From Grassroots to Government:
How Equality Myanmar is Creating a more Empowered and Just Society through Human Rights Education and Advocacy

Annual Report 2016
Participants of 5-Day Human Rights Training, conducted by a 2016 ToT graduate, pose for a group photo in Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Region.

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Equality Myanmar (EQMM) is a registered local nongovernmental organization that facilitates a broad range of human rights education activities and capacity building, as well as conducts advocacy and lobbying. We work with a variety of local actors and our activities reach all states and regions in Myanmar.

EQMM was founded in 2000 as the Human Rights Education Institute of Burma (HREIB) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. In 2013, HREIB’s headquarters and operations transitioned to working exclusively inside Myanmar under its new name.

Our Vision is a peaceful, democratic, tolerant society that respects human rights.

Our Mission is to empower the people of Myanmar to engage in social transformation and promote a culture of rights for all.
It was in 1988, while living in the jungle as a student activist, when I picked up a book called, “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)”. Back then I didn’t know what the words “equality” and “discrimination” meant – I had to look them up. From that moment I realized that our main human rights violation was ignorance, and that’s when my dreams took root. I envisioned a future in which human rights activists could work openly, and for Myanmar to be a place where human rights were not just respected but considered a champion of human rights. My dream took a big step forward when I founded the Human Rights Education Institute of Burma (HREIB) in 2000, with 3,000 dollars of my own money, and just two staff.

In 2016, HREIB, now known as Equality Myanmar (EQMM), became a legally registered organization, with the right to openly educate and advocate for human rights in Myanmar. By then, EQMM was already operating out of Yangon and Mandalay, with trainer teams working in every state and region. I see more clearly now than ever that the relationships and networks we’ve built from the past 16 years have made us a strong and authentic organization able to bring human rights education into every community.

The year 2016 was also important for Myanmar. We finally got to see a democratically elected civilian government take power for the first time in over fifty years. Although much has changed, one does not have to look hard to see that the full promise of peace, democracy, and respect for human rights remains unfulfilled.

I believe civil society has an important role to play in strengthening democracy, and right now civil society in Myanmar is still in its infancy. That is why EQMM continues to promote human rights through education and advocacy, as well as strengthen civil society’s skills and ability to collaborate. Committing ourselves to the principles outlined in the UDHR and promoting solutions on the basis of rights is the only sustainable way our country will rise above our difficult situation. I always say it’s not enough to just complain about the government, but that civil society needs to have solutions too.

As this report will show, time and again, human rights education leads people to discover that they don’t need to look for a reason outside themselves to speak up and take action. They know they have human rights and dignity. Every time a person learns about human rights, their critical human rights conscience awakens and they influence their family, friends, and community. Each individual has the ability to influence the group, and together we can change the collective consciousness of society.

I want to recognize the hard work and dedication of the staff for making EQMM an organization that continues to improve people’s lives. I also wish to express my deep appreciation for our partners and network organizations, whose ideas and efforts have richly contributed to the progress of our movement. Finally, I wish to thank our funders for their vitally important support in contributing to the human rights development of our country.

In Solidarity,

Aung Myo Min
2016: Stories of Change

Human rights education empowers people by building a critical human rights conscience as the foundation for speaking out and taking rights based actions. In the pages that follow we’ll tell the stories of people who attended our trainings and then took action towards making society more just and equal.
Ma Khin Cho Naing is 29 years old, from South Dagon Township, Yangon Region, and attended EQMM’s Five-day Basic Human Rights Training in Yangon in 2016.

The session in EQMM’s training about complaint mechanisms was very useful. Now I write these letters using the format the trainers gave us, and I help by sharing it with others.

There was a particular case that I helped with: A twelve year old girl who was working in the kitchen at a beer shop was raped by the owner. Then the owner announced that the young girl had eloped with a boy who had been working at a tea-shop. However, the girl was hidden in another place. At that time her parents and relatives told me the situation, and we looked for and finally found her at the North Okkalapa toilet, where she was working. Apparently the owner had sold the girl and took her salary in advance. I took the girl to my home and I asked her to tell me the real situation.

It took some time but she explained about the violations that had occurred to her. I then opened a case in the police station, but unfortunately the owner had paid off the police officer and the head of the station. So I wrote a complaint letter about the police and sent it to the judge. I followed the procedures, step by step, and that owner was then put in jail for seven years.
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Daw Than Yin is 58 years old, from Amayapura Township, Mandalay Region, and attended EQMM’s Five-day Basic Human Rights Training in Mandalay in 2016.

