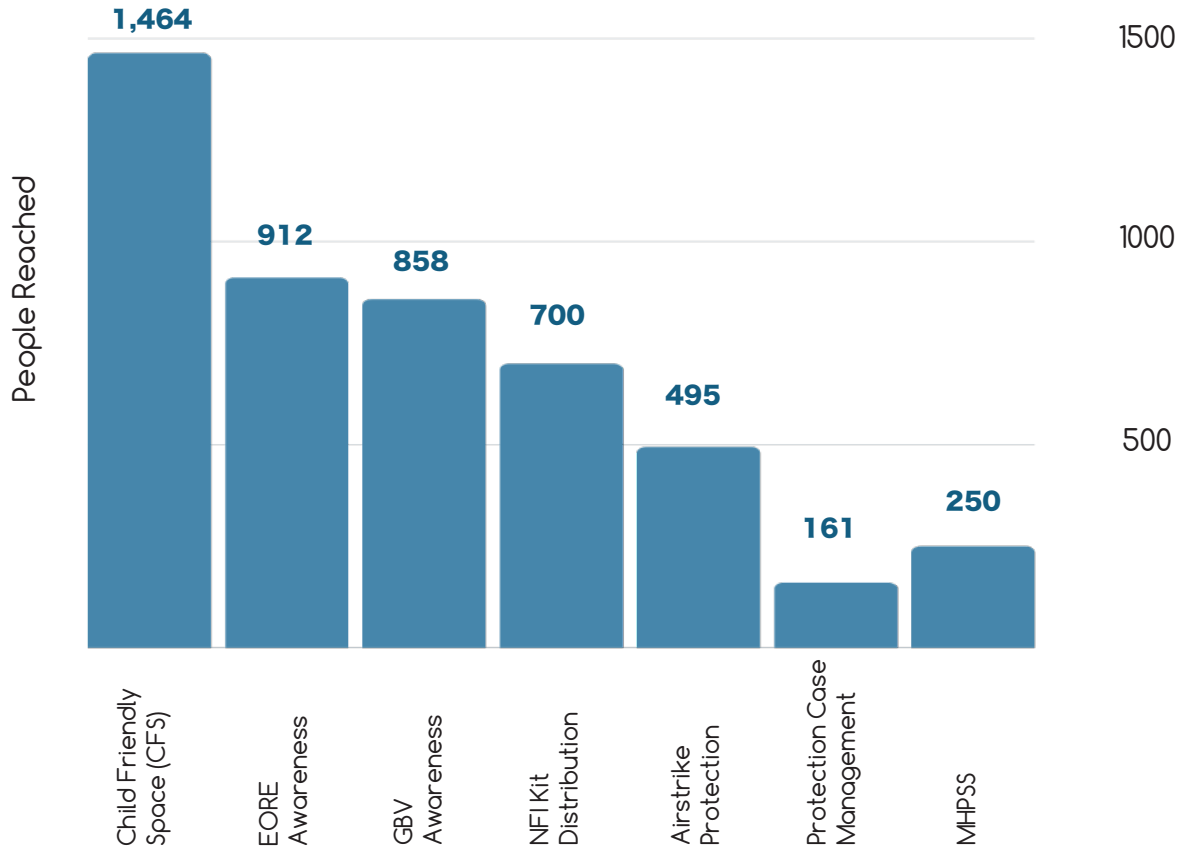
Throughout 2025, the Civilian Protection program delivered sustained, community-centered protection in Sagaing Federal Unit and Mandalay Region — one of the most conflict-affected areas in Myanmar.

Across 10 activities, the program combined awareness sessions, psychosocial support, and direct case management to keep the most vulnerable safe.

4,840	1,464	161	MMK 65.9 M
Total Reach	Children - CFS	Protection Cases Managed	Cash Assistance Disbursed

