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Thant Zin Aung, a Vocational Education Training (VET) graduate, now runs the media team at Playbook Foundation. He plans to one day open his own photography studio and mentor other young people.

Dry food and hygiene supplies are loaded onto a boat on the Moei River, on their way to people in need in IDP sites in Karen State.



# Foreword

"When Help Without Frontiers was first established, our vision was to create a community where every individual is treated with dignity and provided with the opportunity to flourish. Reflecting on our journey through 2025, I am profoundly moved by the resilience of the communities we serve.

This year has been defined by a 'Shifting Landscape' in global aid, yet our commitment to protecting the vulnerable remains steadfast. Receiving the award from Thailand's National Human Rights Commission this year is a profound honor that reaffirms our role as a guardian of rights on this border.

As a woman leading this board, I believe that true protection is about building a foundation of safety that lasts for generations. We are holding ground, but also looking beyond: we are nurturing the hope that will sustain these families through any storm. Thank you for your unwavering trust and for walking this path of compassion with us."



**Oranuch Leardkulladilok,  
HWF Board Chairperson**

# Foreword

"Managing this organization has been the greatest honor of my life, especially as we navigate the complex challenges of 2025. This year's report reflects both unprecedented hardship and our strategic pivot toward long-term sustainability.

The conflict in Myanmar has pushed our border services to their limits, while a global funding drought has threatened vital programs. In response, we have begun fundraising to secure the budget for the construction of the Rays of Hope school buildings—a critical step toward providing 560 children with accredited education and a stable future.

We also celebrated the opening of our Women's Empowerment and Learning Centre, a space where women are empowered to lead and redefine their futures. We have proven that migrant communities are assets to society, not burdens. As a woman leading this foundation, I see daily the incredible strength of the mothers, teachers, and girls who refuse to let their dreams be silenced. We are turning this shifting landscape into a foundation of hope, ensuring that education and protection remain a right for every child."



**Siraporn Kaewsombat,  
HWF Director**

# A Shifting Landscape

2025 began with the dismantling of the US Agency for International Development (USAID). Abrupt funding cuts led to the cancellation of vital programs serving communities and saving lives around the world. The United Kingdom, Germany, and other nations have announced their own cuts for the years to come.

Aid can save lives in crises and conflicts, but it can be preventative as well as responsive: addressing the root causes of poverty, exclusion and violence, it stimulates investment and builds the capacities of individuals, households and communities, reducing dependency in the long run.

These funding cuts undermine the bold ambitions of the international community through the turn of the millennium to collectively combat poverty and health crises. Together, significant milestones in development have been achieved. Global aid has helped to halve infant and maternal mortality and incidences of malaria. At the same time, there have been significant improvements in access to education, safe water, and electricity. These funding cuts threaten not only to prevent continued progress towards a safer and more equitable world, but also to reverse many of the important gains made in the last thirty years.



# Holding Ground

For almost twenty years, Help Without Frontiers has been providing vital support to people on the Thai-Myanmar border. Myanmar migrant communities, refugees, and displaced persons on both sides of the border continue to be affected by violent conflicts, human rights abuses, and environmental disasters. Just as more people are being forced across the border into Thailand in search of safety and opportunity, funding to support their protection and access to services is diminishing.

While many governments signal their intention to move away from supporting important initiatives around the world, Help Without Frontiers is holding ground. Our work throughout 2025 demonstrates our continued dedication to the people of Myanmar – migrant workers and refugees, young and old, long-standing community members and new arrivals. We stand firm in our belief that migrant people are an asset to

society and the economy, not a burden; and that aid can lay the groundwork for individuals, households and communities to create a better and brighter future for themselves.

Adaptability is key, and by nurturing strong relationships with donors and partners over our organisation's lifetime, many have returned to HWF with different types or sources of funding in 2025; some have also referred HWF to new donors, helping us to diversify further and fill key gaps.

Further increases in cross-border movements and an inability to return have prompted us to focus on social cohesion, giving people from Myanmar a chance for a future in Thailand through cooperative initiatives with local groups and businesses. While we continue to support basic education and protection, we also renew our attention on opportunities for youth, raising their voices to higher levels. With the support of our valued partners, both local and international, HWF is here to stay.

