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We extend our deepest gratitude to the entire KWAT staff for their outstanding efforts.

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Acronyms

KWAT: Kachin Women's Association Thailand

CDM: Civil Disobedience Movement

IDPs: Internal Displaced People

KIO: Kachin Independence Organization

WPS: Women Peace and Security

KWA: Kachin Women Association

GBV: Gender-based Violence

PSS: Psycho-Social Support

SAG: Social Action Group

PSEA: Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

MNCH: Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Care

SRHR: Sexual Reproductive Health Rights

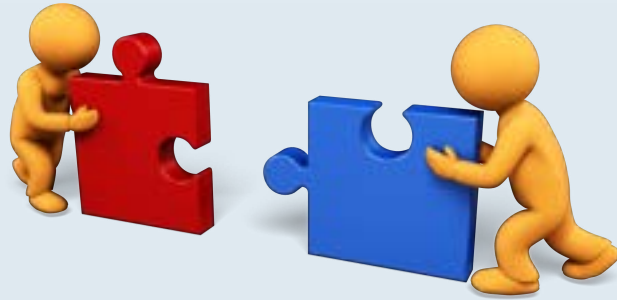
PNC: Postnatal care

ND-Burma: Network for Human Rights Documentation Burma

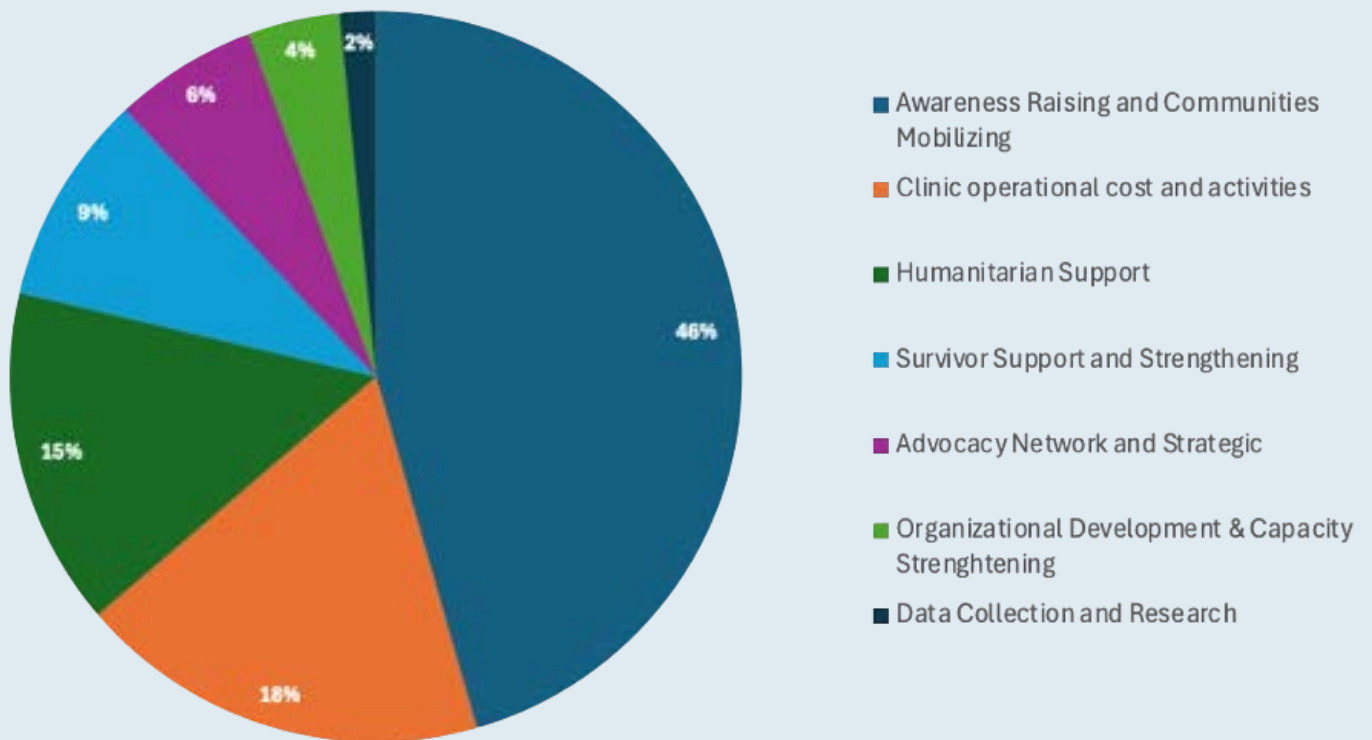
MNOC: Myanmar National Organizing Committee