43	25	122
Villages	GBV Survivors	Vulnerable People

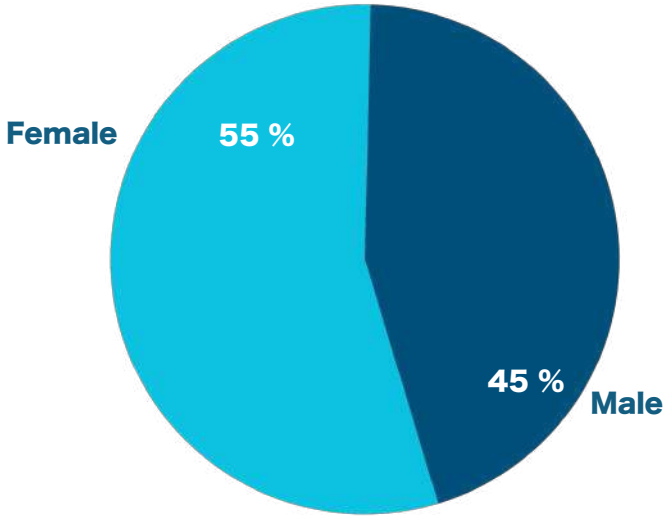
Reach by Activity Type



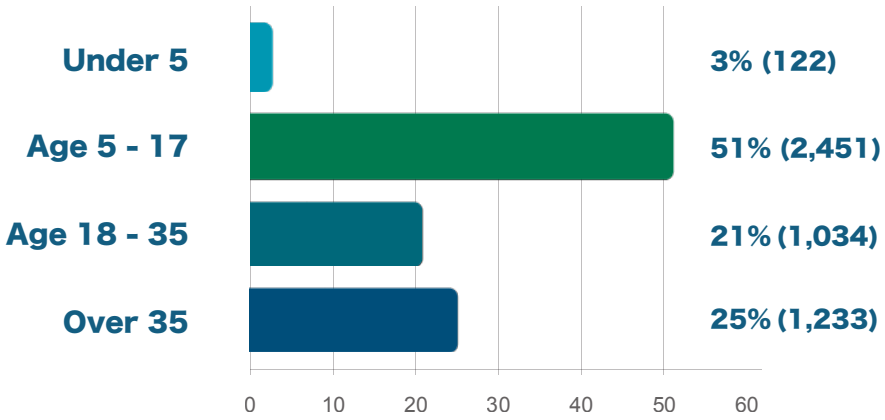
Civilian Protection Program 2025

PARTICIPANT BREAKDOWN

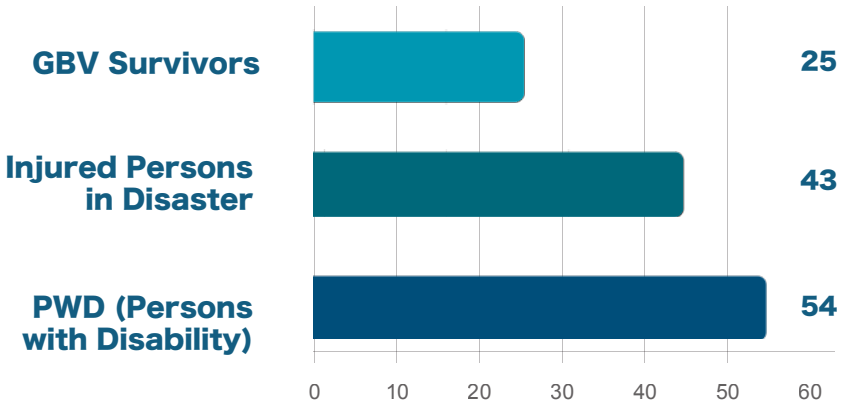
Gender Breakdown



Age Distribution (%)



Vulnerable Groups (Number of People)



PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Civilian Protection Program safeguards children, women, and other vulnerable people living through active conflict in Sagaing Federal Unit and Mandalay Region.

In 2025, the program delivered 10 protection activities reaching 4,840 people, combining awareness sessions on gender-based violence and explosive ordnance risk with direct psychosocial support and case management for those most at risk.

The Child Friendly Space was the program's largest and most distinctive intervention, giving 1,464 children a structured, safe environment for play and psychosocial support amid displacement — alongside complete NFI kits for 700 children. Protection Case Management supported 186 individuals with tailored services and MMK 65.9 million in direct cash assistance, nearly a third of them survivors of gender-based violence.

With children under 18 making up 53% of all participants — the highest child proportion of any program — the data confirms a program built around protecting those least able to protect themselves.

KEY FINDINGS

PROTECTION CONTEXT

All CP activities were delivered in Sagaing Federal Unit- one of the most conflict - affected regions in Myanmar in 2025.

The two-round structure (May and July) of GBV and EORE awareness sessions reflects a deliberate approach to sustained community presence rather than one-off interventions. Returning to the same communities matters.