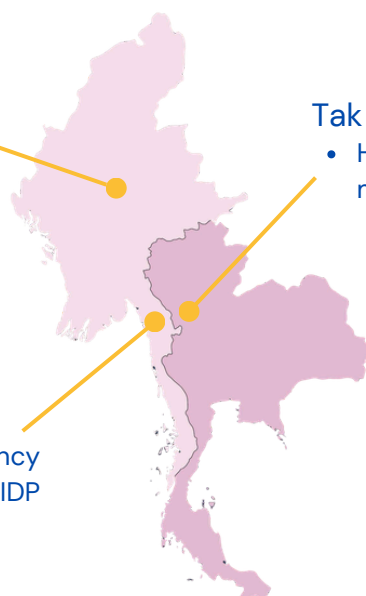
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Sagaing Region,  
Mandalay Region,  
and Shan State,  
Myanmar

- HWF's response to the 2025 earthquake with local CBOs

Karen State, Myanmar

- HWF's activities and emergency response with local actors in IDP sites



Tak Province, Thailand

- HWF office location, and the base of most of HWF's activities

# HWF's Key Achievements in 2025



## 20,000 children

were able to stay in education through support for MLC running costs, provision of stationery and supplies, transportation support, teacher salaries, and scholarships

## 873 participants

joined in youth-led campaign events for National Youth Day and Anti-Human Trafficking Day



## 28

## youth

completed the vocational education training course and internships with local businesses

## 184 children

who recently arrived in Thailand participated in an Emotional Resilience Program, improving their communication skills, mental well-being, and confidence.

## 15 children

from Myanmar completed the process of obtaining legal Thai identification



## 6,345 children

benefitted from improved WASH facilities at Migrant Learning Centres



## 676 children

who could not enroll into schools have accessed art, sports and play-based learning in Child Friendly Spaces

Trained youth led workshops on social issues for **820** students, teachers and parents

## 8,470 people

received hygiene sets in IDP sites across Karen State



Partnerships with groups on the ground in Myanmar helped us to reach **22,467 people** with food and hygiene supplies in the aftermath of the earthquake

# Goals and Key Results

The mission of Help Without Frontiers is to promote, develop and ensure access to education, participation, protection, and relief assistance for vulnerable people from Myanmar, empowering them to build a brighter future. We strive to achieve this through the Goals set out in our five-year strategic plan, which focus on Education, Youth Empowerment, Protection and Well-being, and Emergency Response.



## HWF 5-Year Strategic Goals, 2023-2027



We aim to provide vulnerable children and youth with access to suitable **education** pathways and career skills, that are accredited, inclusive and equitable



We aim to empower children and **youth** to become leaders in their communities, participate in social development, and to have more options for career development



We aim to ensure migrant communities can advocate and have access to a **safe community** environment by strengthening prevention and response to risks



We aim to provide **humanitarian assistance** to emergency affected people on the Thai-Myanmar border, supporting their access to immediate needs, in close cooperation with partner organisations and the Thai government, in alignment with the Humanitarian Charter



We aim to evolve as an **organisation** to meet changing internal and external needs, seeking ways to strengthen our own capacity

Guided by the goals, objectives, and key target indicators in our five-year strategic plan, HWF has been leading and cooperating on activities in communities on both sides of the border in 2025. With the support of local community members, CSO partners, and international donors, HWF has helped to improve the lives of thousands of people from Myanmar through our key programme areas.

## Goal 1

**We aim to provide vulnerable children and youth with access to suitable education pathways and career skills, that are accredited, inclusive and equitable.**

### Key Results

> **2,501** children accessed **education, healthcare, and child protection** services in 10 MLCs

> more than **19,000** children received **stationery** for the academic year across 62 MLCs in Tak Province, with support from UNICEF

> **56** Myanmar children in Thai schools received **scholarships** to complete their high school education

> the **oral hygiene** program expanded from three to ten MLCs, with training for **37** teachers and reaching **942** students

> **36** children at one MLC benefitted from a **school lunch** program, supported by Japanese enterprise Saphan

> **45** students and one teacher at a school dorm in **Mae La Camp** received **food support**

The Myanmar civil war, human rights abuses, and mandatory conscription continued to push thousands of people across the border in 2025, driving up education access needs and pushing Migrant Learning Centres (MLCs) and Thai schools to their limit.

HWF continues to support the salaries of more than 100 teachers and the running costs of ten MLCs, where new Thai teachers have been hired to meet demand for improved language skills for longer-term stay in Thailand. 130 Myanmar children received support to stay enrolled in Thai schools, while a second cohort of scholarship awardees continued their high school education at Thai schools and colleges.

