

September 2017 Featured Grantee: Burma Humanitarian Mission (BHM)



Myanmar

Introducing Burma Humanitarian Mission

Burma Humanitarian Mission (BHM) supports community-based, predominantly women-led backpack medics who administer village healthcare services and grassroots education programs to the displaced people of Myanmar.



Where in the world?

Myanmar is a country of 59 million people in southeastern Asia, bordering Bangladesh, China, India, Laos and Thailand. It is about the size of Texas, and characterized by tropical climate and lowlands in the central area ringed by steep, rugged highlands.

Myanmar is rich in jade, gems, oil, natural gas and other mineral resources. The income gap is among the widest in the world, since the majority of the economy is controlled by supporters of the former military government.



What are we supporting?

DFW's two-year grant of \$47,276 funds 1.44 million doses of medicine and 80,000 individual medical supply items for the backpack medics. As a result of the DFW grant, 180 women will have the opportunity to serve as backpack medics – breaking gender and cultural stereotypes to be leaders in their villages and communities, developing critical skills, and reducing poverty and suffering. In addition, the predominantly women-led backpack medic teams will dramatically reduce infant and maternal mortality rates.

Direct Impact: Year 1: 26,644, Year 2: 26,644
Indirect Impact: Year 1: 75,000, Year 2: 75,000

Life Challenges of the Women Served

- For 60 years, Myanmar's ethnic minorities have struggled to maintain their freedom, culture and identity.
- Violent military oppression includes extrajudicial killings, forced labor and sexual violence.
- Families live in isolated villages or camps, with illness, disease and malnutrition and no access to medical care. and morbidity.



Budget

How DFW's grant of \$47,276 over two years will be used:

Item	Description	Cost
Medications for 12 teams, year 1	743,760 units of medicine per year (oral and injection)	\$19,944
Medical Supplies for 12 teams, year 1	40,150 units of supply items (gloves, needles, bandages, stethoscopes, thermometers, etc.)	\$3,694
Medications for 12 teams, year 2	743,760 units of medicine per year (oral and injection)	\$19,944
Medical Supplies for 12 teams, year 2	40,150 units of supply items (gloves, needles, bandages, stethoscopes, thermometers, etc.)	\$3,694
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$47,276

About the Featured Grantee

BHM was founded in 1999 by a group of friends who visited the Thai Myanmar border and witnessed the suffering and displacement of the ethnic minorities. Today, BHM works with partner organizations to serve over 50,000 villagers with medical care and support education efforts that touch over 500,000 lives annually. BHM also provides educational opportunities for youth. BHM's approach is extremely cost efficient, with an average of \$1.10 per person treated.



About the Featured Grantee

BHM's partnership with Backpack Health Worker Team changes and saves lives. In 2016, BHM supported 14 backpack teams, with impressive results:

- Cared for 30,481 people
- Delivered 841,088 doses of medicine
- Treated 13,435 patients
- Delivered 436 babies
- Reduced the incidence of malaria from 3.7/100 to 0.41/1,000 people
- Saved an average of 48 people for each team



Share Your Thoughts

1. Why are backpack medics a more effective solution to healthcare than conventional clinics?
2. How will young daughters benefit from seeing their mothers as backpack medics?
3. How do you think having backpack medics as role models and community leaders will impact future generations?



Changing the world one dinner at a time

September's Sustained Grantee: One Heart World-Wide

One Heart World-Wide's mission is to decrease maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in remote rural areas of the world. DFW's sustained funding of \$20,000 per year for three years supports training 600 community outreach providers to increase access to safe births in two remote rural areas of Nepal.

Direct Impact: 600 workers to be trained

Indirect Impact: 24,645 women and girls could be served.