APPGM: All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia

Annual Financial Highlights



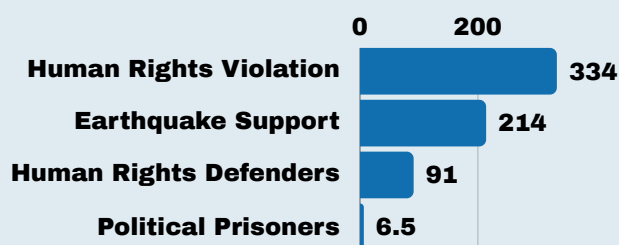
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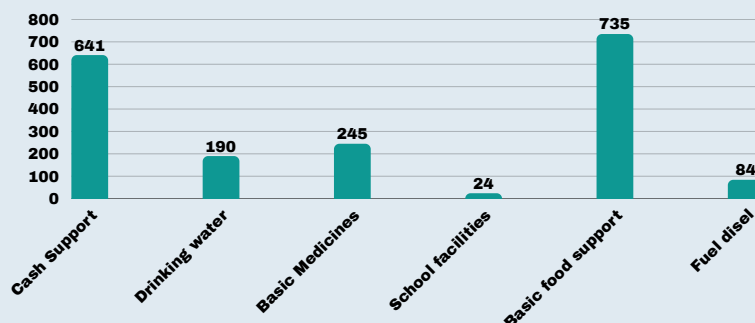
Achievement Highlights

Data Collection on Human Rights violation and report publication

Emergency Support



Humanitarian Support to IDP households



From January to December 2025, KWAT's Documentation and Research Program (DRP) documented **208 cases of Human rights violations**. During the data collection process, staff members met with hundreds of victims and survivors of wartime violence. Among the 208 documented cases were incidents of **airstrikes, arbitrary arrests, shelling and destruction of property, killings, torture, and other forms of ill-treatment**.

Due to the ongoing intense armed conflict in our target areas a number of **human rights violations** cases might be higher mentions above. The number were only KWAT have able to reach during the reporting periods.

In addition to documenting these violations, KWAT also provided support to survivors. A total of **334 survivors of human rights violations and 88 human rights defenders, including CDM participants, received assistance**. Kachin Women's Association Thailand (KWAT) provided direct support to survivors of armed conflict-related human rights violations and assistance to human rights defenders. This support included **food supplies, general healthcare services, relocation assistance (including transportation costs), and emergency shelter**.

Despite these efforts, Many survivors cannot access timely emergency assistance after experiencing of **human rights violations** related to armed conflict, including **destruction of homes, arbitrary detention, ill-treatment, and sustaining critical injuries or wounds caused by airstrike bombardments and artillery shelling**. While emergency humanitarian support may not fully address survivors' long-term recovery and livelihood restoration needs, it remains critically important in helping affected individuals and families meet immediate basic needs, reduce protection risks, support physical and emotional stabilization during the crisis.

In addition, the DRP program has been promoting **safe spaces for women** to share their life experiences, including both challenges and achievements. These spaces bring together women from different organizations, individual CDM participants, university students, religious women leaders, persons with disabilities, and youth groups.



Humanitarian Support



In 2025, KWAT raised funds to support humanitarian assistance for internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by intensified armed conflict. This support included **food supplies, basic necessities, relocation assistance, and emergency shelters**. KWAT reached **1,919 households (7,562 people)** in IDP camps across Kachin and northern Shan State, providing **essential food and health support to survivors and vulnerable populations, particularly women and children**. According to our report, “**Air Terror Expands in Kachin State**,” and related documentation, tens of thousands of villagers have been **displaced** due to **intensified conflict** and **airstrikes** targeting civilians. However, due to **limited resources** and **ongoing access constraints**, KWAT has only been able to provide **short-term assistance** to address **immediate survival needs** during the early stages of displacement.

At least 12 of Kachin State’s 18 townships continue to be affected by armed conflict. Communities face repeated displacement, ongoing bombardment, and limited access to humanitarian assistance. According to UNHCR estimates, approximately 300,000 people are displaced across Kachin State. However, KWAT believes the actual number may be significantly higher. KWAT continues to advocate for increased support to local community-based organizations and the expansion of cross-border assistance mechanisms to ensure aid reaches communities in urgent need.