Equality Myanmar’s human rights training was very good and effective for me because I learned about rights that I had never known before. Before, I was just an ordinary housewife who depended on my husband, but after participating in the training I came to know my own rights and dared to speak up. I used to be afraid of the ward administrator, but now I am able to speak my mind — because it is my right. Now I’m the tenth household head in my village.

After the training, I have had the opportunity to participate not just with government but other organizations. I work for women’s empowerment by encouraging and listening to women’s voices about their difficult situations and give advice. I’m also active in ward affairs, especially concerning women’s affairs. I discuss about human rights and try to do as much as I can to share this information with others.
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U Philip Naing Htoung is 40 years old, from Kan Pa Latt Township, Chin State. He graduated from our Training of the Trainer in Yangon in 2014 and thereafter became a human rights defender in his community.

Before I joined EQMM’s training, I didn’t know about human rights at all. I didn’t know that it’s good thing to promote for my community. After my training from EQMM, I was enthusiastic to work for my community on human rights violations, and I came to know not only human rights but also political and social issues.

In the two years since completing Training of the Trainer, I’ve gone on to work for my community by conducting training related to human rights, child rights and women rights, as well as public events and even a talk show. Also, I am now working at the Open Development Foundation as a coordinator.

In my community there are some gaps between human rights and our customs and beliefs, such as suppression of women’s rights. Furthermore, we have rights violations because of the law, and this is why I negotiate for cases to be treated fairly by the police and the judge. I am trying to solve these kinds of things.

There is a recent land grabbing issue that I am working on, in which 2000 acres of land were unfairly occupied, so I have written a complaint letter to the government.

All the work I do now for human rights is due to Equality Myanmar — it’s because I joined that training. Afterward I realized I have a lot of potential to help my community. Therefore, I would like to say thank you so much to Equality Myanmar.
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- U Philip Naing Htoung
Ko Than Naing is 30 years old, from Chaung Zon Township, Mon State. He is a former EQMM staff (2012-2016) who first attended EQMM’s Five-day Human Rights Training in Mae Sot, Thailand, in 2004. That experience set him on a path to become a human rights educator and activist.

When I came back from human rights training in 2004, I began sharing my knowledge with other students in Mawlamyine. I opened a student hostel and began having meetings among students, doing capacity building and making campaigns. The campaigns were very secret and underground, like a sticker campaign or a letter campaign. We organized events like Revolution Day and basic political training workshops. I guess you could say I became like a youth leader and organizer among student youth. This is how my student life was after I attended training.

There’s a saying, “If you need action, you have to start with the knowledge.” I very much agree with this. My theory of change starts with building knowledge, affecting feelings, and then practicing skills. Most action comes from knowledge – if people know, they can act on their own and their attitudes will change. If they don’t know the concept and theory of human rights, they cannot act. That’s why knowledge is the first and most important thing to share to people, in order to make a better society. For every program design, I prefer to focus on education. I learned this from my work experience as a staff at Equality Myanmar – without education there is no action.

Everything I know today I learned from Equality Myanmar, like even management, program design, facilitation, and teaching skills. Also, I learned about advocacy among local authorities and local CSOs. These skills will definitely help me in my job as director of the Mon Youth Educators Organization (MYEO).

I think if I had never attended human rights training and gotten involved with Equality Myanmar, I would have become a Mon soldier and a nationalist. I wouldn’t understand about other nationalities and I would discriminate against other people. Human rights violations affect all citizens of Myanmar, not just Mon. Because of Equality Myanmar, I came to see that I have to work for all.
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At Equality Myanmar we see the challenges facing Myanmar’s transition to a democratic and tolerant society as both deeply rooted and interconnected. Low levels of human rights awareness are connected with entrenched prejudices and politicized extremism, while weak institutional capacities of civil society and government are linked with inadequate human rights protection.

