

SANNI Foundation Myanmar 2023

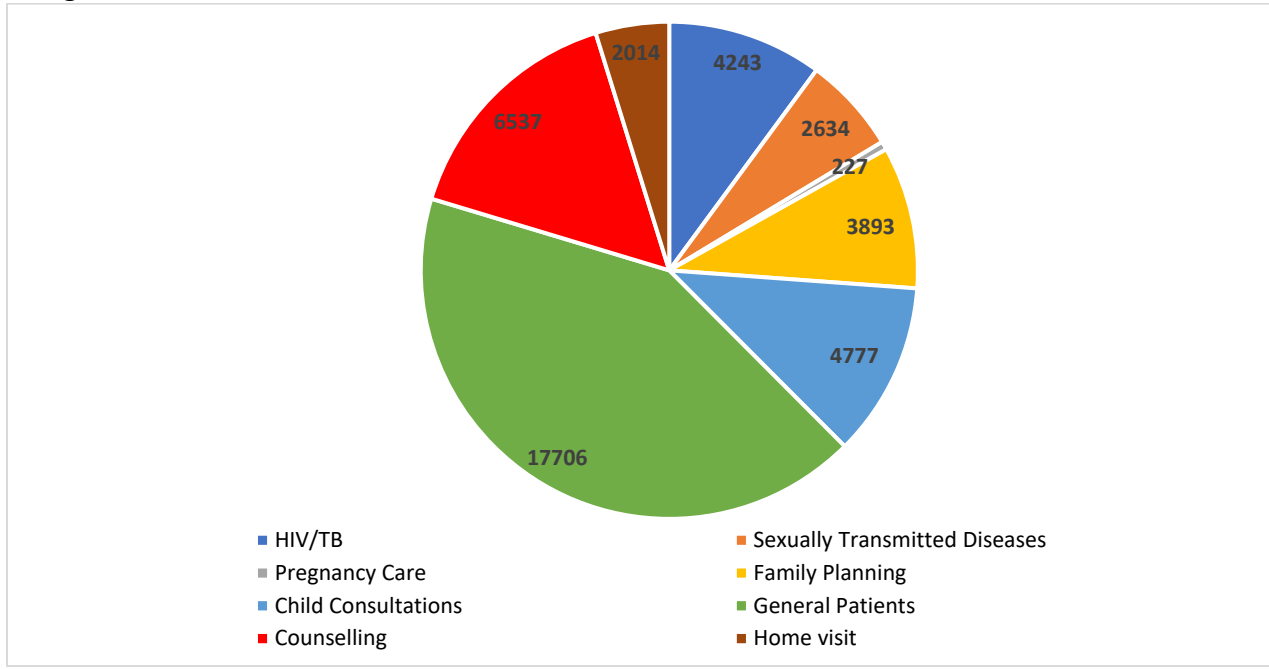


The SANNI Foundation assist underprivileged individuals in Myanmar, especially in Yangon's slums. Our focus is on long-term support, improving community health, assisting those in extreme poverty, and ensuring the well-being of children, teens, and adults. We provide healthcare at the Lotus Clinic for HIV, TB, and malaria, and special care at the Mother House. We support sponsored children until they are independent and also provide a health care aid to a remote monastery orphanage. All donations directly benefit those in need.