Airstrike Protection sessions reached 495 people with practical, life-saving guidance on staying safe during active conflict incidents — an activity type unique in the portfolio, and one that reflects the severity of the environment our communities live in.

Protection Case Management — delivered in both May and July — supported 186 individual cases with tailored services and MMK 65.9 million in cash assistance.

Of these: 54 were GBV survivors (29%), 43 were injured persons (23%), and 25 were pregnant or lactating women (13%). Children under 18 constituted 53% of total CP participants — the highest child proportion across any program — confirming the program's deliberate focus on protecting the most vulnerable.

Awareness sessions — GBV, EORE, and Airstrike Protection — together reached 2,265 people, 47% of the program's total reach, while direct service activities (the Child Friendly Space, NFI distribution, and case management) reached the remaining 53% — evidence of a program that pairs prevention with hands-on protection in roughly equal measure.

KEY OUTCOMES

Project Pillar	Number of People Reached	Key Dynamic
Child Protection & Safe Spaces	**1,464**	Restored safe, child-friendly environments and provided essential support to conflict-affected children, helping reduce protection risks andpromote psychosocial well-being.
Protection Awareness	**1,770**	Increased community awareness of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), equipping communities with knowledge to prevent and respond to protection risks.
Emergency Civilian Safety	**495**	Enhanced community understanding of GBV response mechanisms through referral guideline workshops and SGBV referral mechanism training, improving survivor-centered support and coordination.
Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)	**250**	Promoted emotional well-being and resilience by providing psychosocial support for conflict-affected individuals and communities.
Protection Case Management	**161**	Delivered individualized protection support and referral services for vulnerable people requiring specialized assistance and follow-up.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS
Restoring Safe Spaces for Children in Conflict Areas

Children in war zones face devastating physical, emotional, and developmental trauma — enduring death, injury, forced displacement, and separation from their families.

Beyond the immediate dangers of violence and exploitation, these children suffer long-term psychological harm, while being deprived of basic necessities, healthcare, and education.

CONTEXT

“2025 has become the deadliest year for children in Myanmar since the coup”

UN Human Rights

As part of The Space’s commitment to preventing violence and protecting vulnerable communities, civilian protection remains a core part of our humanitarian and community-based response efforts.

Throughout 2025, The Space continued working with conflict-affected communities to strengthen child protection mechanisms, community safety awareness, and localized support systems that help children and families feel safer during crisis and displacement.

Through community-based protection activities across five villages, The Space supported the establishment of Community-Based Protection Committees (CBPCs) involving women, youth, displaced communities, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities.

A total of 166 community members, including equal participation of women and men, engaged in coordination and protection-focused activities aimed at strengthening local response systems and collective care mechanisms.

To improve awareness and prevention of protection risks, The Space conducted Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) awareness sessions, reaching a total of 799 participants, including women, men, and young people from affected communities.

These activities strengthened community understanding of child protection risks, safety practices, and the importance of creating safer environments for children and vulnerable populations.

In addition, protection case management and emergency assistance were provided to 50 high-risk individuals, including 25 children-at-risk who required urgent support and protection services.

To strengthen trauma-informed support approaches, The Space also delivered Child Rights and Psychosocial First Aid (PFA) training for project staff to improve child-centered care and psychosocial support for children experiencing fear, displacement, andemotional distress.

|When war steals childhoods, it replaces fear, suffering, trauma, and silences.

Yet, The Space believes our responsibility is not only to respond to violence, but also to create spaces where children can feel safe, supported, and cared for again. Even in the midst of conflict and displacement, we continue working alongside communities to restore protection, dignity, and hope for children.

PROGRAM 04 · EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Delivering life-saving assistance when communities need it most

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Emergency Response Program provides rapid humanitarian assistance to communities affected by armed conflict, displacement, natural disasters, and other crisis situations.

The program prioritizes the safe evacuation of civilians from high-risk areas, the distribution of essential relief item, and coordination with local actors to ensure timely and effective emergency support.

Through community-based response mechanisms and local partnerships, The Space continues to support vulnerable populations during emergencies while contributing to immediate protection, safety, and humanitarian needs in rapidly changing contexts.