This is why we take a multifaceted approach to addressing these problems through a broad range of human rights education activities, CSO capacity building and networking, advocacy, and lobbying.
How our program works to improve human rights

Program Activities

Rights Holders
- General Population
- Civil Society Organizations

Duty Bearers
- Government Officials
- Members of Parliament

Claim Rights
- Increased understanding and acceptance

Fulfill Rights
- Increased acceptance and accountability
A quick look at what we did in 2016

Human Rights Education

- 14 Community events
- 85 trainings and workshops
- 32 new AV productions made and broadcasted on DVB TV
- 61,024 IEC materials distributed
- 27 new human rights trainers capacitated

Advocacy

- **Established** the Myanmar-Burma UPR CSO Forum to monitor and advocate for Myanmar’s UPR
- **Consulted** the U Shwe Mann Commission, tasked with advising parliament on law reform, on behalf of civil society.
- **Signed** open letter demanding the Tatmadaw cease offensives against ethnic armed groups and repeal of the Unlawful Associations Act, at the occasion of the 21st Century Panglong Conference.
- **Contributed** to the draft Violence Against Women Law, calling for the government to fulfill its obligations under CEDAW, which Myanmar ratified in 1997.

Civil Society Capacity Building

- 4 CSOs capacitated and sub granted to conduct community mobilizing projects
- 600 people reached by community mobilizing projects sub granted by EQMM
Where we worked in 2016

We work across all of Myanmar’s 14 states and regions, including Nay Pyi Taw, with a variety of local actors. The relationships and networks we’ve built from the past 16 years of training and advocacy enable us to bring our program activities into communities across Myanmar safely and effectively.

Equality Myanmar conducted Human Rights Education and CSO Capacity Building activities in 41 different townships reaching 6,332 people in 2016.
EQMM conducted 30 Five-Day Human Rights Trainings for 770 participants.

EQMM’s trainings aim to build enthusiasm and knowledge about human rights, to encourage participants to respect rights and affect change through speaking out and taking action. In the picture above, participants in Mandalay brainstorm, “What are the basic needs of humans?”.

What our post tests showed:
85% of participants showed a measurable increase in human rights knowledge

What they said:

“I came to know that no matter whether we are poor or rich, everyone has rights. I was once so ashamed to be seen with disabled people and did not even want to sit at the same table. But I know that they even have their rights and they are also human beings, therefore they have human rights as well.”

- Female participant in Kalay Township, Sagaing Region

“How I understand human rights and violations, so I can protect myself and no one can bully or abuse me. For example, when I went to the General Administration Department for my registration documents, the government staff told me to give 15,000 kyats for that. I know that I don’t need to pay for that so I didn’t pay. If I didn’t know, I would pay for that, which is corruption. Even if I didn’t help others in this case, I could protect myself.”

- Female participant in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region
Human Rights Education in 2016

EQMM trained 27 new human rights educators who trained 318 participants across Myanmar.

What their participants said:

“We have never heard about human rights before and there was no respect for human rights in our areas. But thanks to this training, we begin to know about our rights.”

- Female participant in Than Taung Gyi Township, Kayin State.

“I gained knowledge on where to go and make a complaint when faced with a human rights violation.”

- Male participant in Min Tat Township, Chin State.

Success Stories of 2016 ToT graduates

Ma Htay Htay Win says the skills of ToT enabled her to get a job as a Human Rights Trainer in a three-year EU-funded project starting in 2017.

Ko Arkar Hein Soe, Deputy Director of the Promotion Division at the Myanmar National Human Rights Council, says ToT has improved how MNHRC trains government officials.
Human Rights Education in 2016

EQMM conducted 14 Thematic Workshops for 340 participants.

Thematic workshops address specific human rights issues and needs of civil society. They are facilitated by EQMM staff with help from external experts.

Thematic Workshop Topics in 2016

- Freedom of Religion and Belief
- Democratic Leadership
- Federalism
- Human Rights Based Approach to Sustainable Development
- Human Rights Research and Documentation
- Community Campaigning

EQMM organized 14 public events raising awareness of human rights across Myanmar with support of 17 civil society organizations, reaching an estimated 4,000 people.

Participants doing a group activity facilitated by U Aung Cho on Documentation and Research in Mandalay.

U Aung Myo Min opens the community event by speaking about the 2016 theme for International Human Rights Day, “Stand up for someone’s rights today” at Peoples’ Park, Yangon.
Human Rights Education in 2016

EQMM produced **32** new audio-visual productions that were broadcasted on Democratic Voice of Burma three times per week.

The cast of Human Rights Education TV (HRETV) pose with EQMM Senior Trainer Ko Aung Zaw Htwe (top row, middle).

HRETV Documentary crew discuss Islam and human rights with Dr. Myint Thein from AL-AZHAR Islamic Institute of Myanmar.