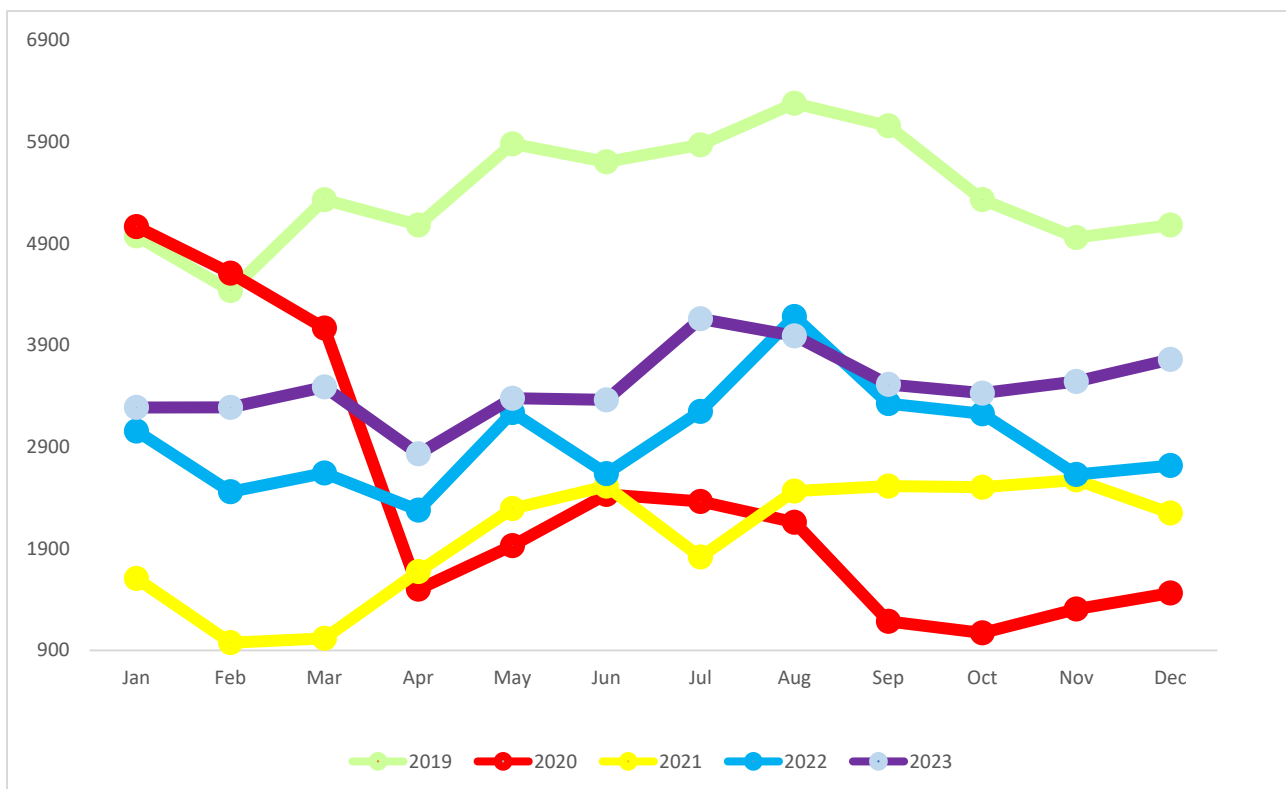
Lotus Clinic

Since its establishment in 2014, the Lotus clinic has been serving the healthcare needs of the community diligently. Our primary focus lies in offering long-term treatment for HIV and TB patients, complemented by consultations for various general medical requirements.

In 2023, a total of 42,031 consultations were conducted at the clinic. Below are the detailed categories of all the consultations.



We would also like to provide a comparison of the total consultations from the beginning of 2019 to the end of 2023.