PROGRAM IMPACT AT A GLANCE

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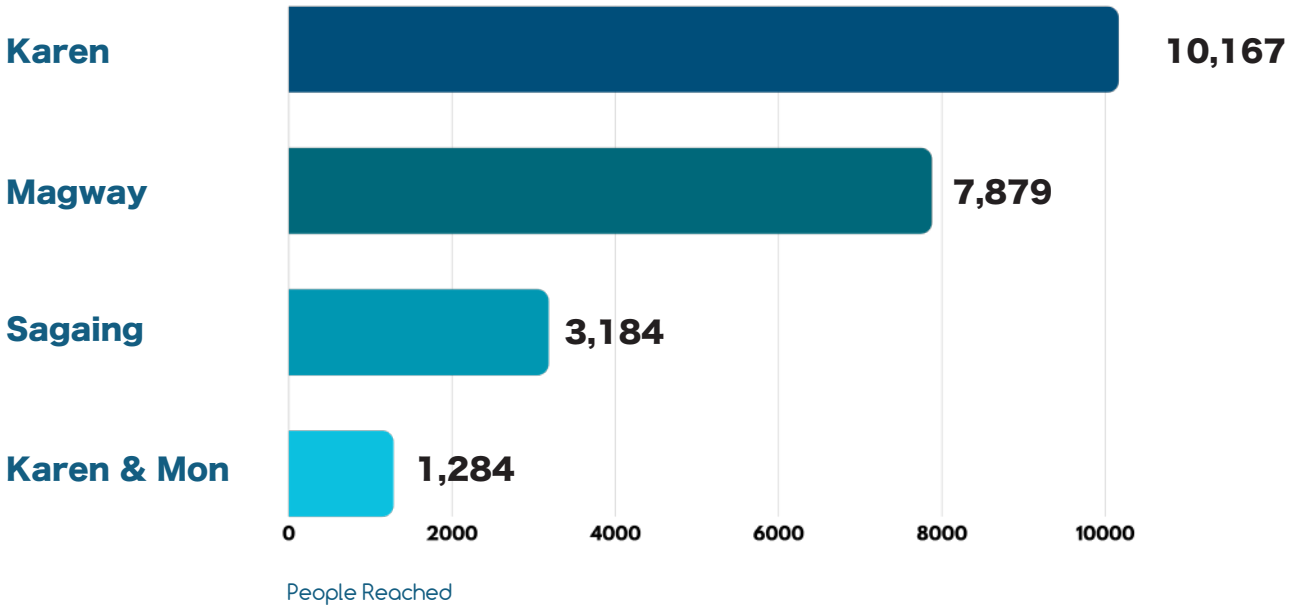
The program responded to both ongoing conflict displacement and the July 2025 earthquake in Sagaing, demonstrating flexible, multi-hazard rapid response capacity.

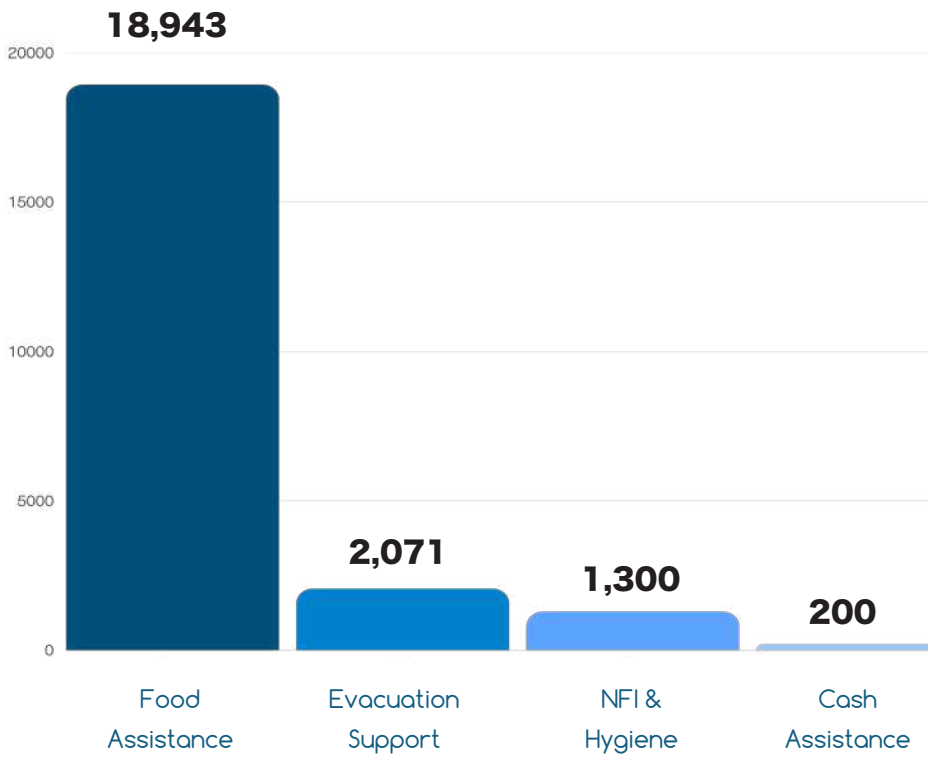
22,414 People reached	**4,595** Households served	**76,508 kg** Food distributed	**9** Donor organizations
1,142 Women Households	**57** Village/IDP Camp	**983** Vulerable People	**4** Emergency Response Awareness Activities