With our partners, HWF provided students with access to additional opportunities and services – including art classes, sessions on emotional resilience, and oral hygiene workshops. Students in MLCs also received regular milk, Vitamin A supplements, deworming medicine, and routine vaccines. Despite challenges to security and accreditation, MLCs remain important safe spaces

Children wear their uniforms at a Migrant Learning Centre in Mae Sot District





Students participate in fun outdoor activities as part of the Emotional Resilience Program for new arrivals

for children to learn and grow, while also acting as community hubs for training and healthcare initiatives.

Mental health has emerged as a key concern amongst children and youth, many of whom have been forced to flee from their homes, lost friends or family members, or witnessed violence firsthand. An HWF survey found that many MLC students are struggling with the effects of poor mental health, and that only 32% feel confident to talk about it. Our second round of the Emotional Resilience Program in 2025 helped to build the confidence and communication skills of 184 students who had recently arrived in Thailand, through outdoor activities, critical thinking, and group presentations.

Further investment is needed in key areas to support education access through this shifting context. Thai language support, scholarships for higher learning, and access to non-formal Thai education can help students

to gain key skills leading to accreditation and positive future opportunities. New registered learning spaces – such as HWF’s planned “Rays of Hope” school – would help to cope with increasing demand for primary education, while an expansion of scholarship and vocational training programs would bridge gaps for older students between school and higher education or safe work. HWF also plans to explore pathways to legal registration for MLCs in the near future.



# Breaking Barriers: finding the path to legal status for undocumented children in Thailand



In 2024, the pilot project “ID4ED” began the process of identifying routes for undocumented children along the border to acquire legal status. HWF led research into the legal procedures and paperwork involved, and into the local communities to find students that had the potential to meet each criteria. During these community visits, the team discovered that many families were not aware of their rights in this area, or of the steps to acquire documentation.



In 2025, the project evolved into “Breaking Barriers”, with two key components. First: awareness-raising workshops, targeting potential cases in MLCs and sharing information with students and parents about the processes. Second: case management – preparing paperwork and information for cases and taking them through the necessary steps at the District Office.



Through this project in 2025, 15 children successfully completed the process, with 14 of them acquiring Thai nationality. This opens up a range of freedoms and opportunities for the children – the ability to travel freely, both around Thailand and internationally; access to higher education and scholarships; even the ability to participate with their friends in school trips. With the project set to close in 2026, funding support is needed to continue the strong start made in the last two years, and to help even more children to take this life-changing step in breaking statelessness<sup>13</sup> passed through generations.

## Goal 2

**We aim to empower children and youth to become leaders in their communities, participate in social development, and have more options for career development.**

### Key Results

- > online **Youth Leadership Program launched**, with **74** youth already completing courses in SRHR, goal-setting, and online safety
- > **100%** of Batch 4 of the **Vocational Education Training** program completed the course and **internships** in local businesses
- > through six monthly **mentoring** activities, **26 youth leaders** recorded improvements in mental health awareness, decision-making, and confidence
- > **youth-led** awareness-raising workshops reached **820** community members with information on mental health, online scams, and traffic laws
- > **campaign events** for Anti-Human Trafficking and National Youth Day attracted **873** participants

Youth from Myanmar continue to face significant challenges, whether they are on the move or settled in local schools and communities in Thailand. Digital safety is an ongoing concern – most young people crossing the border get their information online, putting them at risk, especially with the rise of scam centres and trafficking along the border. Additional challenges exist regarding mental health, social cohesion, and access to further education or employment opportunities – while 28 youth filled the vocational training program for 2025, a further 125 applicants had to be rejected.

HWF's youth empowerment programme "Rays of Youth" continues to raise the skills and voices of Myanmar youth in Thailand. In 2025, 28 youth completed the Vocational Education Training course – 16 in food and beverage, 12 in creative media, and all including modules in Thai language, entrepreneurship and marketing – with all going on

Youth Network Group members gather round as HWF staff teach photo framing and composition





Youth Network Group create a music video using their new video production skills.

to complete internships in local businesses and partner organisations. Short courses in sewing and ICT reached a further 134 youth. Trainees also continued to lead operations at HWF's onsite social enterprise and training centre, the Happy Cafe and Gift Shop, putting their new skills into practice and gaining confidence.

The Rays of Youth programme takes pride in its peer-to-peer focus: in 2025, 820 students, teachers and parents benefitted from youth led awareness-raising sessions on important social issues in MLCs and communities. Members of the Youth Leadership programme and Youth Network Group – composed of programme graduates from previous years – also designed, planned and led campaign events for hundreds of participants, such as the

“Youth for a Better Future” event for National Youth Day, which featured contests, panel discussions, and information booths for more than 600 people.