Lotus clinic activity photos in 2023



Photo of breast cancer awareness training



Photo of our clinic counsellor having counselling session with a patient



Photo of cervical cancer screening to a high-risk patient



Photo of our medical doctor performing implant insertion



Photo of providing supplementary food to malnourished child



Photo of Medical doctor examining a patient

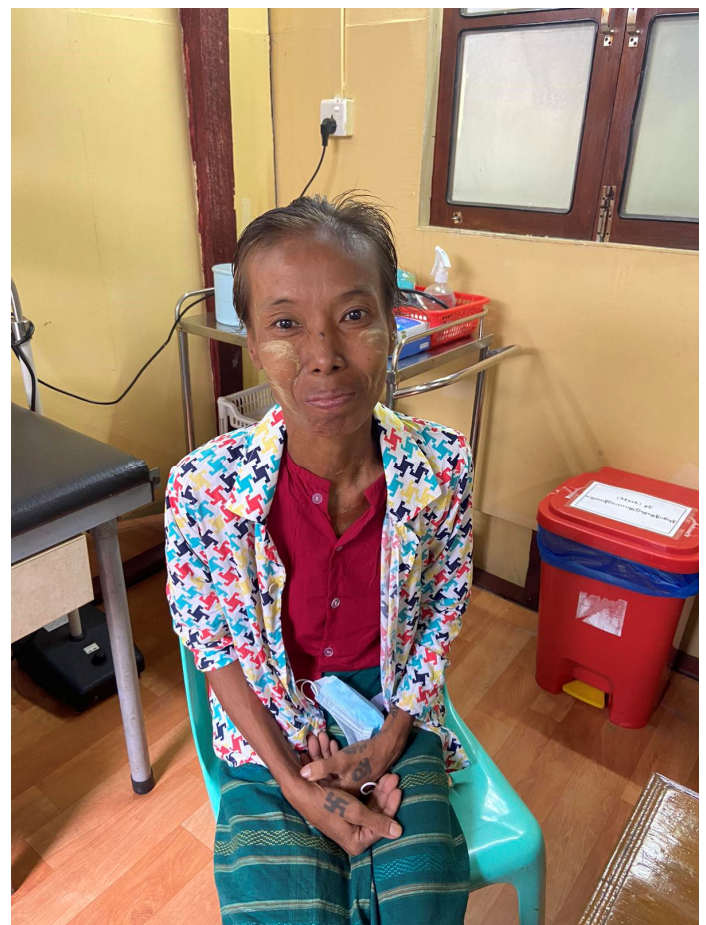
Highlighted clinical case presentation

In a notable clinical case, a 43-year-old woman presented with marked frailty and weakness persisting for over two weeks, rendering her unable to sit upon arrival. She had experienced prolonged difficulties with eating and significant weight loss. Upon examination, her vital signs were found to be unstable, prompting an urgent referral to Hlaing Thar Yar Public Hospital. Once at the hospital, she was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis (lungs TB) and received life-saving emergency treatments. She remained hospitalized for a week.

Given the patient's dire financial circumstances, Lotus clinic stepped in to cover the costs of hospitalization. Following discharge from the hospital, the patient's health improves significantly. She remained in good health and diligently adhered to her prescribed anti-TB medication regimen for 8 months at the Lotus clinic, demonstrating a positive response to treatment and highlighting the importance of timely intervention and comprehensive care in managing TB cases.