REGIONAL REACH

People Reached by Region



People Reached by Type of Assistance



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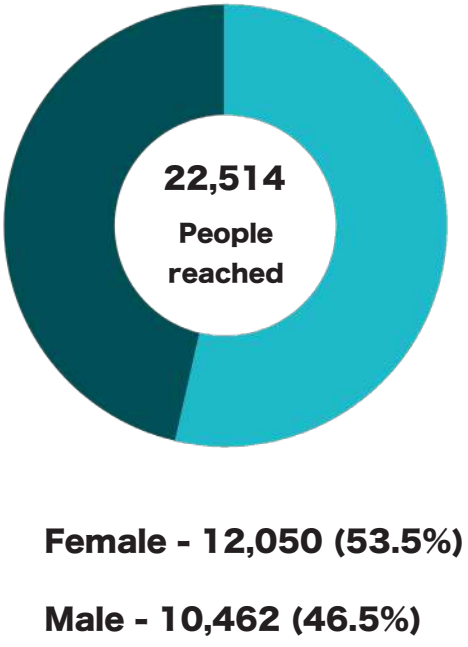

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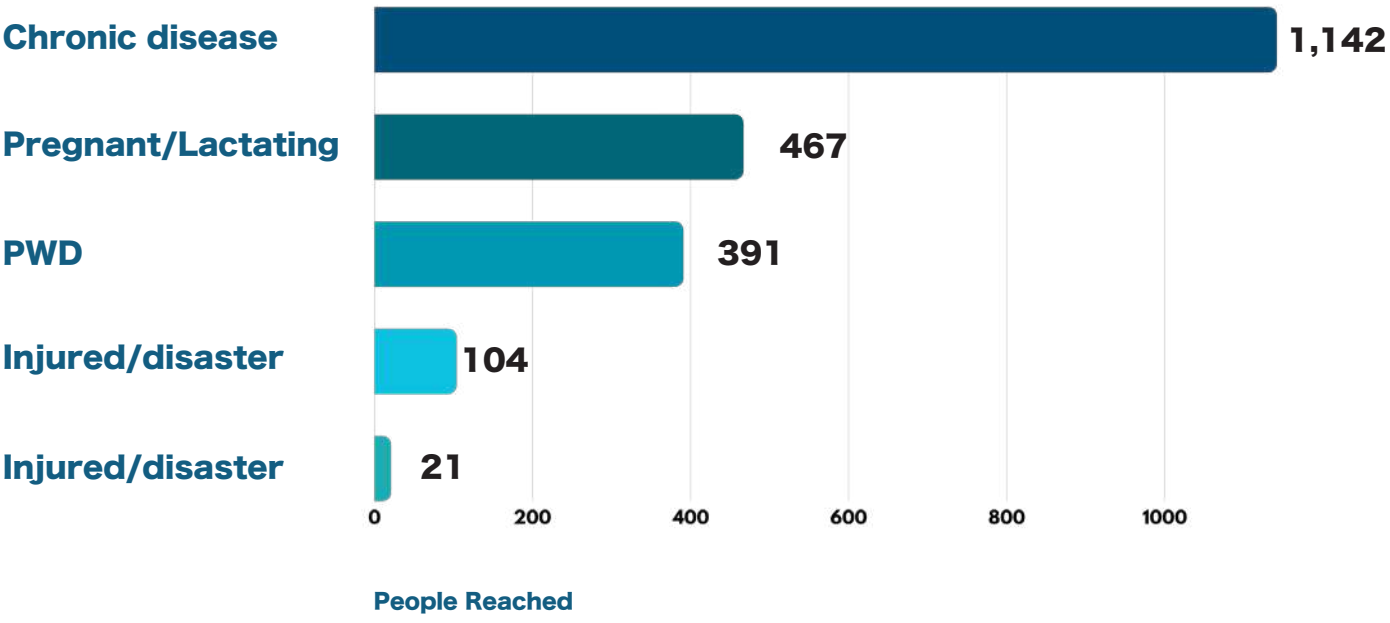
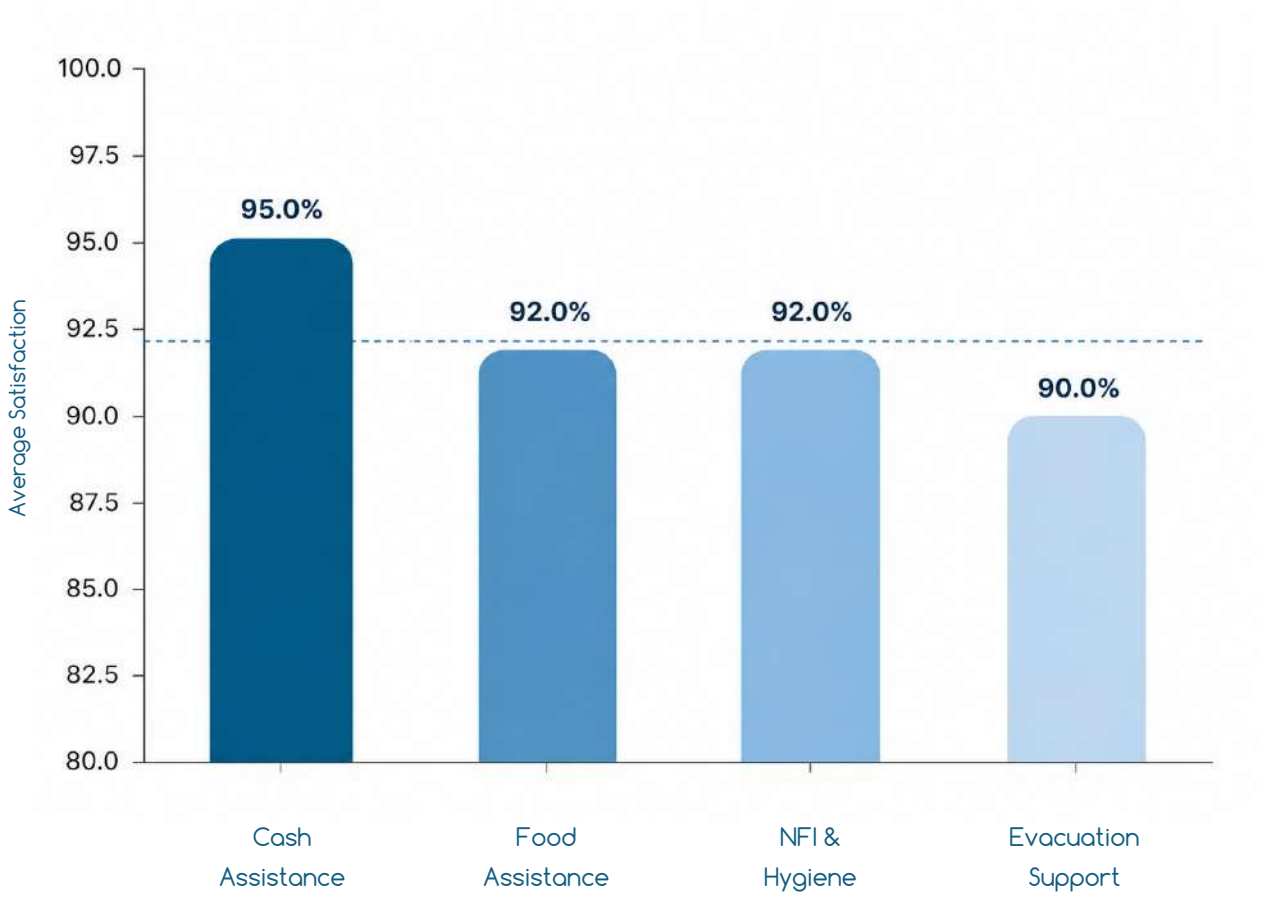


Beneficiary Satisfaction by Type of Assistance



PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Emergency Response Program delivers rapid, life-saving assistance to communities facing conflict displacement, earthquake damage, and other crises across the areas of Karen, Magway, Sagaing, and Mon.