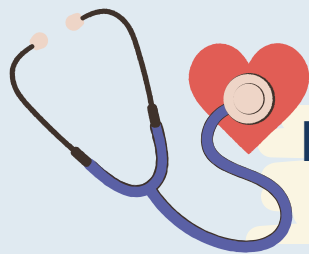


Women leadership empowerment and political awareness raising



KWAT’s Political Empowerment Program (PEP) aims to support the overall objectives of KWAT by strengthening **women’s leadership and political awareness**. During the reporting period, PEP conducted capacity-building training for **10 young women** through the **Women’s Leadership Training program**. The program also provided Civic Education—including training on federalism, human rights, and democracy—to communities in 12 villages located in KIO-controlled areas. In addition, to be able to understanding of local governance and federal governance PEP delivered **Local Governance and WPS Awareness Session** to departments within the KIO administration with a total of **62 women and girls** participated. PEP also organized activities to commemorate international events in collaboration with KWA and conducted monthly women’s exchange meetings with Mai Ja Yang local and IDP women with 95 participants to encourage dialogue and shared learning. Furthermore, 47 women leaders from various villages were identified and gathered to participate in a five-day advanced capacity-building training to further strengthen their leadership skills and community engagement.

*Through community assessments, stakeholder meetings, and participant feedback, KWAT has identified a significant gap: local communities have had very little to no access to training on human rights, gender, federal democracy, and Women Peace and Security (WPS) topics. Given this gap, the program identifies three key ongoing needs: Civic and political education — building communities’ basic knowledge of democracy, federalism and human rights. Capacity building for local leaders — helping administrators and decision-makers understand and apply human rights and WPS principles. Expanding political empowerment activities — accelerating efforts so more local people understand their own rights and respect the rights of others. It is very important for communities to clearly understand their rights and entitlements. In the Kachin region, due to the abundance of natural resources, many issues arise — including **land grabbing, forced displacement of communities, labor exploitation linked to extractive industries, and various forms of ethnic discrimination**. Raising broad awareness is essential so that communities can clearly understand these issues and be able to confidently speak up for and participate in defending their own rights.*



Essential health care service and health education

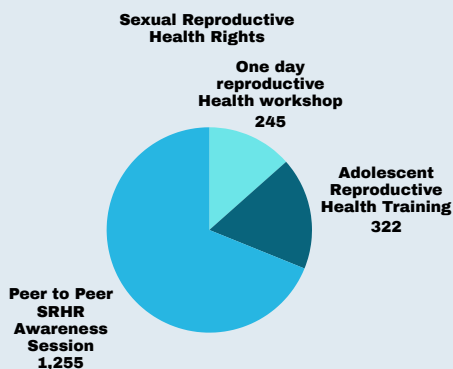
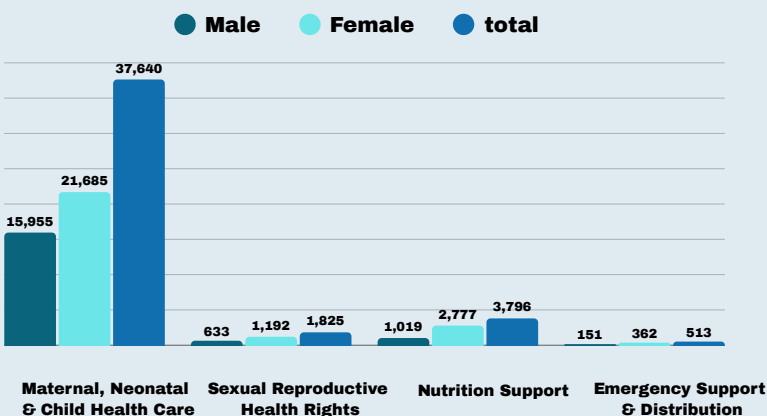


From January to December 2025, KWAT's Health Program concentrated on four essential areas: **Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Care (MNCH)**, **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)**, **Nutrition Support**, and **Emergency Support and Distribution**. Health Program staff carried out these initiatives throughout Northern Shan State and Kachin State.