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Human Rights Education Documentaries

Convention on the Rights of a Child (CRC) poster

**Project Highlight: ‘Strengthening Peace Initiatives Through Human Rights Education in Primary School in Mandalay’**

In 2016 Equality Myanmar launched a one year project teaching core concepts of peace and human rights to 115 fifth grade students at Khan Tat Kone Monastic School in Mandalay. Over the course of the project, EQMM produced a tailored course curriculum that includes a story book and teacher and student handbooks; conducted 27 classes; produced 3 custom designed HRETV episodes; and concluded the project with a theater competition organized by the children themselves demonstrating concepts of non-violence and peace (pictured at left).
Advocacy and Lobbying in 2016

EQMM produced a highly original report on the ‘Situation of Freedom of Religion and Belief in Myanmar’.

The report, both in English and Burmese, is downloadable at our website: http://equalitymyanmar.org/book/archives/2627

EQMM advocated for human rights at the 21st Century Panglong Conference

U Aung Myo Min attended the 21st Century Panglong Conference as a representative of civil society in Nay Pyi Taw, which included meeting with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon (pictured at left).

Equality Myanmar joined a group of 40 civil society organizations in signing a joint statement condemning the Tatmadaw’s latest offensives against ethnic armies as well as calling for a mutually agreed ceasefire. The statement also called for repeal of the Unlawful Associations Act so that civil society can more fully participate in the peace process.

Project Highlight: ‘Myanmar Civil Society and the UPR’

Equality Myanmar has been a leader in facilitating and coordinating Myanmar CSOs’ engagement in the United Nations’ Universal Periodic Review (UPR). In 2016, EQMM conducted a series of collaborative meetings on the 2nd cycle of Myanmar’s UPR in various locations in Myanmar, Thailand, and Switzerland. The result was coordinated advocacy among local CSOs at the national level in Nay Pyi Taw and at the international level in Geneva, with a new coalition of CSOs, known as the Myanmar-Burma CSO UPR Forum, established to monitor and continuously advocate for adopting the recommendations of the UPR.
Advocacy and Lobbying in 2016

EQMM Lobbied the Union Level Government on Legal Reform and Rights Education

In 2016, U Aung Myo Min met with the U Shwe Man Commission to consult on Myanmar’s current laws and by-laws which contradict international human rights standards and advocate to the committee to make recommendations to parliament that bring them in compliance.

To the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill committee, U Aung Myo Min gave comments on freedom of expression issues. The main topics of his presentation were the elements of the 2013 Telecommunications Law which weaken protection of human rights, including s66 (d), as well as the lack of legal framework for ‘lawful interception’, and the draft Citizens Privacy and Security Protection Law.

At the Ministry of Information, U Aung Myo Min met with Dr. U Pe Myint to discuss human rights education, and to gain cooperation with government media. The minister agreed to allow EQMM to raise awareness about human rights through state-run media, such as MRTV. (See Screenshot at left)

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Thura U Shwe Mann, chairman of the commission, poses for a photo next to U Aung Myo Min.

Screenshot of EQMM-produced human rights comic shown on MRTV as a result of lobbying the Ministry of Information.

Project Highlight: ‘ICCPR—Training and Advocacy Project’

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U Aung Myo Min (third from right) and the ICCPR Action Group pose with parliamentarians in Nay Pyi Taw.
EQMM trained and mentored 4 CSOs in community organizing. Then we provided them subgrants to implement their projects, reaching 600 people.

Equality Myanmar’s Community Organizing in 2016

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EQMM provided organizational support to Colors Rainbow & United ACT

Colors Rainbow (CRB) is Myanmar’s most successful LGBT rights organization. CRB began as a project of EQMM in 2007. During 2016, EQMM supported CRB as a partner organization through ongoing management, advocacy, and strategic guidance. CRB is on course to being a fully independent organization in the next two years.

EQMM provided similar support, as well as fiscal sponsorship, to the United ACT, another close partner whose work in raising awareness of child rights and the dangers of trafficking through theater and advocacy fills a crucial gap in the human rights development of Myanmar.

Project Highlight: ‘Building CSO Capacity in Human Rights and Advocacy’

Leveraging our expertise in training and advocacy, EQMM conducted advocacy trainings and mentoring visits with 16 local CSOs in 10 different regions and states. In 2016, EQMM conducted 10 workshops, 32 mentoring visits, and a National Conference.

EQMM will conduct a second round of this capacity building project in 2017, which will target 21 local CSOs.