Food assistance was the program's largest and most consistent intervention, reaching **18,943 people** — 84% of total reach — with rice, cooking oil, and other essential provisions, alongside NFI and hygiene kit support for 1,300 people and MMK 10 million in cash assistance for 200 people delivered through a gender-sensitive earthquake response in Sagaing. Women-headed households accounted for 1,142 of the 4,595 households assisted, nearly a quarter of all households reached.

KEY FINDINGS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONTEXT

Sagaing required the highest operational response, hosting 9 of the program's 16 projects following the earthquake and ongoing conflict displacement.

Six projects delivered integrated support combining food, NFI and hygiene kits, and cash assistance for **2,118 people**.

Karen and Magway together accounted for the largest share of people reached, a combined 80% of total reach, showing that displacement and food insecurity, not just single disaster events, are driving the bulk of the program's caseload.

Although cash assistance reached only **200 beneficiaries**, it achieved the **highest satisfaction** across all response modalities, recording **98% positive feedback** for safety, dignity, and accountability, and an **overall satisfaction rate of 95%**.

The program's impact extended beyond the visible delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Beneficiary perception data indicates that **quality, dignity, and accountability** were equally significant outcomes of the response.

Despite differences in project size and assistance modalities, satisfaction remained consistently high across the portfolio, with an average overall satisfaction of **92.09%**.

Strong ratings for distribution safety, dignity, and trust in feedback mechanisms suggest that communities valued not only the assistance received but also the way it was delivered.

These "invisible" dimensions of humanitarian action are critical to strengthening community confidence and ensuring that emergency responses remain people-centered and accountable.

KEY OUTCOMES

Project Pillar	Number of Direct Benificiaries	Key Dynamic
Emergency Food Assistance	**18,943**	Delivered rice, cooking oil, and other essential food items across 9 projects, sustaining households facing conflict displacement and earthquake damage.
Gender-Sensitive Earthquake Response	**2,118**	Combined food, NFI/hygiene kits, and cash support across six projects for communities affected by the Sagaing earthquake, with built-in attention to gender-specific needs.
Evacuation Support	**2,071**	Enabled families in Karen to relocate safely away from active conflict incidents, delivered as a standalone protection-linked response.
NFI & Hygiene Kit Support	**1,300**	Distributed tarpaulins, torches, solar lamps, and hygiene kits to restore basic living conditions for displaced households.
Cash - Based Assistance	**200**	Delivered MMK 10 million in direct cash transfers — the highest-rated modality across every satisfaction indicator recorded.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

Delivering Aid Amid Conflict: Field Volunteers in Ngape Township

Escalating armed conflict in Ngape Township since early 2024 has caused widespread displacement and humanitarian distress, particularly among Chin ethnic communities.

Most households in the area rely heavily on agriculture for their daily survival.

However, intensified battles around the Nat Yay Kan hill base and surrounding areas severely disrupted access to farmland and local markets, causing many families to lose their primary source of food and income.

Repeated airstrikes, drone attacks, and armed clashes forced residents from 22 villages to flee their homes, leaving 598 households and more than 4,200 individuals without stable access to livelihoods, farmland, education, and basic services.

In response to the deteriorating situation, The Space conducted a Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) in September 2025 across 22 villages to identify urgent humanitarian needs.

The assessment highlighted critical shortages of food, essential household items, and protection support, reinforcing the need for timely emergency assistance.

Delivering aid under these conditions required significant coordination, adaptability, and trust within local communities. Despite ongoing insecurity, transportation difficulties, and communication challenges, field volunteers played a vital role in ensuring that food assistance reached vulnerable households.

Working closely with local zonal committees, volunteers helped identify families most in need, organize safe distribution points, and coordinate the delivery of food packages to 598 households across 22 villages.

"Community solidarity and local volunteer networks remained essential in ensuring humanitarian assistance reached families affected by displacement and conflict."

Beyond emergency distribution efforts, the field team also strengthened community-led response mechanisms through coordination meetings across six zones in December 2025.

These meetings brought together 203 community members including 110 men and 93 women from 22 villages to share local knowledge, identify urgent concerns, and collectively plan safer and more effective humanitarian responses.