In 2025, the voices of youth were heard beyond the local level. HWF's Youth Board represented both the organisation and their fellow youth at national-level events, including International Migrants Day discussions at Chulalongkorn University, and a ceremony in Bangkok to present HWF with the Human Rights Award from Thailand's National Human Rights Commission.



HWF's Youth Board Leader facilitates planning discussions for the National Youth Day campaign

## Youth Board: raising the voices of youth in leadership and strategy development

In early 2024, three passionate youth leaders from the Rays of Youth network began new roles in HWF's Youth Board Committee. Their mission? To lead, advocate, and inspire, representing the voices of migrant and displaced youth in Thailand. 2025 represented the bulk of their two-year term, during which time they have led capacity-building sessions and campaign planning meetings, acted as mentors for the Youth Leadership programme participants, presented Myanmar youth concerns at HWF board and partner meetings, and collected data on migrant issues and the needs of youth to help shape HWF's programs. All this has been achieved while they continue to pursue their own educational goals.

Youth leadership matters. Enrolment increases at MLCs now include a high proportion of youth arriving in Thailand for the first time. These young people need role models like HWF's Youth Board Committee to provide guidance, set a positive example, and help to raise their voices to decision-makers on the national stage.

## Goal 3

**We aim to ensure migrant communities can advocate and have access to a safe community environment by strengthening prevention and response to risks.**

### Key Results

- > **344** individuals received **vital assistance** through housing, school costs, and referral to medical services
- > **2,897** children benefitted from the distribution of **52 Play Boxes** across schools and communities
- > **SRHR** training reached **436** students and **564** adults, focusing on consent, health, and reporting mechanisms
- > **307** children in mobile learning spaces and IDP sites received home-based **learning kits**, including notebooks and stationery
- > **240** caregivers participated in the Parenting On The Border project, leading to groundbreaking **research**
- > **314** children learned about their rights through in-school **workshops**



Many displaced children remain out of school and without legal documentation in Thailand, leaving them vulnerable to the “protection gap” in which they lack access to safety and opportunity. Our protection team works to ensure that these children can access their fundamental rights. The core aspect of this work is the strong implementation of our Child Safeguarding system – which includes common policy development, training, and a referral process – to ensure that the children involved in our projects and activities are safe and taken care of in their schools and communities.

HWF also runs nine Child Friendly Spaces, providing education, art, and psychosocial support to children in communities who have not been able to enroll into a school. These safe and inclusive environments, led by community volunteers, supported 676 children in 2025. These locations

**A Child Friendly Space in Mae Sot doubles up as a community health point for a day**





An HWF staff member leads an SRHR workshop at a mobile learning centre in Phop Phra

also provide space for other community-based initiatives, including Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) workshops for parents, distribution of home-based learning kits and Play Boxes, and an accelerated Non-Formal Primary Education course for 28 out-of-school children.

Through MLCs, the team has provided child rights training for 314 children, and SRHR training to 436 children. We continued our participation in the Parenting On The Border project, an “edutainment” intervention co-designed with caregivers to address violence against children and caregivers’ psychosocial distress. Our team also provided two workshops on CSG for 51

people from partner organisations, helping to build capacities and strengthen the local safeguarding system as a whole.

In addition to child protection, this programme also provides life-saving protection services to individuals, families and communities with Individual Protection Assistance (IPA), protection case management, and referral services to partners with expertise in specific areas. In 2025, HWF provided assistance in 344 cases with intersecting protection concerns, including exploitation, unlawful detention, and discrimination. This support helped vulnerable people to maintain their health, safety and dignity through safe accommodation, school fees, and referral to legal and medical services.

Child Friendly Space volunteers participate in team-building games ahead of a workshop on child safeguarding



## Goal 4

**We aim to provide humanitarian assistance to emergency-affected people on the Thai-Myanmar border, supporting their access to immediate needs, in cooperation with partners and the Thai government.**

### Key Results

- > **8,470** internally displaced persons received **hygiene sets** in IDP sites in Myanmar
- > **6,546** children benefitted from improvements to **sanitation** services at Migrant Learning Centres and Child Friendly Spaces
- > **22,467** people affected by the Myanmar earthquake received **emergency supplies** and assistance
- > **2,094** people in emergency settings received **dry food sets**
- > **2.8 million THB** raised through our **Border Emergency Fund** to respond to the earthquake in Myanmar and flooding in Thailand
- > **32** new toilets and **ten** wash basins were constructed at MLCs and Child Friendly Spaces

On 28<sup>th</sup> March, a 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck the Sagaing Region of Myanmar, killing at least 5,000 people and causing widespread destruction of houses and infrastructure in Myanmar and Thailand. HWF immediately mobilised, launching an emergency fundraising campaign through our Border Emergency Fund (BEF) and conducting an assessment of local Myanmar groups to partner with on the ground. With their support, HWF was able to provide more than 22,000 people with food sets, non-food items, and shelter supplies.

