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About Equality Myanmar

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) is a leading nongovernmental organization that organises a wide range of human rights education and advocacy programs, the documentation human rights violations, and provides emergency support for activists, human rights defenders, and their families. We work with a range of local civil society organizations, educators, activists, various local actors, and our programs and activities reach all states and regions in Myanmar.

Equality Myanmar, formerly known as the Human Rights Education Institute of Burma (HREIB), was founded, by U Aung Myo Min, in 2000 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. In 2013, HREIB's headquarters and operations transitioned to working exclusively inside Myanmar under its new name: Equality Myanmar. Since the 2021 Military coup in Myanmar, EQMM relocated its headquarters back to safe place.

Equality Myanmar stands strong for professional commitment, despite the organization having faced a critical situation in 2021 due to the political crisis. Our fundamental vision is to build a peaceful, tolerant, and federal democratic society that is embedded in respect for the dignity and human rights of all the languages, religions, and ethnic groups in Myanmar.

We promote, support and fortify a culture of human rights compliance, human rights, FORB Rights and Education and Accountability where Myanmar people are empowered to access their rights, justice, sociopolitical and democratic space as well as engage in a process of social and political transformation of Myanmar.

Message from Equality Myanmar's Executive Director

As Equality Myanmar marks 24th year since its founding, we stand resolute in our dedication to fundamental human rights and international human rights laws and norms. Our mission to uphold the rights and dignity of all people in Myanmar has been more crucial. In the face of challenges, particularly following the attempted military coup in 2021, we have continued to adapt and strengthen our programs to meet the urgent needs of the affected communities.

Throughout 2023, with steadfast support from our donors and international partners, we have reinforced our resilience and implemented impactful programs across the country. Our efforts reached both lowland and indigenous highland regions, including critical border areas such as Thailand and India. Our four strategic pillars – Human Rights Education, Human Rights Documentation, Advocacy and Emergency Support – have guided our initiatives, ensuring we address and amplify the most pressing issues effectively.

Despite the risks and its uncertainties, we conducted extensive human rights and safety and security trainings, documented human rights violations, and organized advocacy efforts in national, regional and international levels. Engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, including international communities, embassies, EU delegations, parliamentarians, and global organizations, we have amplified our cause and pursued justice and accountability.

The achievements of 2023 were made possible by the solidarity and support of our international allies, regional stakeholders, and local civil society organizations. Strategically, we evolved our organizational approach, transitioning to a comprehensive strategy through careful analysis and planning.

As we reflect on a productive yet challenging year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has stood by us. Your contributions, support, and belief in our mission have been instrumental in our continued fight for human rights, peace, justice, and democracy. Together, with courage and unwavering spirit, we will continue to advocate for a federal democratic society and foster peace and tolerance in Myanmar.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our mission, inspired by the resilience of our communities and the unwavering support from our partners. We will continue to strive for a future where human rights are respected, and every individual in Myanmar can live in dignity and peace.

Thank you for your enduring commitment and partnership.

In Solidarity, Mrs. Sandar Executive Director Equality Myanmar

Equality Myanmar Vision, Mission, Goal and Strategies

Vision & Mission

"EQMM envisions a peaceful, tolerant, and federal democratic society built on respect for the dignity and human rights for all in Myanmar."

"Our mission is to promote a culture of human rights compliance and accountability where Myanmar people are empowered to access their rights and justice and engage in a process of social and political transformation."

Goal

Goal: The strengthening of human rights culture, justice, accountability, and advocacy mechanisms in Myanmar.

Strategy 1: Human Rights Education

To strengthen the human rights movement by Human Rights Education and participation for the rights while the duty bearer practices and enforces the obligation of respect, protection, and promotion.

Strategy 2: Documentation of Human Rights Violation Case

To set up systematic, secured, and advanced data storage system and evidence collection for transitional justice and accountability.

Strategy 3: Advocacy

The National Unity Government's Policies and Programs are in line with International Human Rights Norms and Standards while coordinated international action on Myanmar is in place.

Strategy 4: Protection Supports

To support activists, human rights defenders, and their family members to have resilience and continued participation in the human rights movement.

Overall Key Achievements

Human Rights Education

In 2023, Equality Myanmar (EQMM) has an effectiveness of project activity implementation and intervention. It was a large-scale human rights activity and movement through the participation of human rights defenders, women human rights defenders, LGBTQIA rights defenders, FORB rights defenders, CSO and community members, and duty bearers. The activities had fortified the rights of minorities and affected people in Myanmar while promoting the obligation of human rights norms, international standards, and protection of civilians in armed conflicts. EQMM trained human rights defenders, CSO, duty bearers, and community members, and 84% of these participants gained increased knowledge and concepts as well as skills in human rights education to address human rights violations in their community. All the trained participants are contributing positive development as they are promoting human rights awareness in their communities. Most participants are documenting human rights violation cases and sending to EQMM for accountability mechanism.







