

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Community Transformation in Myanmar

Enabling people to work together to sustain rural communities.

In their own words

‘Dialogue between religions is important in trying to work for common goals for the welfare of the community.’

The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar



Myanmar factfile

Capital: Rangoon

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

Cyclone: Myanmar is still recovering from Cyclone Nargis, which devastated the country in May 2008, leaving 77,000 dead and over 50,000 missing.

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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Life can be difficult for rural communities in Myanmar as they deal with continuing conflict and food shortages.

The Church of the Province of Myanmar is working to tackle both these issues by helping strengthen village communities. This Project focuses in particular on communities in the Dioceses of Mandalay, Toungoo and Sittwe.

One aspect of the Project is addressing the issue of conflict management by promoting tolerance and understanding through inter faith work, as well as by tackling human rights issues.

This work is much-needed in a country steeped in Buddhism to the extent that people professing Christianity or other faiths are frequently viewed with suspicion. This can make life difficult. This Project is also helping to transform communities by providing training in modern farming techniques. In some cases, the training has enabled farmers to increase their annual income threefold within five years which, in turn is helping to tackle hunger. Money donated to this Project through USPG will help fund agricultural training and conflict management.

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