In 2025, under the **Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Care** initiative, KWAT provided medical services to around **37,640 patients (M-**

15955, F-21685) through three mobile clinics located in Mai Ja Yang, Lwe Je, and Hu Hpyek. However, Intensified armed conflict in Momauk Township and surrounding areas has resulted in new waves of displacement, particularly in Shwegu Township, creating significant gaps in healthcare access. Many newly displaced communities are located in areas without health facilities and remain difficult to reach due to insecurity, transportation challenges, and poor road conditions. Increased support is urgently needed to ensure access to essential healthcare services for IDPs and host communities.

Health Program Support



In addition, KWAT conducted a one-day workshop on reproductive health, along with training sessions focused on adolescent reproductive health and peer-to-peer SRHR awareness. These activities were part of the overarching initiative to provide **Sexual Reproductive Health Rights** workshops and training for a total of **1,825 participants (M-633, F- 1192)** which included local health department staff and peer educators.

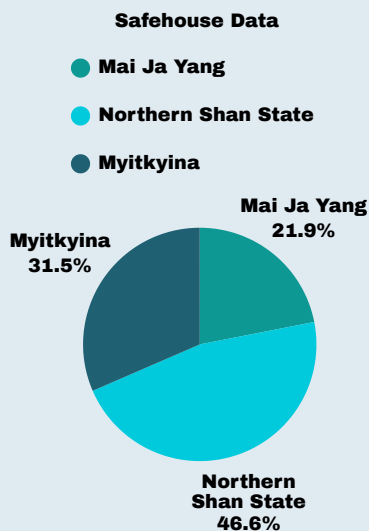
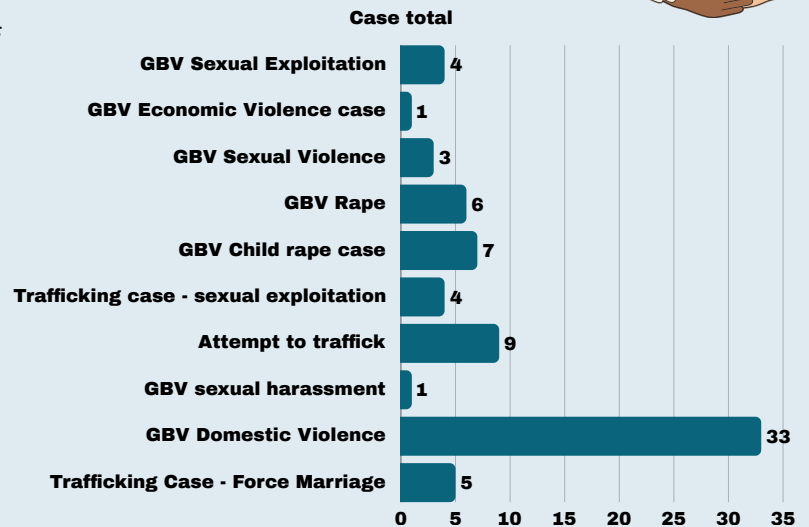
The Health Program included crucial **nutrition support** activities for **pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and children under 5 years old**. Key initiatives involved **emergency nutrition** for malnourished children, **nutrition screening**, awareness campaigns on **hygiene and gender issues**, and training for staff and peer educators. Beneficiaries received nutritional assistance and education on proper nutrition, impacting **3,796 individuals (1,019 males and 2,777 females)** and students from five schools in 2025.

Under Emergency Support and Distribution activities, the Health Program delivered **dignity kits to youths and adolescents**. During the reporting period, emergency assistance was provided to **PNC**, along with newborn kits to a total of **513 beneficiaries (151 males and 362 females)**.

Gender-based violence prevention and response



In 2025, KWAT's Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP) primarily focused on supporting survivors of attempted trafficking and various forms of **gender-based violence (GBV)**, including **child rape, domestic violence, rape, sexual harassment, economic violence, and sexual violence**. The program also assisted survivors of trafficking cases, including forced marriage and sexual exploitation. Survivors received various forms of support, including health services, transportation assistance, shelter, food support, psychosocial support (PSS), and the provision of essential supplies and materials. To implement these activities, ATP worked closely with Local Action Teams, SAG groups, and community facilitators in Kachin State and Northern Shan State.



ATP also conducted coordination and networking meetings with partner organizations to share information and strengthen referral pathways, ensuring that survivors could access appropriate services provided by different organizations. In addition to response activities, KWAT implemented prevention initiatives by raising awareness in target villages on GBV, trafficking processes, Protection from **Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)**, **social cohesion**, and **psychosocial support**. Furthermore, ATP operates a safe house where survivors can stay in a secure environment and receive necessary services. KWAT also runs a Women's Center where women can visit during the daytime to relax, reduce stress, and learn new skills.