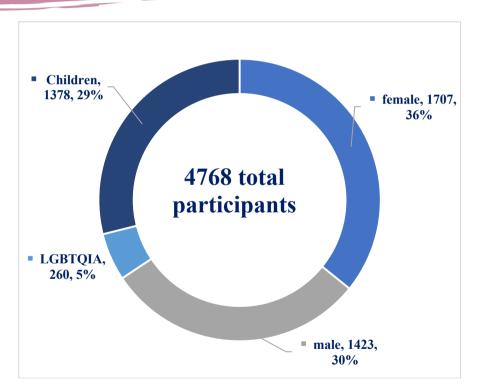
EQMM also trained FORB rights defenders, local CSO and CDM members, activists, and religious actors, which effectively contributed to social changes and amplified the voices of local communities while promoting FORB rights and protection. It also supported IEC Materials (Stationaries: School Bags, Writing Books, Erasers, Pens, and Pencils) with 1852 school children from the Karenni and Mizoram areas.

International Human Rights Days and Children's Rights Day



EQMM successfully implemented International Human Rights Day events and International Children's rights day events. It was a large-scale joint action of the human rights movement and it amplified the voices of affected children (victims), community members, pro-

democracy activists, famous Myanmar singers, CSO members, and human rights defenders and duty bearers (mostly ministers of human rights, the NUG government, and its ministries). It reached over 2.7 Million through social media platforms such as Mizzima, DVB, VOS, and PVTV, including Khit Thit Media, People's Spring, D Day, D-Lann, Red Peacock, and Arakan Express News, including the media page of NUG Ministries. A total of 4768 participants (1378 children, 260 LGBTQIA, 1423 males and 1707 females) actively participated in these events.





Child Situation Documentary: Before the CRC day, EQMM produced the children situation of "Karenni Children" Documentary. This documentary seriously focused on the condition of education, health, livelihood, and their security. This documentary showed on the CRC Day Event. This activity had effectiveness and achievement for promotion and awareness of Children lives and their Situation in Myanmar. This documentary also broadcasted on EQMM page on December 15th, 2023. Please follow this link.

International Day of Violence Against Women in Karenni State

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) effectively implemented International Day of Violence Against Women Day in an IDP Camp in Karenni State, Myanmar on November 15, 2023. A total of 161 participants (78 females, 20 males and 63 children) actively involved in this event. Overall, these participants had learned about violence against women and its negative impact in Myanmar, and protection on violence against women in the community.



The participants understand how violence against women are emerging in Myanmar community and the lack of protection and prevention on these grave human rights violations. Significantly, the participants understand how to show respect and protect the women's identity, rights and its safety and security in every situation including providing of counselling, medical treatment and emergency support for the women victims who had violated by men. All the stakeholders, community members and police understand and gain awareness about

women's rights and violence against women in their IDP camps and communities.

Human Rights and Black T Shirt Campaigns

The T-shirt campaign was effectively implemented in 2023. EQMM distributed this T-shirt to the local administrative actors, human rights defenders, documenters and activists including community members. A total of 1,200 T-shirts were distributed in 2023. Strike Campaigns in four regions: Kanbalu. Sagiang, Myaung, Yingmapin, Yay-U, Depeyin and Kani. It included the local administrative groups, community members and Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) who are documenting human rights violation cases and promoting human rights awareness in that regions.

16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days Activism Campaign was implemented from November 25th to December 10th 2023 in Mae Sot, Thailand by the coordination and collaboration of The Space Youth Learning Center. A total of 703 participants (379 females, 266 males, 18 Others and 40 Do Not Describe) actively involved in these 16 Day Activism Campaign. Overall, the 16 Days Activism Campaign had significant impact and outcome as the campaign successfully engaged a wide range of participants, with over (700) individuals, LGBTIQ+, women, youth groups and different backgrounds taking part.

