



When the world came to a halt,  
your support felt like a miracle.



## To Stop Violence

In normal times, the Burmese Women's Union runs trainings on finance and economic development for women in underserved ethnic areas throughout Myanmar. But the COVID-19 lockdowns caused a frightening surge in domestic violence within their communities.

Thanks to our **flexible funding** model, BWU could pivot in real time to serve women experiencing new levels of harm.



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## To Build Understanding



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Braving bombings on the streets, the Muslim women of the Deep South Migrant Education Project travel to migrant enclaves to educate migrant children from Myanmar, Cambodian, and Laos.

These kids are at-risk for child labor, with few people looking after their health or safety.

This year, the Deep South team saw the need for their programs increase as migrant parents lost their incomes. They began **building networks** with other like-minded organizations in southern Thailand.

Their goal is to serve growing needs *while creating* cross-cultural bridges among migrant youth from different areas of Thailand. Their presence builds understanding across religions as they represent empowered Muslim women.

Your support meant that our partners knew they didn't have to beg us to see they needed to pivot and use their funding for unexpected crisis.



Through relationships, miraculous things get done. Where do your relationships sit on a spectrum from "transactional" to "deep trust"?

## To Reach Remote Areas

The spring and summer of 2020 marked one of the most difficult periods in the lives of migrant workers in the orange orchards of Fang. With no buyers for their fruit, orchard owners couldn't pay workers to harvest it. The oranges fell to the ground to rot.

And families were starving—sharing two packages of instant noodles a day between a family of five.

Group for Children ramped up their efforts. They continued offering free, accredited primary education for over 250 migrant children on remote plantations, and they used their relationships with the community to deliver food aid to these remote areas.



GFC's remote schools are a **lifeline**. Without them, education would be totally inaccessible because of distance, cost of travel, and fear of arrest because of lack of documentation. And this year, their work was more important than ever.

## The Data

Distributed **\$2.2 million** directly into the hands of local leaders fighting on the front lines

Dispersed **85 individual grants**

Maintained long-standing relationships with **52 organizations**



Partnership is at our core. It's who we are and what we do. Our commitment is to stay humble and curious, to continue asking hard questions, and to respond with loving kindness. This METTA is at the core of our work."

## To Protect Kids

When aid was cut at the Thai/Myanmar border, parents in refugee camps were forced to find illegal work outside to survive. Children 2 to 5 were left alone or with aging grandparents, increasing their exposure to danger (and the risk of child trafficking).

The Krungjw Learning Center focuses on these young kids, giving them a **solid foundation** in fine motor skills, reading, writing and speaking Thai, Shan and English.



This year, the KLC employed 6 teachers to work with a new group of 74 boys and 64 girls. The school also graduated 44 refugee and ethnic minority children who are now enrolled in Thai schools.



## The Power of Partnerships

Here at Partners Asia, we focus on truly vulnerable populations, because we are creating a world where all people have the social, political, and economic power to survive and thrive.

This year has really driven home the importance of close relationships, and the fact that the complex challenges we face as a global community will not be solved by any one individual, organization, or government alone.

**Long-standing relationships** have made the difference this year. They are what have allowed us to understand the needs of people who might have fallen through the cracks. And they are what have allowed you to be a part of something unprecedented and amazing.

For our most vulnerable populations: financial training, teen counseling, citizenship assistance, emergency intervention, childhood education, vocational training, community building, legal services, health care, reproductive awareness, gender equality, coalition building, leadership skills, mentoring

## To Evolve

The Migrant Children Development Program in Chumphon Province continues to change. As an organization serving migrants along fishing ports and industrial areas, MCDP originally offered basic classes in Thai literacy. But MCDP **soon expanded** their work to include assisting migrant parents to obtain birth certificates for their children, translation assistance for hospital visits and medical emergencies, youth leadership training, and gender and reproductive health awareness for teens.



This year, MCDP expanded to serve a new migrant community living at a remote cement factory. They also joined a collective from four different provinces to promote reproductive health education for migrant teenagers.



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## Flipping the Power

For over 20 years, Partners Asia has been flipping the power on traditional development dynamics.

Our partners are experts; they have deep knowledge of working through complicated local systems to get things done.

*Our work is not about benevolence and charity. It's about developing equitable partnerships.*