HWF was also ready to respond to needs caused by the ongoing conflict inside Myanmar. Violence since the 2021 military coup has contributed to the displacement of 3.5 million people in the country, while many thousands cross into Thailand to be held for a short time in Temporary Designated Areas (TDAs). In 2025, our

Emergency hygiene set distribution to communities in need in Thailand





Loading up supplies for people displaced by conflict across the Moei River, a natural border between Myanmar and Thailand.

emergency response team improved sanitation services and clean water supplies for 5,332 persons in IDP sites in Myanmar, and 3,121 persons forced across the border. As no clear humanitarian channels exist, HWF works with local partner organisations, such as the Karen Department for Health and Welfare (KDHW), to mobilise resources and access those in need. HWF also provided training for 30 volunteers to lead handwashing behavioural change across IDP sites, and provided food sets and non-food items to more than 2,000 displaced persons.

HWF also works on improving water and

sanitation facilities in the Migrant Learning Centres that we support. These learning spaces received 32 new toilets and 10 hand-washing basins in 2025, helping to maintain good health and hygiene for enrolled children, teachers and volunteers. The team was also able to check the water supplies of the Migrant Learning Centres for any dangerous bacteria.

## A Mother's Journey: finding health and dignity after displacement

"I am a single mother of four children. I never imagined that my peaceful life in Taungoo would be changed all at once. One afternoon, we were at the farm when we felt the ground begin to shake. We were very scared. When we returned to the village, we were shocked: children were crying, and some families were gazing at their homes that had turned to rubble. Our home had completely fallen too. This wooden house with bamboo walls was all the property we had. Now it was all gone.

The armed conflict in our area was also causing impoverishment in our communities, especially through travel restrictions and the blockage of trade. With no money to recover after the earthquake, I sold my cattle to pay debts, contacted a relative living in an IDP site in Myawaddy, and took my children there to restart our lives.

Feeding my children nutritious meals was a daily worry. We usually had only boiled vegetables, with some meat once a week. I feared for my children's health and education – my youngest were studying in an IDP school, but my two teenage daughters had dropped out. We always keep our belongings prepared, ready to move to another place in case the conflict catches up to us here.

HWF has brought food sets and hygiene items to displaced people living here. They



have been very helpful for our lives. The food sets had some canned fish, which my children really liked. The hygiene kits were life-changing, too – they included sanitary pads which gave my two teenage children the confidence to attend school again with dignity. It is hard to ask for these items, so I am so thankful that they were included.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for this support. It has helped us survive and given us hope."

A mother and child head home from a distribution point after receiving hygiene supplies.



## Goal 5

**We aim to evolve as an organisation to meet changing internal and external needs, seeking ways to strengthen our own capacity.**

### Key Results

- > HWF received the **human rights award** for 2025 from Thailand's National Human Rights Commission
- > the organisation's finance and child safeguarding **policies** have been reviewed and **updated**
- > HWF established Thailand's 10<sup>th</sup> **WE Centre**, and first in Tak Province
- > the **Happy Cafe** and Gift Shop continue to run **sustainably**, as a training centre and social enterprise
- > HWF's **Board** continued to help to steer the organisation and provided **workshops** for staff
- > an annual **retreat** helped staff to relax and **refocus** at the start of the new year

HWF operates within a constantly shifting context. Global pandemics, natural disasters, and violent conflict can be unpredictable, and compound long-term challenges including the legal and economic insecurity of local communities. In this low-resource setting, HWF must adapt and maintain flexibility to respond to local changes, while still keeping our goals and values at the core of who we are as a foundation.

A key to maintaining readiness in an uncertain environment is strengthening capacity. In 2025, HWF sought to improve some of our core systems and policies, reinforcing the foundation from which we can implement more impactful initiatives. We undertook a thorough review of our Child Safeguarding policy, ensuring that it was guided by international standards, remained relevant to our current context, and reflected Thailand's updated Child Protection Act. Alongside this, we updated our case management systems and referral forms.