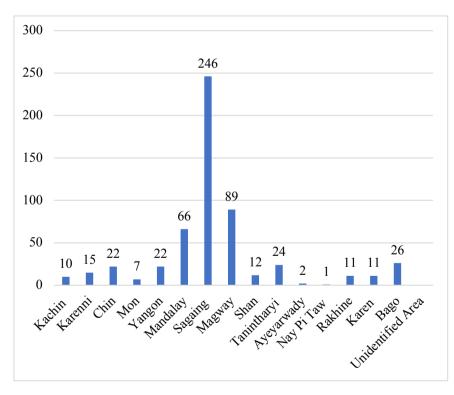
Panel Discussion for CSOs and Ministry of Human Rights

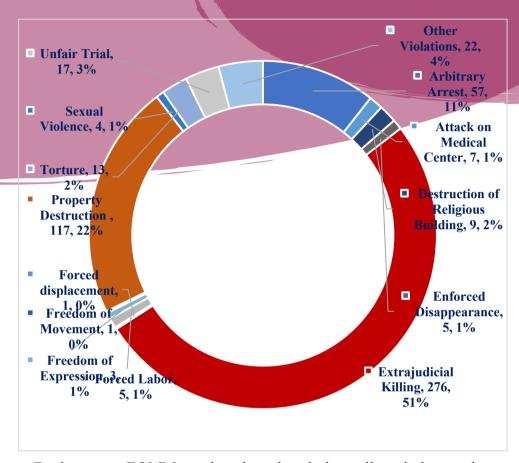


EQMM effectively organised the event of "Rise with waves of freedom and equality in accordance with human dignity" on December 10th, 2023 with the active participation of the Union Minister for the Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government, U Aung Myo Min, Celebrity (Myanmar famous actress) and Myanmar CSOs organization members.

Documentation

After human rights training, EQMM provided documentation and its package training such as safety and security training, transitional justice training, and psychosocial support training for the trained participants. In 2023, EQMM trained 380 documenters (HRDs, prodemocracy activists, and community members) during the project period to strengthen and enhance effective documentation of human rights violation cases. As an outcome, EQMM documented 564 cases and submitted 166 cases to IIMM.





Furthermore, EQMM used and analyzed the collected data and published as thematic human rights reports; The Critical State of Civil and Political Rights in Myanmar: Briefing Report, License to Torture, Myanmar's Abrogate Reforms and Hate Speech Circle, Revenge Against the People, "Walking at the Gun Points" Horrific Use of Civilians as Human Shields in Myanmar, Analysis of Post-coup Military Council Laws and Child's Rights Report. These reports critically illustrated how the Myanmar military junta and its council

committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, and human rights violations through military airstrikes, artillery shells, killing of civilians, extrajudicial killing, torture, and using civilians as human shields, including killing children and women

Advocacy

EQMM strengthened the experiences of trained human rights defenders (FORB rights defenders, women human rights defenders, children rights defenders, and LGBTQIA rights defenders), CSOs, and community members to have advocacy and dialogue with duty bearers (NUG ministries), international human rights defenders, EU Delegation and International human rights organization, including the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM).

Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) Consultation Meeting

HRDs consultation meeting was implemented 6 times in 2023. It exceeded the target 4 because EQMM implemented 6 meetings. A total of 160 HRDs (100 females, 53 males and 7 LGBTQIA) actively participated in these meetings. Overall, these meetings had effective consultation as all the HRDs shared their experiences, perceptions and effective inputs regarding human rights documentation process and safety and security issues.

National HRDs Exchange Meeting

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) effectively implemented 1 National HRDs Exchange Meeting in 2023. A total of 87 HRDs (40 females, 43 males and 4 LGBTQIA) attended the meeting. Human rights defenders (documenters), activists, CDM teachers, CSO and Community members participated in the meeting. After the meeting, it can identify the political situation, challenges and effective coordination and collaboration movement in Sagaing, Bago, Chin,

Kachin, Rakhine, Mandalay, Karenni, Shan, Karen, Mon and other regions. Second, it strengthened a strong human rights network for documentation, trust building and collaboration in human rights actions, legislative process and supporting for human rights and democracy movements in national and local levels.

