

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

# Rural Community Healthcare, Myanmar

*Providing healthcare for rural communities in Mandalay and Yangon*

**In their own words**

*‘There is the call to do mission with unconditional love. The Church of Myanmar is trying to be the church for others, instead of self-seeking.’*  
 The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar



Myanmar factfile

**Population:** R48.8 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...

▶ **Target: £13,920 / €18,560 | Project 421**

Myanmar (also known as Burma) has one of the world’s most under-resourced healthcare systems; tens of thousands dying each year from malaria, tuberculosis, AIDS, dysentery, diarrhoea and other illnesses.

For impoverished village communities in the mountainous region of Yangon and Mandalay, healthcare is sometimes non-existent. Although healthcare is ostensibly free, the reality is that patients have to pay for medicines and treatment, even in public clinics and hospitals. Often, people live in poor conditions and

earn low wages, which means they cannot afford to pay for medicines or medical equipment.

The aims of this Project are to support health workers as they care for hill tribes, migrant workers and their families, and the disadvantaged and vulnerable. Money donated through USPG will go towards free medicine and treatment for people who otherwise could not afford healthcare.

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Your donations will help us to cover the full costs of the Project, including a direct grant to the partner church and the cost of monitoring the Project and sharing regular news. Any money received over the Project target will be allocated to where the need is greatest.