

Strengthening Civil Society

Driving Positive Social Change

Introduction

Paung Ku is a civil society organisation that drives positive social change. We work towards a pluralistic society that values all of the diverse ethnicities, cultures and beliefs, and that ensures equity and respect for the rights of all, particularly those who are marginalized.

Our work is built on a belief in the existing strengths and abilities, networks and relationships, and resilience of Myanmar civil society. We support a wide range of work in education, emergency response, investment, labour, land, local governance, media, natural resource governance, peace building, energy and environment.

We support CSOs in:

- Reflection and learning
- Accessing resources
- Linkages and networking



CASE STUDY

Athan | Supporting Freedom of Expression



One of Athan founder Maung Saung Kha in a demonstration demanding the release of jailed Reuters Journalists/Aung Khant

Paung Ku funds Athan, a youth-led organisation that works toward freedom of expression.

Athan documents violations of freedom of expression, freedom of press and freedom of peaceful assembly. Athan also offers freedom of expression training throughout Myanmar.

Their works in free speech advocacy has been acknowledged not only within Myanmar but also internationally.

Executive Director of Athan, Maung Saungkha received the prestigious Human Rights Tulip Award from the Kingdom of the Netherlands in December 2018 for innovation in promoting human rights.

NEWS STORY

RYNG | Supporting Displaced Children in Rakhine



A child from Paethadu Village, Yathae
Taung Township, Rakhine\RYNG

Paung Ku has recently worked with Rakhine Youth New Generation (RYNG) Network to provide psychosocial support for displaced people in Rakhine state.

After the escalation of the armed conflict between Arakan Army (AA) and Tatmadaw in Rakhine State in January, 2019, there was a rise in the number of displaced persons, many of them children.

RYNG distributed toys in the camps, and facilitated play, storytelling and music sessions with over 1600 children in seven different IDP (Internally Displaced Person) camps. After the sessions, one child said "I am very happy to have a toy. And it is exciting to play interesting games with all of my friends."

Reflection and Learning

What makes Paung Ku's work unique is that it is based on a continual cycle of action, reflection and learning.

Our approach allows us to draw upon the experience of our partner organisations, to develop existing strengths and capacities, and to remain dynamically responsive to the changing situations in which we work.

AT A GLANCE



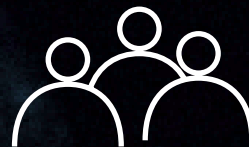
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Partner organizations



\$800,000

Grants Distributed



201,930

Beneficiaries

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