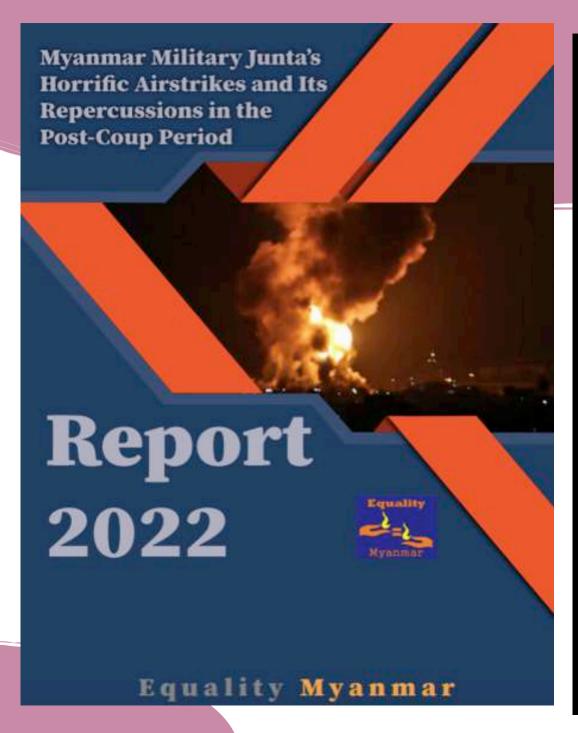
International HRDs Exchange Meeting

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) successfully implemented an International HRDs Exchange Meeting in 2023. A total of 63 HRDs (34 females and 29 males) attended the meeting. The EU delegation Myanmar also attended and delivered a speech and the responsible person from the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia) also gave an encouraging speech. The primary objective of the exchange meeting was to create a collaborative platform for Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) from diverse countries—Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Taiwan—to share knowledge, experiences, and strategies for advancing human rights protection.

Advocacy Meeting with IIMM, National Unity Government, CRPH and NUCC

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) has an online meeting with Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) in 2023. EQMM has a chance to share about documented human rights cases and human rights situation of Myanmar. Furthermore, EQMM has a chance to participate in CSO meeting led by the IIMM in 2023. EQMM also implemented an advocacy Meeting with Ministries of National Unity Government including Ministry of Human Rights (MOHR), Ministry of Defense (MOD), Ministry of Women, Youth, and Children Affair (MOWYCA), Ministry of Home Affair (MOHAI) and Ministry of Justice (MOJ). EQMM led and facilitated the meeting.

Human Rights Thematic Report Produced and Launched for Justice and Accountability Mechanism



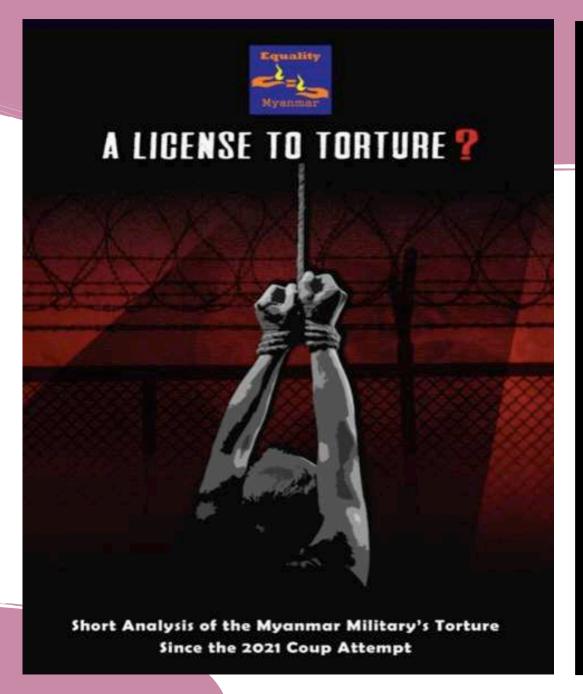
Myanmar Military Junta's Horrific Airstrikes and Its Repercussions in the Post-Coup Period

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) published a report in 2022 regarding how Myanmar military junta and its councils conducted military airstrikes and killed the innocent civilians in Myanmar. According to EQMM data, 306 airstrikes were conducted by the military junta from October 2021 to October 2022, and 285 civilians (children, women, and older people) were killed, including Kachin Anan Pa Massacre case. Furthermore, 248 people were seriously injured, while 330 people were tortured and detained after the airstrikes and ground military raids. Many religious buildings, schools, local hospitals, and clinics have been destroyed and burned down. The schools were destroyed by airstrikes and killed many school children. The Sagaing, Karenni, Karen, Kachin, and Magway are the regions and states most affected by the junta's airstrikes in 2022. As EQMM monitor, the Myanmar military junta and its troops conducted military airstrikes and killed thousands of civilians in 2023 and 2024. For more detailed about report, please kindly request to EQMM office mail.

REVENGE AGAINST THE PEOPLE: Killing of Civilians in the Context of Conflict and Repression in Myanmar Photo by: K.N.D.F

Revenge Against the People

The Myanmar military has been committing human rights violations and crimes throughout its history. The violations have intensified and reached more parts of the country after the 2021 February military coup. EQMM report analyzes incidents of killings of civilians, including those committed along with other human rights violations, using data documented and compiled by EQMM from July 2021 to March 2023. While most of these killings were perpetrated by military junta and its councils (SAC) and its allies, EQMM was also able to document some killings by the People's Defence Forces. The report critically highlighted killings of civilians which have been carried out by SAC forces and their allies during arrest and detention of political opponents and during the armed conflicts. These killings and accompanying violations have heavily impacted the victims' families and communities, including leading to displacement and creating an atmosphere of fear. Many victims' family members whose perspectives are highlighted in the cases studies of this report. EQMM amplified the voices of victims and their experiences as well as local human rights situation through this report. This report submitted to International Community (UNHRC, IIMM, International Human Rights Organizations) and National Unity Government for justice and accountability mechanism. The report was launched on 28 August 2023 and many International Community, Media Org and CSOs attended this event. For more detailed of the report, please visit EQMM website (https://equalitymyanmar.org)