(Pictured, sitting at far right) EQMM Project Coordinator Ma Seng Bu Ban.

Project Highlight: ‘Strengthening the Defense of Human Rights (SDHR) in Myanmar’

In 2016 Equality Myanmar continued its partnership with CORD Myanmar in the three-year SDHR project aimed building the organizational and peace-building capacities of human rights organizations in Myanmar and Cambodia. Over the course of 2016, the SDHR project team conducted trainings and a subgranting scheme to a total of three human rights organizations, working in Shan State, Mon State, and Ayewaddy Region.

(Pictured, sitting at center) EQMM Project Coordinator Ma Khin Lay Lwin facilitates an activity at a human rights and peacebuilding training in Nyaung Shwe Township, Shan State.
Colors Rainbow (CRB) conducts human rights education and advocacy with a focus on promoting and protecting LGBT rights in Myanmar. In 2016, CRB trained 408 people and implemented a ground-breaking project providing case management and legal assistance to members of the LGBT community. The project produced a seminal report that documents the challenges LGBT persons face in accessing justice, as well as guidebooks for lawyers and paralegals on how to work on LGBT cases.

Advocacy Highlight: Bringing LGBT Rights to Daw Suu

Program Officer Ma Shin Thant met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the State Counselor’s “Peace Talk” meeting with members of the committee for national youth policy. Ma Shin Thant (pictured in red facing the State Counselor) used this opportunity to raise the issue of LGBT rights to the Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, saying that LGBT is a natural identity but it is discriminated against in Myanmar. The State Counselor responded that government has a duty to tackle discrimination, but that society and its social norms must also change.

Connect with Colors Rainbow!
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Facebook: Colors Rainbow
United Act in 2016

United Against Child Trafficking (United ACT) is a children's rights NGO that empowers trafficked, at risk, and vulnerable children to advocate and educate on their own behalf through theatre. In 2016, United ACT's interventions reached 6,500 children and youth, and engaged 105 government officials through advocacy.

Success Story in 2016: Maung Aye*, age 17

Maung Aye lives in Hlaing Thar Yar Township, a satellite city and industrial zone of Yangon which is known to contain numerous cases of child labor and child trafficking. Without a consistent place to live, his family has been forced to move frequently. In 2014, Maung Aye dropped out of school to help support his family and works part-time distributing flyers for various companies.

In 2015 and 2016, Maung Aye participated in United ACT’s 7-day theater camp, gaining skills and knowledge to participate in several additional community theater performances. From seeing child rights violations all around his environment, Maung Aye felt inspired to use theater as a way to communicate and educate others to take an active role in protecting the rights of children.

Maung Aye expressed, “It has been the happiest experience joining United ACT and participating in theater performances for communities. I can see myself improving my knowledge, skills and capacity in theater and child rights. and I am able to participate in many activities and performances. One thing I learned was how important it was for me to have an identity card and I want to thank United ACT and Terre des hommes-Netherlands for supporting this campaign.”

Maung Aye received his identity card on February 9, 2016. He continues to be actively involved in United ACT’s theater group and participates in Equality Myanmar’s Human Rights Education TV program.

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Financial Information

Income by Program in 2016

- Human Rights Education Trainings and Workshops: 26%
- Training of Trainer, Advocacy, and Civil Society Capacity Building: 8%
- United Act-Child Rights Program: 4%
- Organization Reserve Fund: 62%

Direct vs. Indirect Expenditures

- Direct Expenditure: 80%
- In-Direct/Overheads Expenditure: 20%

Total Annual Budget in 2016: $ 1,211,035

Our donors in 2016

- Norwegian People's Aid
- Open Society Foundations
- stefanus alliance international
- Canada
- Partners Asia
- Cord
- AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE
- DAN CHURCH AID
- AMYDA RE DCA
- CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENDERS
- terre des hommes
- Kingdom of the Netherlands
- NED
- diakonia
- fhi360
Change has been a long time coming. Although we’ve made gains in 2016, the story of Myanmar’s democratization is still in the first act.

Whether you are an implementing partner, a donor, or just an individual supporter, we thank you for helping make the cause of human rights and democracy in Myanmar possible and we hope to continue working with you.

In particular, we wish to recognize our donors for their confidence in our mission and their good humor with our challenges as we grow and adapt. Your support has enabled us to flexibly design and implement programs that meet the evolving needs of Myanmar’s transition to a peaceful, democratic, tolerant society that fully respects human rights.
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