

**ACTION ON HIV**

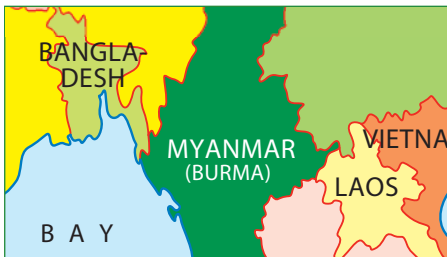
# HIV in Hpa-an, Myanmar

*Working to combat the AIDS pandemic*

**In their own words**

*'The AIDS epidemic is one of the most serious issues that we need to tackle, hand in hand within communities, regardless of people's religious, social or political differences.'*

The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar



**Myanmar factfile**

**Population:** 48.8 million (UN, 2007)  
**Languages:** Burmese, indigenous  
**Religion:** Buddhist 89%, Christian 4%, Muslim 4%, animist 1%, other 2%  
**Export:** Natural gas, wood products, pulses, beans, fish, rice, clothing, jade and gems  
**Life expectancy:** 59 years (men), 65 years (women) (UN)

**USPG in Myanmar**

USPG has been working in partnership with the Church in Myanmar since 1853. In 2008, USPG sent £82,000 to support of the work of the church in areas of greatest need.



## About this Project...

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According to UNAIDS, around 242,000 people in Myanmar (also known as Burma) are living with HIV, but only around 1,500 of these people are benefiting from life-prolonging anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs via the government's HIV treatment programme, with 10,500 receiving ARVs from non-governmental organisations. There is a clear need for education to prevent the spread of infection in this area, which is why the Diocese of Hpa-an has set up an AIDS awareness programme. One group being targeted are drug users. Injecting drugs is common, but the virus is

not yet widespread among users, so a simple awareness-raising message that highlights potential dangers could have a significant impact. The diocese is also working in busy centres of commerce where it is known that HIV-infected people are entering the country on business. In addition, the diocese is running a series of workshops which will train 30 health workers a year in both HIV-related issues and general healthcare. USPG is committed to supporting Anglican Churches around the world as they implement programmes to combat the AIDS pandemic.

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