License to Torture

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) published this report in September 2023. This report fundamentally based on the data of EQMM regarding how Myanmar military junta and its councils conducted arbitrary arrest and torture on innocent people, democracy activists, youths and children, peaceful protesters during the revolution period in Myanmar (2021-2023). In the history, Myanmar military junta and its alliances committed atrocities, violations of human rights, crimes against humanity. Thus, we want to sure that these perpetrators do not continue these horrific crimes and killings. EQMM addresses that the International Communities and laws need to implement effective lawsuits on Myanmar military junta and its councils. This is the voices and determination of the people in the federal democratic system. This is also intended to assist future justice-seeking mechanisms. EQMM launched this report and invited International Communities, Media Org, CSOs and NUG Government, and Embassies. For more detailed of the report, please kindly follow EQMM Website and provided link



"Walking at the Gun Points" Horrific Use of Civilians as Human Shields in Myanmar



Myanmar military Junta's Human Shield Crimes Since attempted the Coup in 2021

Equality Myanmar

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"Walking at the Gun Points" Horrific Use of Civilians as Human Shields in Myanmar

The Myanmar military junta and its council has been using innocent civilians as human shields to shield military objects and its attacks in different parts of Myanmar since 2021 in Myanmar. Using human shields and hostages is not a new tactic for the military junta and its troops. Throughout Myanmar's history, military junta and its troops forcefully arrested the ethnic/indigenous people to systematically use as human shields to protect themselves from the military response of ethnic armed groups. Their continued use of civilians as human shields critically triggered grave human rights violations and likely crimes against humanity and war crimes. This report analyses the human shield cases documented by Equality Myanmar from August 14, 2021 to August 31, 2023. EQMM has documented 126 cases in five regions and seven states. Among 126 cases, 75% (95) were human shields, 17% (21) were hostage and human shields, and 6% (7) were porter and human shields. Further, EQMM documented 2335 victims comprising 44% (1038) males, 2% (47) females, 2% (42) children, and 52% (1205) unknown, including three People with Disability (PWD). The victims were brutally murdered after they were used as human shields and hostages by the Myanmar military junta's troops. EQMM launched this report and invited International Communities, Media Org, CSOs and NUG Government, and Embassies. For more detailed of the report, please kindly follow EQMM Website and provided link





From Silence To Safet

Breach
Documentation of
Child rights issues

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Violations against children during the three years of the attampted military coup in Myanmar

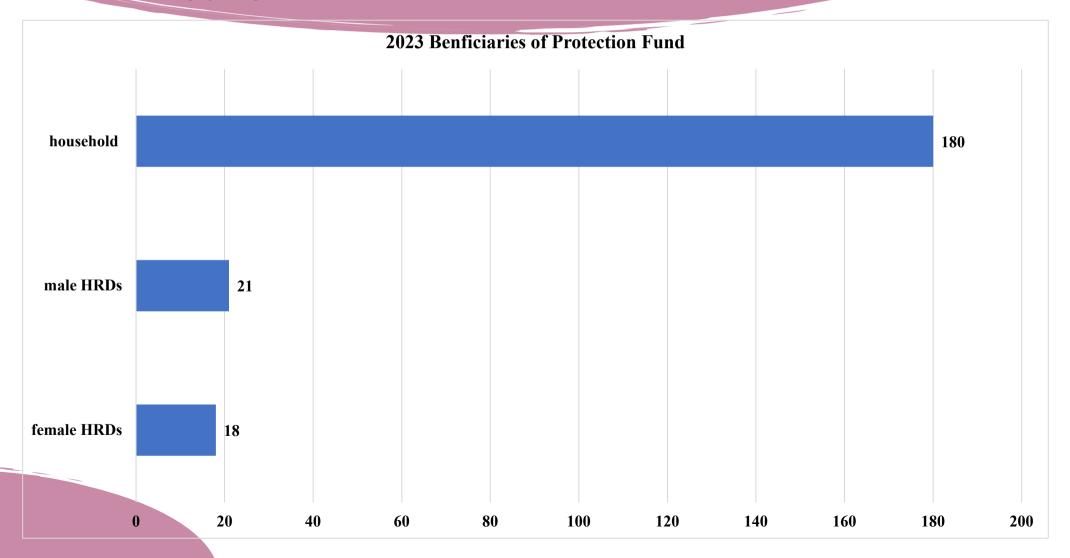
Prepared by Documentation Team
Program Department