The Happy Cafe and Gift Shop – a sustainable social enterprise located at the HWF office, which also acts as a training and work experience centre for Myanmar youth





HWF staff begin the new year with a relaxing retreat

The foundation has also been reviewing its financial management system, updating our finance policy and creating a new online recording system to be used from 2026.

The HWF office in Mae Sot saw some physical improvements. These included the construction of a new meeting room, the successful assessment of our water systems, and the creation of Tak Province's first Women's Empowerment and Learning (WE) Centre. HWF will be able to use these facilities for training, workshops, and discussions with teachers, visitors, and partners from across the country. HWF continues to implement procedures for regular communication and cooperation between programme teams, including weekly updates, monthly staff meetings, and quarterly meetings with the foundation's board.

In the face of global funding cuts, HWF has sought to further diversify funding sources to support activity and staff costs. While maintaining positive relationships with institutional donors, HWF has attracted support from individual philanthropists around the world, and developed new partnerships with INGOs and UN agencies. HWF's Happy Cafe and Gift Shop, a social enterprise at the HWF office, continues to operate sustainably by selling drinks to visitors, producing lunch boxes for partners' meetings, and creating handmade products.



# Improving the quality of life of the elderly in urban communities

Projects for the Elderly (“forOldy”) has been working to improve quality of life for the elderly. The concept is to allow the elderly to age gracefully, stay comfortable, and pass away peacefully. In 2025, two projects were carried out:

## Project to promote the management of community well-being systems around the Well-Being Learning Center (ThaiHealth).

**Create a driving mechanism:** Establish a working group in 4 areas (children, elderly, economy, environment) covering key activities such as volunteers caring for the elderly at home, housewives’ income-generating groups, and youth volunteer teams.

**Network Integration:** Linking 3 communities through joint management mechanisms (housewives’ working group, waste management, and elderly care) for unified operations.

**Data and Innovation Development:** Using RECAP and TCNAP research tools to analyze potential resources and community situations for proactive planning.

**Network Partnership Integration:** Collaborating with the Sathorn District Office, public health service centers, and over 20 local partners to organize activities that promote health and generate income.



## Urban Community Elderly Well-Being Enhancement Project

### Community-Level Care Mechanisms (7 communities, 4 districts)

**Mutual Care Network:** Developed 38 volunteers to visit and care for 110 vulnerable elderly, focusing on disease screening and adjusting living environments.

**Community Welfare:** Implemented the 'Warm Heart Fund' to assist with funeral expenses for 195 member families.

### Driving City-Level Policy

**International Day of Older Persons 2025:** In collaboration with the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), a major event was held at the City Hall (Din Daeng) with over 970 participants from 16 networks.

**4 proposals to the BMA:** 1. Establish a One Stop Service Center to take care of the elderly in every district. 2. Support budget for group formations and community health assemblies. 3. Set up an "Office of Senior Citizens Activities" as a dedicated unit of the BMA. 4. Promote "International Day of Older Persons" as an important annual agenda of Bangkok.

# Advocacy

Throughout 2025, HWF continued to grow its reputation as a leading organisation supporting vulnerable people and communities on the ground on the Thai-Myanmar border, strengthening our position to advocate on behalf of those we serve.

HWF welcomed many visitors from around the world, sharing information about the local context and community needs to embassies, academics, and regional representatives of the United Nations. We were especially happy to welcome the visit of Johanna and Astrid from our long-term partners HOG-Italy. HWF was consulted on new project initiatives and research led by INGOs, and launched a research report of our own on the emotional well-being of migrant students. HWF staff also represented our work and beneficiaries by attending and presenting at many meetings, including a multi-stakeholder consultation on the UN cooperation framework, a Tak Green City event in Mae Sot, World Children’s Day, and International Migrants Day at Chulalongkorn University.



HWF was also invited to participate in the launch of Thailand’s first National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAP WPS), with Thailand’s Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with UN Women. The action plan marks an historic milestone in Thailand’s commitment to gender equality, sustainable peace, and the participation of women at all levels of peace and security efforts. As a key outcome of this event, HWF was selected to open and host Tak Province’s first Women’s Empowerment and Learning Centre – a hub for future workshops, discussions and training sessions for women in the region. Finally, HWF had the honour of receiving an award from Thailand’s National Human Rights Commission.

HWF's Director (centre), founder (left) and Board Chairperson (right) receive an award from Thailand's NHRC.