Photos of her arriving to Lotus clinic before the treatments

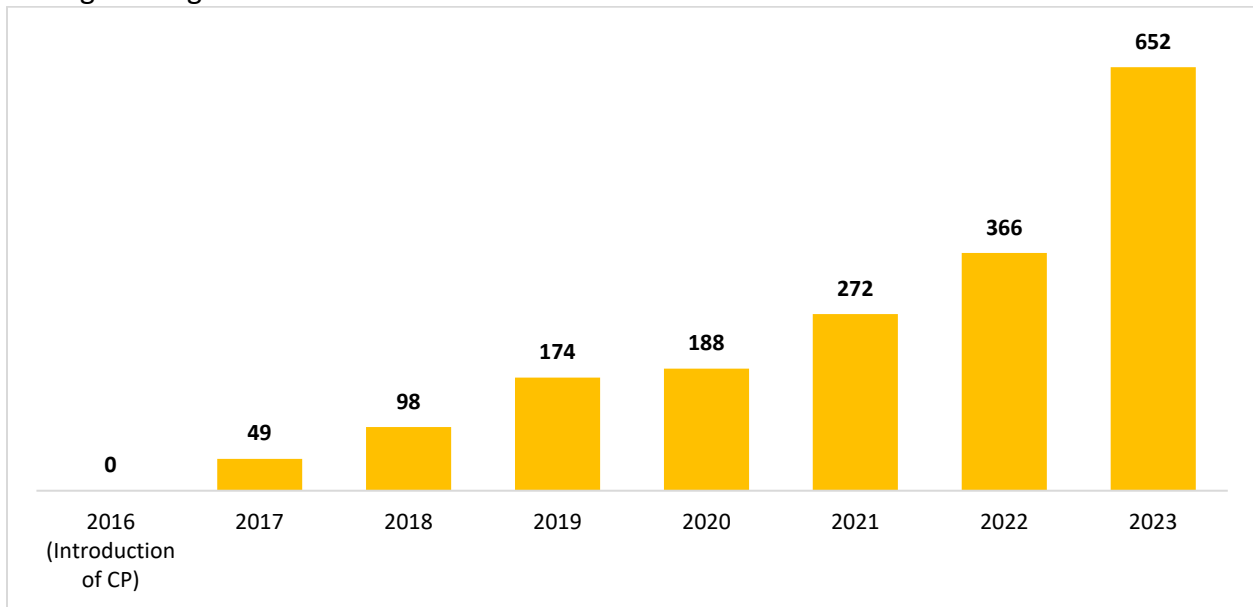


Photos of her after finishing the TB treatment and remained good health

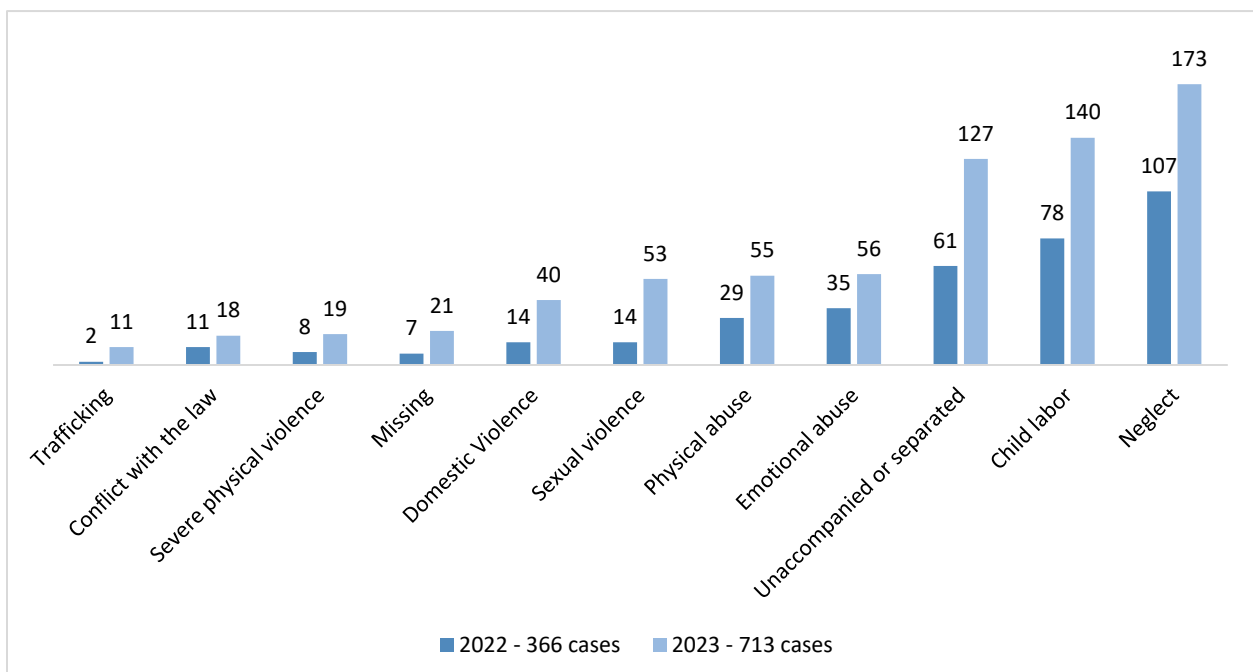
Child protection

In 2023, Myanmar's political turmoil worsened the nation's plight. Countless young people faced dire circumstances due to scarce jobs and unsafe work conditions. Children suffered mistreatment and neglect, often forced to work to avoid hunger. With insufficient nutrition, lack of safety, and limited educational prospects, the future for many remained bleak.

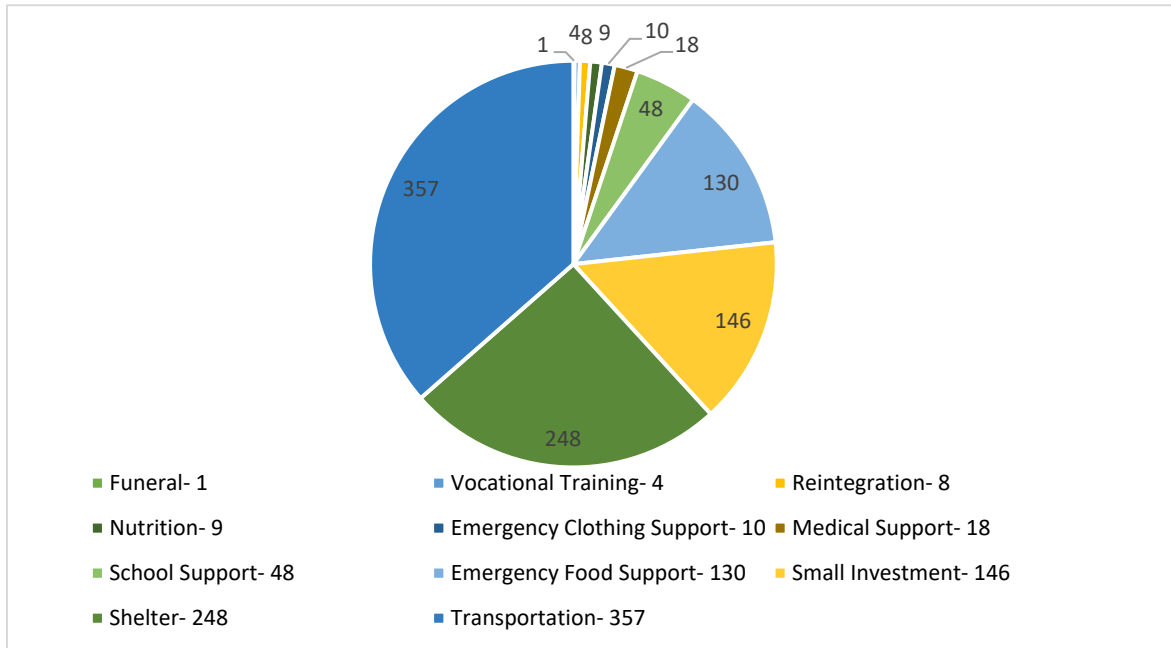
In 2023, the child protection team managed cases for total of 652 children for those who match the criteria and according to the standard operating procedures (SOP) and child protection case management guidelines.