Equality Myanmar (EQMM) produced Children Rights Violation report in early 2024. This report focused on the data collected from February 2021 to January 2024. This report indicated how children were critically affected by the armed conflicts and brutal oppression of Military junta's attack through military airstrikes, artillery shells and torture. According to EQMM data, a total of 508 boys, 208 girls and 1788 unknown gender became victims. EOMM documented 691 cases from different parts of Myanmar such as Sagaing, Magway, Rakhine and other regions and states. Hundreds of Rohingya children were killed in Maungdaw and Buthidaung cases. From EQMM documented cases, 22% of children were under 5 years and 1 year old. It was a horrific situation in Myanmar as it has lack of protection for children in Myanmar as armed conflicts are emerging in almost all places of the country. EQMM addresses that it needs immediate actions to tackle this crisis of children rights violations in Myanmar. EQMM also discovers that it needs urgent intervention for supporting the children victims and survivors, enact legal reforms and create the space for children rights and amplify their voices and experiences in national, regional (ASEAN) and international levels. The report will publish and launch in late 2024.

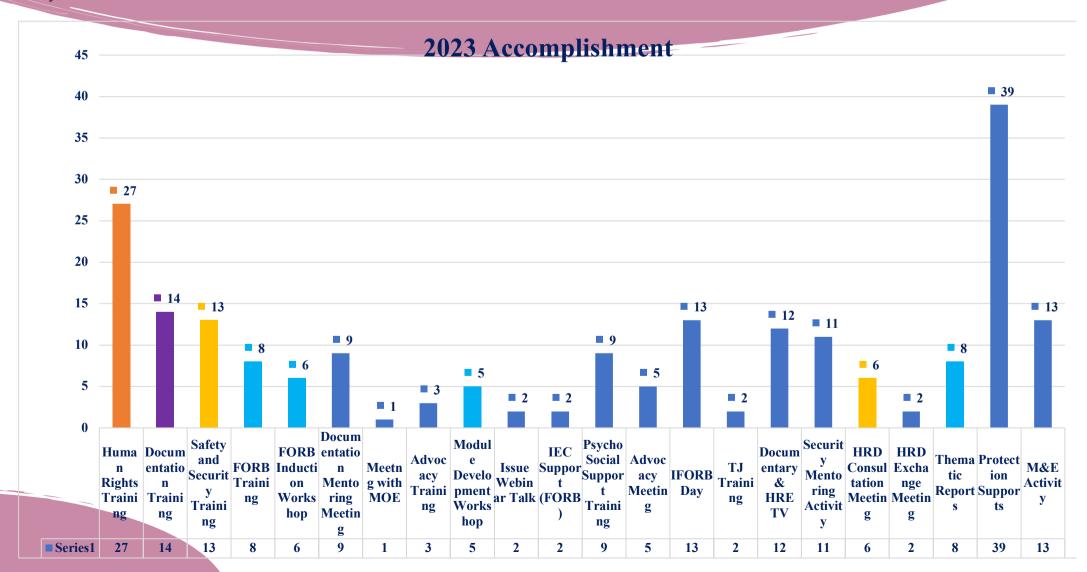
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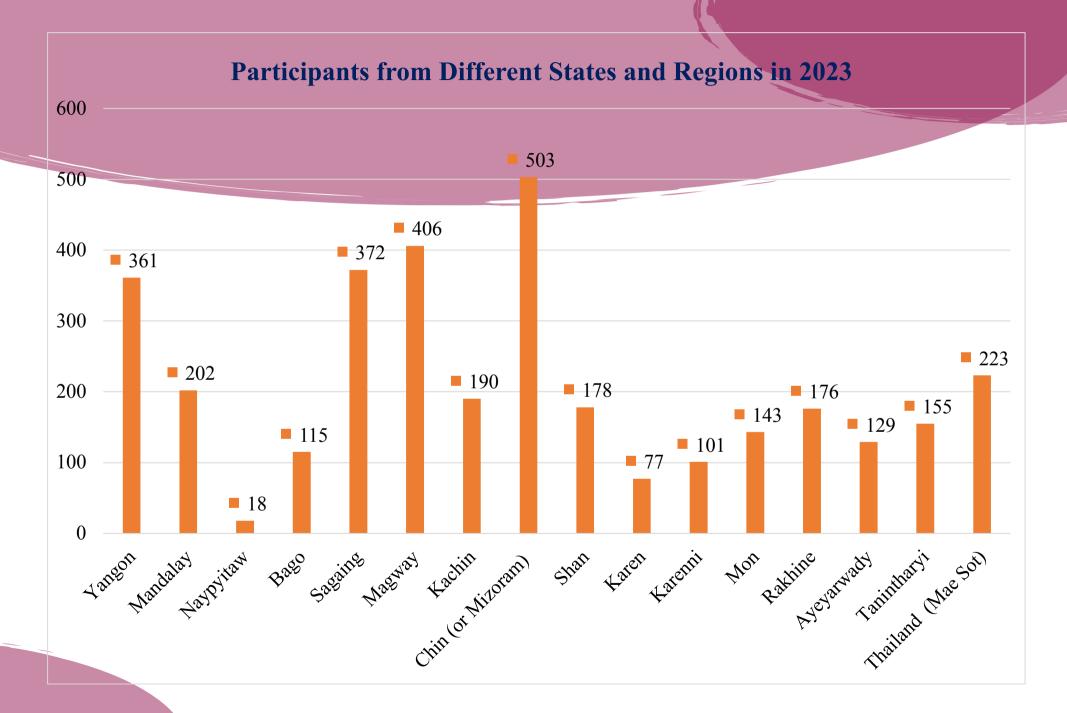
Equality Myanmar (EQMM) supported a total of 39 HRDs (18 females and 21 males) for protection fund under Code 1-4 and 182 household members (HRD family members, victims and survivors) under Code-5 in 2023 as mentioned below figure. The protection fund was used for medication, food, education and relocation and accommodation in the safe place. These beneficiaries were threatened because the military junta and its troops burned down their houses and looted their properties. Thus, the support of protection funds is relevant and effective for their livelihood, medication, relocation and food security. Overall, we observed that EQMM has effective project implementation and intervention in 2023.