Despite these efforts, rescuing survivors trafficked through irregular migration channels remains extremely challenging due to ongoing conflict and cross-border restrictions. Many survivors are trafficked to remote areas in China and face **forced marriage, labour exploitation, and other forms of abuse**. At the same time, online scams and technology-facilitated trafficking are increasing. There is a growing need for public awareness on digital safety, prevention measures, and access to survivor-centred support services. Additional resources are needed to strengthen sustainable livelihood opportunities for survivors and to promote access to justice and protection mechanisms for women and girls affected by trafficking and gender-based violence.



Success Story



After I learned about health knowledge, I now know how to protect myself from the diseases and have come to truly value my life. Thus, I would like to say, the health awareness sessions are very supportive not just for me, but for my community.

Lahpai Nang Grawng

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I have come to understand how important the federal democracy and become more attentive to current political news and have the ability to critically analyze the direction of the news, whether it is right or wrong. It is well understood that the lack of women in leadership positions and women is facing the violence due to the culture norms and gender.

Seng Mon Mai

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Through KWAT's regular awareness sessions and monthly food support, I began practicing exclusive breastfeeding. With proper nutrition, I have been able to breastfeed my baby successfully, and seeing my baby healthy motivates me to continue breastfeeding until six months old. I am truly grateful to KWAT and the donors for their support.

Nang Hka

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I was once worried about raising my two daughters and facing social pressure for not having a son. Through the 'Drop-in' program, I found strength by connecting with other women facing similar struggles and sharing feeling each other and learning food making skills. It helped me earn more income, and today I feel confident raising my daughters and building a better future for them

Kaw Kaw

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After receiving health education on the '1,000 Days' initiative, including proper nutrition and ANC/PNC care, Hkawn Ja was able to make better decisions in her pregnancies. With support from KWAT, she accessed nutrition and healthcare services, resulting in her third, fourth, and fifth children being born safely and remaining healthy. She now shares this knowledge with other mothers, promoting safe and healthy pregnancy practices

Lamai Hkawn Ja

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Advocacy



KWAT has strengthened continued strong regional and international in partnership with **Women's League of Burma, ND-Burma, and Progressive Voice** organizations. Through these partnership, KWAT has actively pursued advocacy efforts focused on promoting **international accountability** for **war crimes** and **crimes against humanity** committed by the **Burmese military**, while also advocating for **cross-border humanitarian aid** delivered directly support to community-based organization in hard to reach areas. As part of **ND-Burma's** advocacy team, KWAT also engaged in the **(MNOC)** a member of **ASEAN People's Forum**, to raise **regional awareness** of **Myanmar's human rights crisis** within the ASEAN community.

On 13-17 October 2025, one member of KWAT's advocacy team joined **ND-Burma** on an advocacy mission to Malaysia. The delegation met with representatives from the **APPGM Refugee Policy Committee, Special Select Committee on International Relation and International Trade, Special Selet Committee on Human Right, Election and Institutional Reform** to engage parliamentary stakeholders on key issues including **forced conscription, the sham election, airstrikes**, and **humanitarian needs** in Burma/Myanmar.

In December 2025, KWAT published the report **"Air terror expands in kachin state"** highlight the Myanmar military regime's **intensified airstrikes** on civilian targets in **Kachin-controlled areas**. The report documents **26 airstrikes** across **nine townships** between December 2024 to November 2025, causing at least **112 civilians deaths and 165 injuries**.

Recent attacks have struck IDP camps, churches, monasteries, schools, shops, and homes, affecting people of all ages, including children and the elderly.





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Drop-in activity



**Cash Support for
Flood Affected Community**



Photo-Cooking Demonstration



**Preschool Activity
in Hpaji Gindai ECCD**



**Egaging men to improve
nutrition and gender**



Loije CLinic ANC Care



3Days TIP Awareness LweJe



Malnutrition Screening Activity



Loi Je Camp:Cash support



Malnutrition Screening Activity



**Basic Documentation Training
in Daw Hpum Yang**



**Newbor Kit & Nutrition
Support**



HE on Family Planning



**Basic Need Food Support
to Women Human Rights Defender**



**Local Governance &
WPS Training**



**3 Days Human Rights
& Democracy Training**



Coordination Meeting with Community Leaders



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Community development & Mobilizing training



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