



# Child's Dream Foundation

Engagiert für bessere Chancen für Kinder, Jugendliche und Gemeinschaften in der Mekong-Subregion



Presentation Swiss School Singapore

Karen State Education Assistance Group (KSEAG),  
Myanmar

## Situational analysis

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- Kayin State (aka Karen State) is located largely on the Eastern border of Myanmar to Thailand
- The population is mostly Karen people who have their own culture and language
- Karen National Union has been fighting for autonomy against the Burmese army for close to 50 years
- The Burmese army committed a lot of different human rights abuses on the Karen people ranging from ethnic cleansing, forced laboring, torture and rape
- Many Karen people fled to Thailand to seek refuge in 9 refugee camps
- A cease fire has been signed 3 years ago between the Karen National Union and the Burmese Army



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## KSEAG

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- Karen State Education Assistance Group (KSEAG) was formed in 2005 to support schools in Karen State, which are not support by the Ministry of Education due to the conflict
- KSEAG is a local community based organization based on the Thai – Myanmar border
- KSEAG supports school materials for students and teachers, provide teacher stipends and organizes teacher training

## What was achieved?

- In the academic year 2015/16 a total of 1,396 schools were supported with school materials and teacher stipends
- 152,210 students (73,859 in lower primary, 53,366 in upper primary, 20,058 in middle school, and 4,927 in high school) and 7,790 teachers received support



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## Objective

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- Make schooling more effective and attractive for both students and parents
- Decrease drop-out rates among students
- Strengthen the ethnic education system by providing teacher training
- Improve the capacity of local communities and thereby reduce the migration to Thailand

## What was distributed?

- Over 100 tons of school materials
- Students receive notebooks, pens, pencils and erasers
- Teachers receive chalk, A4 paper, carbon paper, pens, scissors, staplers, etc.



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## Support from Swiss Schools

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With the contribution of SGD 7,500 (or USD 5,500) we were able to provide stationery to

# 5,188 students



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