Overall Key Achievements

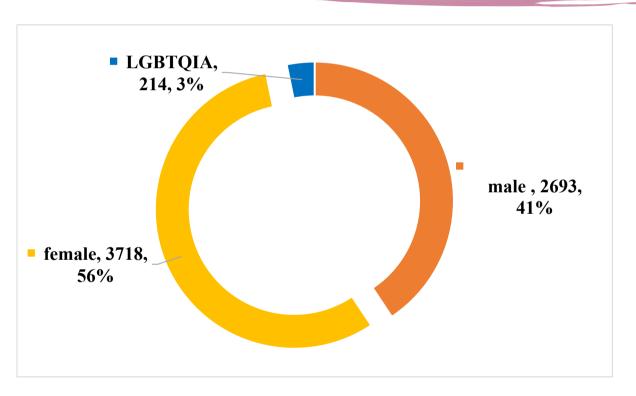
EQMM effectively implemented 174 activities and trained 1105 participants (619 females, 465 males and 21 LGBTQIA). This number is the actual number of trained participants for 2023. The following figure indicated the implemented activities in 2023 and the next figure mentioned participants from different states and regions of Myanmar.

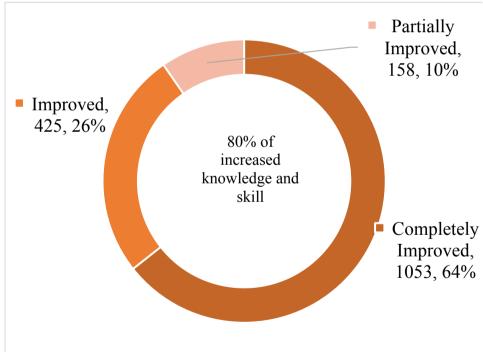




Gender Inclusion and Training Outcomes

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) seriously focused gender inclusion in its planned activities. Based on each activity, it included 214 LGBTQIA, 3718 females and 2693 males. However, the actual trained number was 1105 participants (619 females, 465 males and 21 LGBTQIA). According to EQMM Monitoring and Evaluation data, overall 80% of trained participants increased knowledge and skills. Amongst them, 65% of participants completely improved, 26% of participants moderately improved and only 10% of participants partially improved after the trainings. These number and percentage indicated effective outcome and impact of EQMM training in 2023.







Organizational Development Highlights

Strategic Planning Workshop

In the midst of 2023, EQMM planned to redevelop its strategic plan for three-year organizational strategies (2024–2026). As EQMM learned from experiences, challenges, risks, and feedback from 2021 to 2023 project implementation, it was discovered that program implementation strategies and methodologies need to upgrade and update which relevance to the local context, security, and political risks. Thus, a series of workshops and meetings were implemented by the EQMM team with funding support from Norwegian People Aid (NPA). Therefore, EQMM implemented a four-day workshop from 18th to 20th and on 26th July 2023. The entire workshop covered (1) reviewing the current strategies and challenges, (2) SWOT analysis, (3) the critical state of human rights, democracy, and justice, including the political and its contextual analysis, and (4) key stakeholders' analysis, developing three-year strategies and their key activities. As an outcome of the workshop, EQMM finally get 2024-2026 Strategic plans which are (1) Strategy 1: Human Rights Education and Community Mobilizing for Action, Strategy 2: Human Rights Documentation for Justice and Strategy 3: Media and Advocacy for Accountability. The detailed information is provided in 2024-2026 Strategic Plan Report.