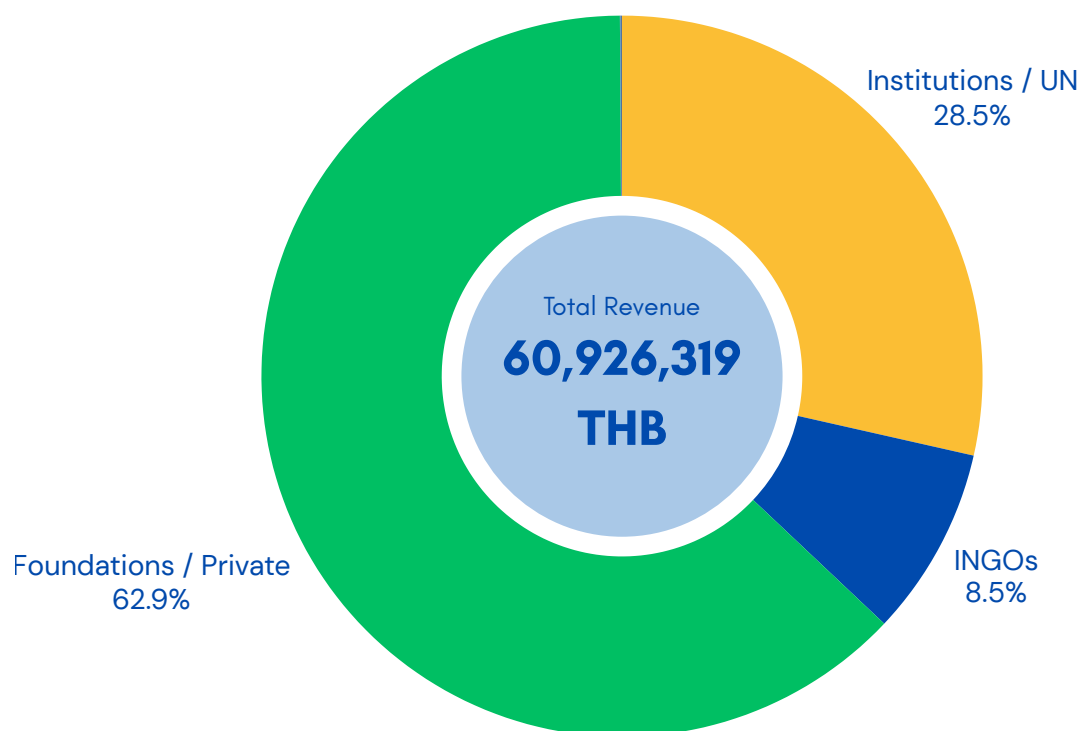
HWF staff and members of the Board receive the award from NHRC-Thailand