Our child protection team handled various cases in 2023 and we'd like to highlight and compare them to those we handled in 2022.



There are various types of support our child protection team directly provided to beneficiaries in 2023.



In addition to our child protection initiatives, the child protection team also assisted beneficiaries in accessing crucial support services from our Lotus clinic. We provided medical testing and treatment support to identify and address health concerns early to enable prompt interventions, serving 245 children. Alongside this, we offered psychosocial support to prevent long-term negative consequences and promote positive behaviors, aiding 104 children.

Our collaborative efforts extend beyond our child protection team and medical team, as we've referred 164 child cases to various organizations such as hospitals, legal services, and shelters, based on their individual needs. We also received 38 child cases from external groups seeking medical assistance. Together, these partnerships create a comprehensive network of care tailored to meet the unique needs of each child we serve.

Child protection trainings, aim to equip participants to recognize and address child abuse, neglect, and exploitation, fostering a protective environment in schools and communities. The table below shows the total number and types of participants in child protection trainings in 2023.

Type of participant	Number of participants
Education staff	98
Health staff	46
Local authority	362
Paralegal	10
Community-based organization members	77
Total number of participants in 2023	593

In our commitment to child protection, our team organized a series of awareness sessions aimed at educating and empowering individuals to safeguard children's well-being. Among these efforts, our team directly provided awareness sessions to 367 MAM clinic staff members, with the goal of enhancing their overall understanding of child protection principles. Additionally, child protection awareness sessions were offered to 2,641 clinic patients to educate and empower individuals about the importance of safeguarding children's well-being.

Our community-based organization members along with dedicated youth volunteers also have played a significant role in hosting an impressive number of community awareness sessions for child protection. In 2023, 1,728 child protection sessions were organized with 9,216 participants, marking a substantial increase from 2022's 1,087 sessions and 5,372 participants, reflecting the expanding impact of our efforts.

Way forward

In 2024, our child protection main goals are to identify and manage child protection cases, provide comprehensive support to abused children and families while facilitating access to referral services, participate in local meetings such as, township-level coordination meetings, child protection working groups, and CRC meetings to enhance networks, conduct awareness sessions and community-level workshops for youth volunteers, facilitate capacity building for CBO members and the child protection team, establish new CBOs and community links, and strengthen township-level referral systems.

Accomplished outcome stories of children who benefited from our Child Protection Services

In the course of our child protection awareness and child participation training in the community, a community member reported recognizing a child in need based on the knowledge gained from our child protection awareness session. The child, a 7-year-old girl born with cerebral palsy and unable to speak, belonged to a financially struggling family of seven. The father had left five years ago, leaving the mother and three older siblings as the sole breadwinners.

The mother, grappling with the challenges of separation and financial struggles, neglected the disabled child, leading to severe malnutrition. At the initial assessment, the girl weighed only 6 kg. Our child protection team promptly took her to the MAM clinic, where she received nutrition support. Subsequently, we referred her to the hospital for further diagnosis and emergency treatments. The incurred expenses, including hospitalization, emergency food support, and other essentials, were covered to support the child and family.

Throughout the case management period, the mother and siblings received extensive knowledge and awareness sessions on child rights and protection. The relationship between the mother and child improved, the child's health stabilized, and her weight increased by 2 kg. Regular follow-ups by our child protection team and community monitoring have sustained progress, reinforcing our unwavering commitment to the child's well-being.



Before engagement with our child protection team



During the hospitalization



After hospitalization, we can see slow but steady improvement.

Child Protection activity photos of 2023



Photo of our child protection social worker during his follow-up home visit



Photo of our child protection team sharing vital child protection training to external stakeholder



Before and after photos of the house renovation support by our child protection team



Photo of small business support that our child protection team provided



Photo of a child receiving medical testing and treatment support at our Lotus clinic



Photo of a child receiving psychosocial support from our child protection team



Photo of our child protection team collaborating with other organization for referral service



Photos of our child protection team, our devoted community-based organizations and youth volunteers conducting various awareness sessions in the community