Their collective efforts strengthened local resilience, improved coordination, and ensured that humanitarian support continued reaching those most affected by conflict and displacement.

PARTNERSHIPS & ENGAGEMENTS

Throughout the year, strategic partnerships remained central to advancing our vision of a youth-led safe and just society and our mission to prevent violence and ensure the enjoyment of social justice rights through the leadership of young people, particularly women.

By deepening collaboration across civil society organizations, community-based groups, youth networks, donors, academic institutions, and key stakeholders, we significantly expanded opportunities for meaningful youth participation in political and social change processes.

35	4	17	1,740
PARTNERSHIPS & NETWORKS SUSTAINED	COALITIONS ADVANCING SHARED ADVOCACY	YOUTH-LED ORGS CONVENED	PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH JOINT CAMPAIGNS

Throughout the year, The Space strengthened its collaboration with **35 organizations and networks**, including **4 new formal partnerships**, to expand youth engagement, mobilize resources, and advance advocacy on youth rights, gender justice, peacebuilding, and inclusive governance.

Guided by our commitment to feminist leadership, these partnerships promoted youth-led decision-making, shared accountability, and meaningful participation in shaping programs and collective action.

THE NETWORKING EVENT

A key milestone was convening a **Networking Event** with **17 youth-led organizations**, creating a platform to exchange experiences, identify shared challenges, and explore collaboration opportunities.

Notably, **100% of participants** supported coalition-building to strengthen youth voices and collective impact.

THE NETWORKING EVENT

Through partnerships with **more than 10 organizations and media networks**,
The Space also successfully implemented the 2025 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign across Myanmar and the Thailand border.

Together, we delivered **28 sessions and events under 9 major activities, reaching 1,740 participants** while advancing advocacy on gender justice, digital safety, SRHR, and human rights.

As we look ahead, The Space remains steadfast in its commitment to deepening existing partnerships and forging new alliances that strengthen youth leadership, advance gender equality, and promote social justice.

LOOKING FORWARD

Throughout 2025, Myanmar's political instability, armed conflict, and humanitarian crises continued to reshape the realities faced by communities across the country.

These challenges demanded more than isolated interventions. They required organizations capable of responding to immediate needs while continuing to invest in long-term social change.

This year demonstrated that meaningful impact comes from connecting humanitarian action with youth leadership, protection, and rights-based approaches.

Across every program, The Space remained committed to creating safe spaces where children could learn, communities could recover, young people and women could organize, and vulnerable people and marginalized groups could participate with dignity and confidence.

Whether responding to emergencies, strengthening protection systems, or nurturing the next generation of leaders, our work was guided by the same belief: lasting change begins with empowered communities.

The experiences of 2025 also reinforced an important lesson. Community resilience is built not only through emergency assistance, but through trust, participation, shared leadership, and sustained investment in local capacity.

The strength of our work came from the dedication of our staff, volunteers, community partners, youth leaders, and the communities themselves, whose courage and collective action continue to inspire our mission.

As we move into 2026, humanitarian needs remain urgent, and the challenges facing Myanmar are far from over.

The Space will continue strengthening youth leadership, expanding community protection, advancing gender justice, and responding to humanitarian crises with approaches that are locally led, accountable, and grounded in dignity and human rights.

At the same time, we will deepen partnerships, strengthen organizational systems, and invest in learning and innovation so that our impact remains responsive to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

The work ahead is significant, but so is the collective determination of the people and communities we stand beside.

Together, we remain committed to building a future where young people lead with courage, communities live in safety and dignity, and justice is not only envisioned, but realized.

"Behind every statistic in this report is a person, a family, or a community choosing hope despite uncertainty. Their resilience continues to inspire our commitment to creating a youth-led safe and just society."

THE SPACE IN NUMBERS

Years of Impact (2022 - 2025)

29,695
Lives Reached
Across our programs

5,834
Youth Mobilized
Building skills & Leadership

4,634
Girls & Women Empowered
Strengthening voice & participation

3,696
People Accessing Safe Spaces
Across our programs

35
Building Partners
Organizations collaboration with **US**

5
Coordination Network
Networks Coordinating with **US**

Since our founding in December 2022, The Space has grown from a youth-led initiative into an organization working across education, rights, protection, and humanitarian response.

These numbers reflect not only our growth, but the collective efforts of communities, volunteers, partners, and young people who continue to shape a safer and more just future together.

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