# Financial Report

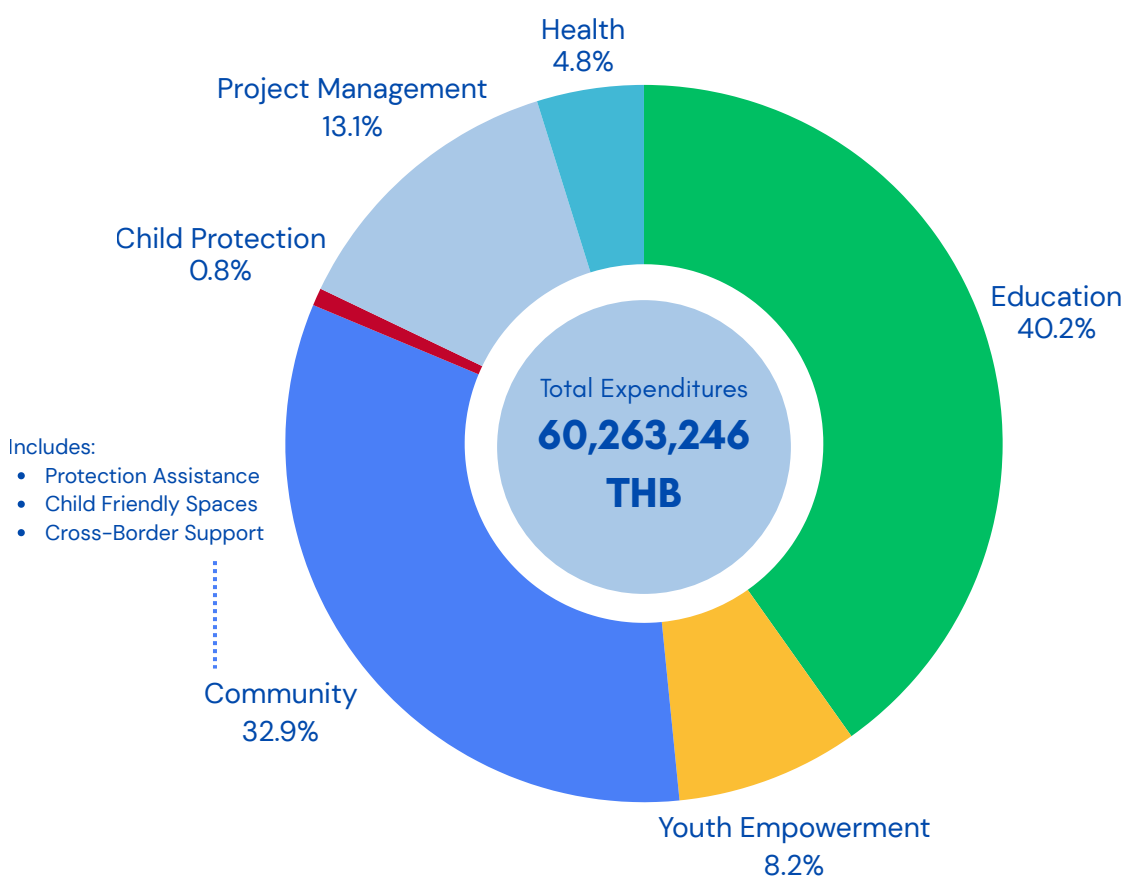
## Revenue by source, 2025

Institutions / UN	17,386,890.07	28.54%
International Organisations	5,180,235.91	8.50%
Foundations / Individuals / Private Donors	38,302,295.27	62.87%
Sales	17,986.00	0.03%
Other Income	38,912.62	0.06%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,926,319.87</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## Expenditure by program area, 2025

School Support (inc. MLC running costs)	13,041,491.00
Education & Training (inc. Thai school support)	11,175,557.00
Health	2,906,143.15
Youth Empowerment	4,962,630.64
Community and Income generation	19,820,293.22
Child Protection	478,563.00
Management	7,878,568.13
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>60,263,246.14</b>



# To Our Supporters

The work of Help Without Frontiers would not be possible without the support of a wide group of community networks, partner organisations, donors, government agencies, and individuals. From the teachers and community volunteers leading crucial education programs and delivery of emergency relief; to the governments and NGOs providing high-level funding for key activities; all your support is crucial in allowing HWF to provide assistance and opportunities to the number of individuals and communities that we do. HWF is proud to have worked with you all in pursuit of our goals to support the people of Myanmar and help them to build a brighter future.

## Donors

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)  
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Saphan  
Save the Children  
Thai Health Promotion Foundation  
UNICEF  
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...and all general donations – thank you!

## Partners

Act Now Children’s Fund  
Anti-Human Trafficking Network Group  
Burma Children’s Medical Fund (BCMF)  
Burmese Migrant Teachers Association (BMTA)  
Burmese Migrant Workers Education Committee (BMWEC)  
Child Protection and Referral System Network (CPRS)  
Field Inter-Sector Working Group – Tak  
Fujifilm Korea  
Inclusive Education Foundation (INED)  
Karen Department of Health and Welfare (KDHW)  
Kickstart Art  
Mae Tao Clinic  
Migrant Educational Coordination Centre (MECC)  
Playbook Foundation  
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# Looking Ahead

There are exciting things on the horizon for HWF. In 2027, we will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary; much planning and preparation will take place in 2026. We hope that all our friends, current and past supporters, will be able to join us in celebration of everything we have achieved together so far, and in looking ahead to future collaborations.



A digital rendering of one of the classrooms of the Rays Of Hope school

Also in 2027, HWF plans to begin construction on the new Rays Of Hope school – a registered, non-profit Thai school in Mae Sot that will provide 560 vulnerable children from Myanmar and Thailand with accredited primary education. Throughout 2026, we will continue our fundraising efforts for Phase 1 of the project, with the hope that the school will be able to open in 2028 as planned.

In 2026, HWF aims to focus on social cohesion: looking at the ways in which we can not only serve communities of people from Myanmar in Thailand, but how we can bring them together with Thai people and communities, finding common ground through workshops, training opportunities, and events, for children and adults alike.

With updated child safeguarding and financial management procedures, new meeting spaces, and diversified funding, HWF is ready to face the challenges that 2026 will bring. With the support of partners and the strong participation of local communities, together we can build a brighter future for those in need – without frontiers.



Help Without Frontiers Thailand Foundation (HWF) is a non-governmental development organisation established to provide assistance to children and youth in the Thai-Myanmar border area, so that they have the opportunity for a better life.

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