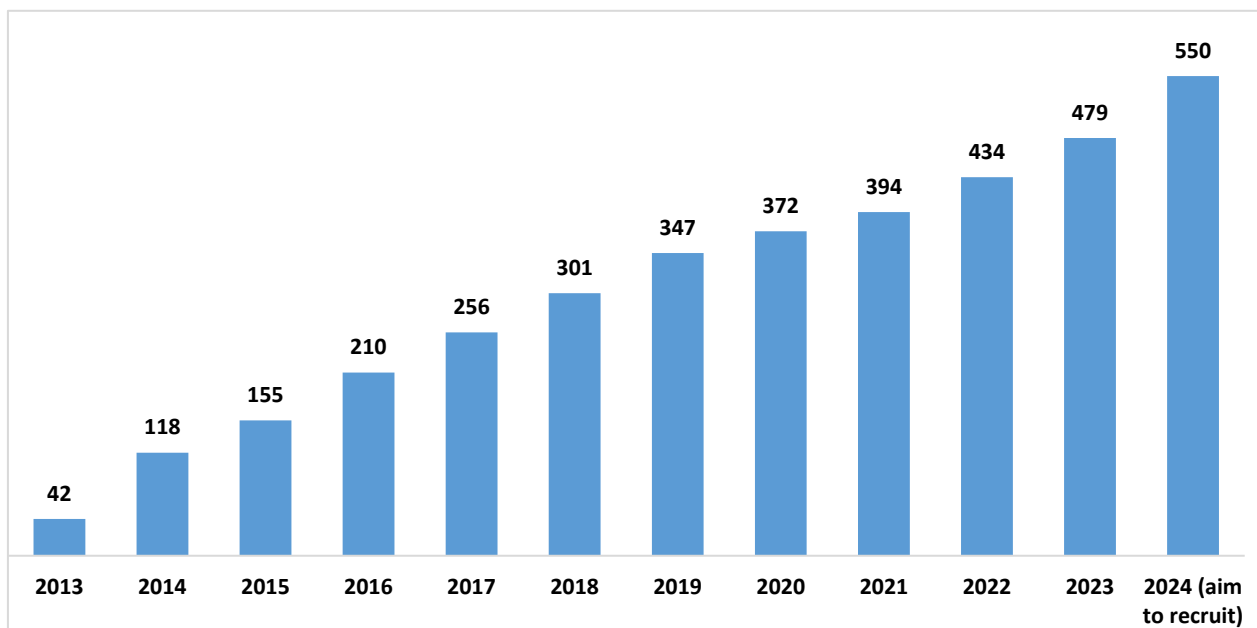


Child sponsorship program



Throughout 2023, the program grew, going from about 432 sponsored children to 479 registered children. Among our sponsored children, 194 children are currently undergoing antiretroviral therapy (ART) treatment at the Lotus clinic. The sponsorship program ensures that the registered children receive comprehensive support for their education, including monthly nutritional food, healthcare, assistance with mental well-being, and other necessary supports. We also provided 25 small business supports in 2023 to families of children who need close care from the caregivers and to generate regular income at the same time. These supports include small grocery shop, vegetable shop, fruit shop, clothing shop and many more. Additionally, we open doors to job opportunities, laying the foundation for the children's future careers

Here is the graph to show you the number of increasing sponsored children each year since the program started:



In 2024, our main goal is to enroll 550 new children in our sponsoring program, extending vital support to more vulnerable individuals. We'll maintain and improve current services like nutrition, education, hygiene, emergency, medical, funeral, and shelter assistance. We'll also enhance vocational training and small business support to empower families. Additionally, we'll organize outdoor activities and painting competitions during special and traditional events to enrich the lives of our sponsored children, fostering community and creativity.

Achievements of child sponsoring program in 2023

Registered children	•479
New children enrollment in 2023	•53
Educational support	•369
Monthly nutrition distributed	•479
General items support	•479 (household items, sanitary items, casual wear, toothbrush)
Vocational training	•25 (phone repair and service training, nurse aid and pharmacy, barista, dress making, etc)
Emergency support	•44 (emergency shelter, medical, funeral and other emergency support)

Achieving journey of a sponsored child



Photos of Ei Thet Khaing's Journey: From Assessment to Vocational Training to generating income with it



18-year-old Ei Thet Khaing lives with her aunt's family in Hlaingtharyar Township, one of Yangon, Myanmar's largest slum areas. Her life has been marked by hardships since her parents passed away from lifelong chronic illnesses. Battling the same disease herself, Ei Thet regularly receives treatment at our Lotus clinic. With her aunt's family relying on irregular odd jobs for income and Ei Thet lacking firm backing, she was compelled to leave school in 2020 when the impact of Covid became severe, leaving her education unfinished.

