



2018

Annual Report

Marist Asia Foundation


Supporting Burmese Migrants with Education and Health Programmes on the Thai Burma Border

Marist Asia Foundation is a registered Charitable Foundation in Thailand which supports the work of the Society of Mary (Marists) in its commitment to Burmese Migrants on the Thailand Burma Border.


Marist Asia Foundation seeks to create a community of respect, compassion, justice, reconciliation, and the living witness of unity among people working together from different cultures and faith traditions to bring integral human development and peace.



our 5 programmes

1  Over 70% of Burmese Migrant Children do not start school

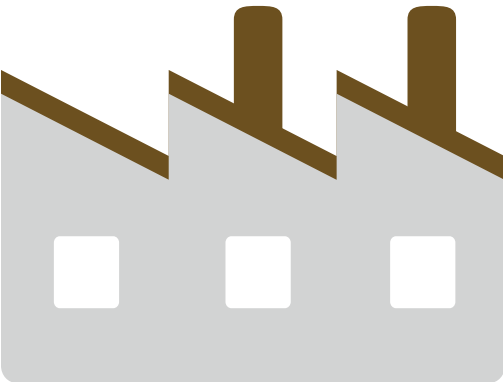
Our **Preschool Programme** starts 75 Burmese Migrant Children on the education journey

2  Over 80% of Burmese Migrant Children stop school age 12-14


Our **Burmese Migrant Secondary Education Programme** supports over 90 teenagers gain a brighter future with 4 years of secondary education

3  A Migrant Community needs teachers and leaders for their community development

Our **Australian Catholic University Online Diploma Programme** grows 16 teachers, health works and leaders

4  Most Burmese Migrant Workers finished education early and now seek skills for work beyond the fish factories

Our **Migrant Outreach Programme** provides sponsorship for 4 Growing Young Teachers Programme, Intermediate & Academic English Programme, Sunday Migrant Worker Classes (Thai, English, Computer) for brighter futures

5  Ranong has a very high HIV Rate and migrants suffer from discrimination

Our **HIV AIDS Health Programme** provides home visits, education, translation and advocacy for 94 patients and over 200 families



2018 Achievements

More students than we have ever had – 76 students applied for entrance test for Secondary Education Programme

Accredited Education Pathway – We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Non Formal Ministry of Education (Ko So Nor) to give our Burmese students a recognised education qualification in Thailand.

Teacher Training – Australian Catholic University has given permission for Marist Asia Foundation to begin a 12 month Online Certificate in Teaching and Learning to grow the qualifications of our young teachers

Early Childhood Training – 2 of our Burmese Migrant Preschool Programme participated in 4 weeks of Training for Early Childhood Education in Myanmar developing our local capacity for our education programmes.

Higher Education – 28 young Burmese Adults began Intermediate and Academic English Programmes preparing for Australian Catholic University Entrance Exam in February 2019.

Caring for over 200 people living with HIV AIDS – Our Health Team made over 700 home counselling visits, translated 420 appointments, supported 23 patients to get legal documentation as migrants, supported 27 migrants to get health cards, provided 10 workshops, and 10 week HIV health and relationships education programme for Burmese Migrant Teenagers

Skills for a brighter future – 75 young migrant workers joined our Sunday classes for 8 months. English, Thai and Computer classes helped young migrants talk with their Thai Employer, gain confidence in English, and develop technology skills for future opportunities beyond the Fish Factories

For stories from our various programmes visit
www.maristasiafoundation.org

Compassion in Action: Working Together

We need your continued support to make our education and health programmes sustainable for the next 5 years



Support a Child: Monthly Tuition and Transport Costs (\$20 per month: education gives a child a much brighter future)



Support a Teacher: Training Programme and give a Migrant Community one of the best gifts: a young teacher (part time teaching / part time study / Laptop / teacher mentoring and observation \$,4,000 per year)



Support a Programme: We have an increase in students for our Burmese Migrant Secondary Programme (BMSP) requiring more teaching staff to help with English and Thai Language Learning. This is our biggest and most important education programme that gives migrant teenagers choices beyond the charcoal and fish factories



Become a Funding Partner: We require a new funding partner / donor to sustain our Preschool Programme (\$10,000 per year)



Make a General Donation: All donations are gratefully received. Your support will help needy families, glasses and clinic visits, uniforms, library books and text books, sports equipment, laptops for Online University students, a new shade and sheltered eating and playing area, unexpected needs beyond our annual budget,

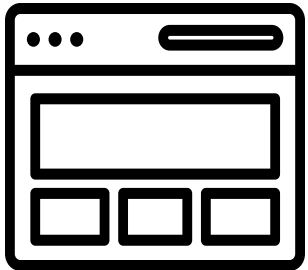
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