

Individual Project Final Report

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Rotary Club: Anchorage East

Project Title: Myanmar Water Pond – A Clean Water Project

Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did project activities take place?

Water sources in Myanmar are primarily water ponds – depressions in the land that collect water during the long rainy season. The pond water is never sufficient for an entire year – leaving the people without any water or having to walk miles to find a nearby source. The purpose of this project was to deepen the pond in the village of Ywa Haung Kye Taw. The original plan was to deepen the pond an additional foot. Thanks to additional donations from individual Rotarians and nonRotarians as well as economies of savings, the pond was deepened a total of 3 additional feet – thereby vastly increasing the water storage. The final construction stage was the installation of a fence around the pond to keep children and animals away from the pond; and the construction of a platform and stairs - enabling the residents to access the water without walking directly into the pond. Because there is a very long rainy season, the digging could not begin until the end of the rainy season: the end of April 2015. The work on the fencing/platform/stairs could not take place during the dry season to set the poles. Compounding these construction challenges was a 9-day tornado that hit the region in August 2015. The tornado did structural damage to many buildings and the ensuing floods drove many people from their homes to higher ground – including our construction project manager. At long last, the project is complete!

2. How many people benefited from this project? 2000

3. Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project, and what humanitarian need was met?

This project is intended to provide a year-round available water supply to the village. Before this project, the villagers took water from this pond for as long as the water was available. However, once the dry season came, the pond had no water and the villagers had to walk miles to search for a pond that might have water. Since other villages were suffering the same problem, this was no easy task. Walking in search of water kept children from school; consumed unnecessary hours of the women's days; left everyone with little water for all their basis needs. This new water pond is 3 feet deeper than the original and it is expected that there will be adequate water year round. The pond will provide for cooking, drinking, washing and watering their livestock. The pond will need to be maintained on an annual basis but the villagers have committed to do this maintenance work on their own.

4. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 8

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project.

Rotarians from Alaska, Australia, Hawaii and Canada visited the village; met the residents; toured the site of the water pond; photographed the site; shared a meal; blew and tied balloons for the children; wrote a news article about the project for publication in the newsletter of the Health Education and Wellness Rotarian Action Group; did fundraising amongst nonRotarians; consulted with project leaders and provided guidance on grant reporting requirements; demonstrated/trained the villagers how to use the water purification indicators.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? There were several:

- a. Rakhine National Social and Welfare organization accompanied us on the trip; provided armed security for travel to this dangerous part of the country; photographed the events; produced a video.
- b. Interact Club of Anchorage East High School provided 117 water purification indicators to determine when boiled water/milk is pasteurized and safe to drink.
- c. Aung San Soo Kyi Foundation staff helped with travel logistics and accommodations

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures for at least five years)

Currency Used: kyat Exchange Rate: _____ = 1 USD

7. Income

Sources of Income	Currency	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	USA	\$2000
2. Rotary Club Contribution	USA	\$2000
3. Other funding (specify) Individual donations, Rotarian and nonRotarian	USA	\$3300
Total Project Income	USA	7300

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)

Budget Items	Name of Supplier	Currency	Amount
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1. Labor-Pond Dig		kyat	4123000
2. Ladders		kyat	968000
3. Fencing		kyat	2210000
4.		kyat	
5.		kyat	
Total Project Expenditures		US \$7300	7,301,000

Certifying Signature

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Carolyn E. Jones
 Carolyn E. Jones, Past TRF Trustee, RC Anchorage East

Date: 30 Aug. 2015