Despite her family's sadness over the situation, financial difficulties leave them with few alternatives. Determined to improve for her better future, she seized an opportunity offered by the SANNI Foundation, she enrolled in a design program. Her passion for dressmaking drove her dedication, which is clearly seen in the quality of her work. With the foundation's support, she also received a sewing machine to start her own business, already operating a small sewing business at home.

Although Ei Thet is already earning an income from dressmaking, she believes that pursuing this path will allow her to generate a regular income, which will assist in pursuing her ambition to become a graphic designer. Grateful for the incredible support provided by the foundation, Ei Thet sees this as a chance to strive towards her lifelong dream of achieving financial security.

Child sponsoring program activity photos of 2023



Photo of our sponsored child receiving educational support



Photos of monthly distribution and a sponsored child receiving the support



Photos of our sponsored children, who live in the far north of Myanmar, excitedly receiving support packages supported by the SANNI Foundation



Photos of our sponsored children during our social workers' home visits

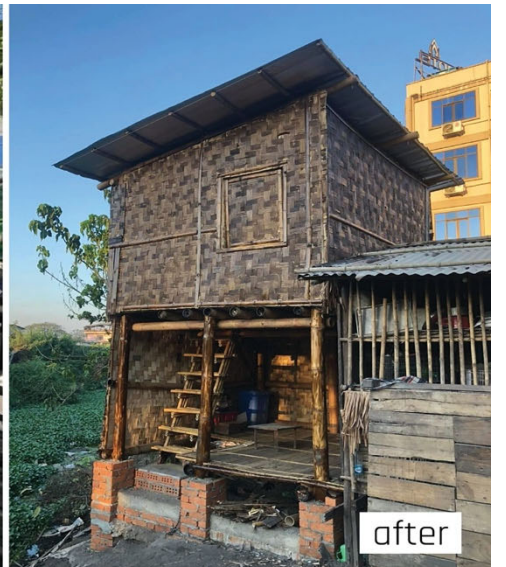


Photo of 2 free houses provided by the "Housing Now" to our sponsored children
<https://housing-now.org/>





Photos of our sponsored children during their vocational trainings



Photos of the small businesses supported to our sponsored children and their families



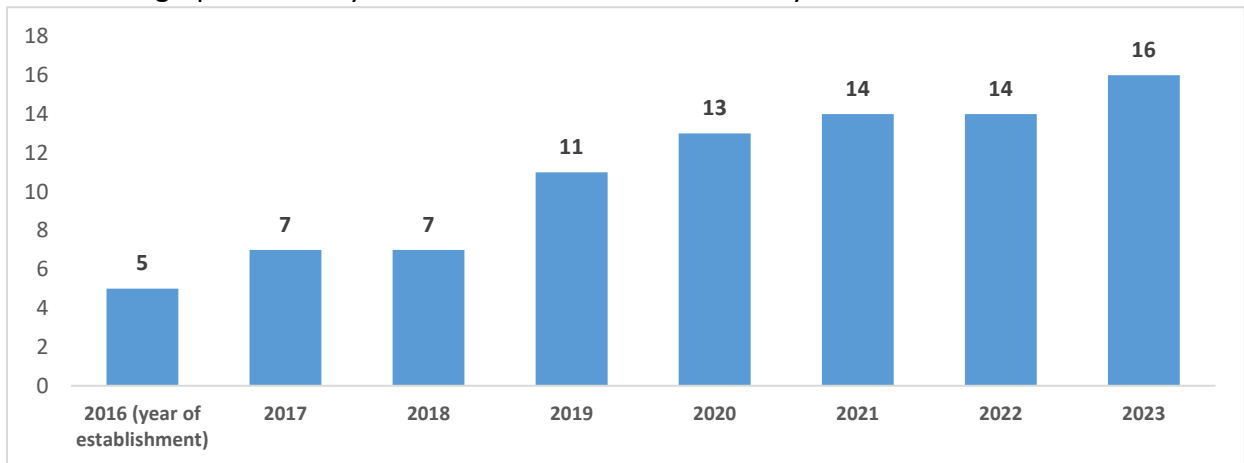
Photos from the coloring and drawing activity on child's rights in November 2023

Mother House



Mother House nurtures 16 vulnerable children with dedicated caregivers, ensuring their diverse needs in education, healthcare, and recreation. 12 out of 16 children are receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) treatment, and they are diligently cared for with a focus on adherence to ART protocols. The private tutor goes beyond academics, involving children in creative projects and enjoyable activities. MAM clinic counsellors focus on the children's mental well-being, with monthly reviews conducted by the counseling and Child Protection teams to plan individual needs and reintegration of each child.

