





EU Myan Ku Fund

Quick facts

Project name	EU Myan Ku Fund
Funded by	European Union under Nexus Response Mechanism
Budget	10 million EUR
Duration	April, 2020 - February, 2022
Lead agencies	United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS) sequa gGmbH Wave Money
Local partners	 MGMA - Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association
	 CTUM - Confederation of Trade Unions Myanmar
	 CESD - Centre for Economic and Social Development
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Unique cash disbursements in 2020	108,320 payments issued of which 99.9% distributed using mobile money
Volume of cash disbursed in 2020	8.1 billion MMK / approx. 5 million EUR <i>Wave Money provided services with no transfer fees and no service fees.</i>
Estimated number of beneficiaries in 2020	60,000 factory workers, majority of which women migrant workers
Support payment range	25,000 MMK minimum/month 125,000 MMK maximum/month



Major objectives

Vulnerable factory workers, such as pregnant workers, internal migrants, and other workers with acute needs based on eligibility criteria, are supported with cash assistance during periods of unemployment and under-employment.

Migrant workers and pregnant workers receive counseling on nutritional behavior, as well as hygiene and financial literacy.

Key activities

- A call centre is established to process enrollment of approximately 70,000 beneficiaries for mobile money assistance.
- Project coordinates with employer organizations, civil society and trade unions to enroll unemployed workers for support.
- Project cooperates with the Social Security Board to explore joint actions to reduce economic hardship for unemployed factory workers during the CoVID-19 pandemic.
- Nutritional counseling is conducted with at least 2,000 pregnant workers, workers with young children and internal migrants.
- Project facilitates job matchmaking for unemployed workers and deployment of vocational training stipends.
- Research is conducted on the economic and social impact of CoVID-19 within the Myanmar garment sector and on Myan Ku's impact. Nutritional research is conducted with selected beneficiaries.

Project implementation by...



Expected results

- 160,000 unique cash transfers are disbursed.
- Migrant workers, pregnant workers and workers with children age 10 and younger are prioritized for support.
- At least 1,000 factory workers are provided a stipend to support skills training during their unemployment period.
- Child factory workers discovered during Myan Ku implementation are remediated and enrolled in basic or alternative educational programmes.
- At least 2,000 social and behavioral change counseling (SBCC) sessions are conducted by Myan Ku doctors with pregnant or migrant workers.
- Hygiene and/or nutritional practices of at least 600 beneficiaries improves via SBCC support.
- Myan Ku facilitates tripartite dialogue related to unemployment insurance.
- Factories are supported in hiring workers via job matching actions of the project.

Target beneficiaries for 2021

Myan Ku focuses support on unemployed factory workers in the apparel manufacturing sector. Particular focus is given to supporting...

- Pregnant workers who lost jobs or suffered reduced income in 2020 and 2021.
- Internal migrant workers terminated or on furlough.



- Workers with children age 10 and younger.
- Workers terminated without any severance pay.
- Unemployed factory workers willing to complete skills training
- Workers and SMEs willing to enroll in the Social Security system.

The EU Myan Ku Fund is implemented by sequa gGmbH with partners. The actions of Myan Ku have also been facilitated by utilizing resources and expertise of sequa's sister project, SMART Textile & Garments. SMART builds capacities for social and environmental performance improvements across the Myanmar garment industry. To read more about Myan Ku and SMART visit www.smartmyanmar.org.

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