Here is the graph to show you the number of MH child each year since its establishment:



In 2024, we're dedicated to enhancing social communication skills among our young beneficiaries through engaging outdoor activities, fostering meaningful connections and interactions. We will also empower adolescents with life skills and vocational training. Our staff will undergo positive discipline training to foster a nurturing environment, and we will conduct regular case reviews to provide personalized support. Moreover, we will focus on facilitating the smooth reintegration of seven children, ensuring ongoing care and support. These endeavors reflect our unwavering commitment to the well-being of every child in our care.

Poe Ei (A child temporarily placed under the care of Mother House from YGW)

During our visit in February, we encountered 9-year-old Poe Ei at YGW, abandoned and battling cerebral palsy and severe malnutrition due to inadequate care and feeding practices at YGW. Taking swift action, we brought her to Mother House in April, providing immediate and comprehensive care. Due to caregiver shortages at YGW, Poe Ei continues under Mother House's care for now.



Picture of Poe Ei when the medical team saw her at the YGW center in February, 2023



Updated condition of Poe Ei after 8-month care (Dec 2023) at MAM Motherhouse. She was 6.7 kg at YGW and now her body weight is 15 kg, clinically well and getting healthier



Mother House activity photos of 2023



Photo of MH children with Susanne during her visit



Photo of MH children participating in summer class (soapmaking)



Photo of MH children celebrating traditional water festival (Thingyan festival)



Photo of MH children during their day trip to pagoda on full moon day of Kasone



Photo of MH children going back to school in 2023 school year



Photo of MH children celebrating traditional lighting festival (Thadingyut festival)



Photo of MH children participating in Child Right's Day painting and drawing activity



Photo of MH children celebrating Christmas

Yellow Generation Wave monastery charity (orphanage)



In 2023, our quarterly visits to the orphanage, supported by the SANNI Foundation, were aimed at addressing the children's medical needs. Additionally, in collaboration with MAM's Child Protection and Counselling teams, a variety of child participation games was organized, complemented by the sharing of insightful child protection awareness. This initiative aimed to actively engage children in a playful yet educational manner, fostering a deeper understanding of their rights and safety. The orphanage's children population had surged to 550 during our last visit in December 2023, revealing a consistent increase in numbers without adequate funding. Frequent changes in caregivers led to poor health conditions, especially for children facing malnutrition and hygiene issues.

With multiple health challenges faced by the orphanage's children, we engaged in a discussion with the focal monks regarding the shortage of caregivers and lack of healthcare workers.

Photos during our visit to Yellow Generation Wave monastery charity (orphanage) in 2023



Photos of our MAM child protection team sharing child protection awareness to the orphanage children



Photos of our MAM child protection team arranging various child participation games



Photos of our MAM medical team doing medical examination on the orphanage children



SANNI funding received and spent

Over 2023, MAM received just over of 725.000 USD from SANNI Foundation for the different projects. Overall, the total expenditure was slightly lower than the overall funding received, explanations on the variations can be found below the table. We request SANNI Foundation to allow MAM to use the total savings of 60.596 USD for Maternal, Newborn and Child Healthcare (MNCH) activities in Naga.

Project	Received 2023 USD	Expenditure 2023 USD	Savings (+) / Overspend (-)	Notes
Child Sponsoring	\$ 280.167	\$ 302.878	N/A	1)
Child Protection	\$ 126.754	\$ 135.662	\$ -8.908	2)
Lotus Clinic (including YGW)	\$ 265.110	\$ 205.556	\$ 59.554	3)
Motherhouse	\$ 54.825	\$ 44.875	\$ 9.950	4)
Total	\$ 726.855	\$ 688.971	\$ 60.596	5)

Explanation on budget variations

- 1) The expenditure of the Child Sponsoring program exceeded the received as some procurements for food support for January 2024 was already done in December 2023. Therefore, we did not deduct this amount from the savings of 2023.
- 2) The child protection expenditure slightly exceeded the amount received and program expenditure will be adjusted downwards for 2024.
- 3) For the Lotus clinic MAM was able to charge a higher percentage of cost to other donors, less medication was procured than budgeted for the activities related to Covid-19.
- 4) For the Motherhouse, expenditure was mostly in line with the expectations, the only thing that was not yet completed was an investment in the connection to the city power grid and a replacement of the old solar batteries. With the instability in the country still affecting availability of the electricity and fuel for backup generators this is an important investment that will be done early in 2024.
- 5) We request to use these savings to provide essential healthcare activities for pregnant women and newborn children in Naga in 2024.