2023 Strategic Foresight Workshop

Equality Myanmar's Five Staff Members: Program Manager, Program Development and MEAL Manager, Documentation Coordinator and two program Coordinators gained capacity development through Strategic **Foresight Workshop** let by United Edge in 2023. This workshop has been developed and strengthened the professional skills and capacity of the EQMM staff members while leading, implementing and coordinating human rights programs and its activities in Myanmar. It was an important foundation and relevant for the EQMM staff members because this workshop has opened the strategic thinking and foresight as its topics were embedded in the concept and knowledge of Justice Based Approach. It also has a significant outcome and impact because they can apply these actions and its concepts in human rights programs and their activities' implementation, intervention and coordination in Myanmar.

Individual Achievements: Success Stories

LGBTQIA Rights Defender (2023 Awardee of Women of the Future Southeast Asia)

My name is A Tar and I attended EQMM's human rights ToT raining in 2014. After that, I worked as a human rights trainer in the community organizing process and I became a member of HREN (Human Rights Educator Network). Before the 2021 military coup, I worked as an activist and I gave human rights training for LGBTQIA+, Women and Children and community members. Every year, I actively participated in the International Human Rights Day and its campaigns. After the military coup, I advocate and address about the rights and violation against on LBGTQIA+, Women and Children by the Myanmar military junta and its troops through media. I also advocated about the UN Security Council regarding human rights violations. I was threatened by military junta and its forces after the military coup period as I actively involved in the peaceful protest and human rights movement. I have to run and relocate my place as I was focused by the Myanmar military junta and its forces. However, despite challenges and risks, I dedicate my life and spirit for human rights and justice. Finally, I was awarded "Women of the Future Southeast Asia 2023 Award." It was celebrated in Singapore under the session of Media and Communication for my active participation and fight for human rights, LGBTTQIA+ rights, Women and Children rights. I will not stop my dedication and I will continue to fight for the rights and justice.





Marginalized Voices of LGBTQIA Rights Defenders and Politicians

Equality Myanmar (EQMM) witnessed LGBTQIA rights defenders and LGBTQIA politicians under threats in Myanmar. Many LGBTQIA rights defenders were tortured, sexually and physically discriminated in the Myanmar military junta's detention centers. Moreover, after they released from the prisons, they are marginalized and excluded by the political and leaders' spaces and livelihood development opportunities. For this situation, Equality Myanmar will not be silent to address about threatened LGBTQIA rights defenders and politicians in Myanmar Spring Revolution Movement.

Rohingya Woman Activist

"I am a Rohingya woman and an activist. My name is RTTH. I had participated in the peaceful protest. Now, I am taking a role in a woman's organization. I participated in the basic human rights training and FORB Training. Now, I am trying to share my knowledge that I got from EQMM trainings for our Rohingya women in my community. I am also preparing to give a training about human rights to Rohingya women." (Female Rohingya woman activist, Rakhine State)

Women Human Rights Defenders

"My own organization is also an organization working on human rights, and I used to collect the cases without much consideration of interview ethics in the past. Soon after the coup, I was arrested due to my activism. After being released, I joined and attended the training and meeting of EQMM. The knowledge and skills that I got from EQMM make me improve and better understanding of interview ethics. Besides, the knowledge and ideas of safety and security training make me realize the reasons why I was arrested. I am now sharing and contributing the knowledge and experience that I got from EQMM to my society, and they are also eager to learn it. Moreover, the communication fee that EQMM supports us is useful and helpful to me during this crisis period." (Women Human Rights Defender)

"I have come to understand the human rights definition, articles of UDHR, especially the article (18) – freedom of religion and belief. I might accidentally violate to other's rights accidentally, but I must emphasize to respect others' freedom, dignity and rights. I must be careful not to discriminate on other's identity. I have strongly committed to continue my CDM movement till we can elect a democratic government because this military council is violating and oppressing our rights and dignity. If I am able to teach the children in school after this revolution, I would teach them about human rights, dignity and to respect each other." (female participant)

Human Rights Defender

"Before attending this training, I used to hear the word human rights, but now that I have learned the basics of human rights and have become more and more aware of the fundamental of human rights. Now, I understand the basic concept of Human rights which is important for everyone in this world. I also learned about 30 articles of the UDHR and understood each article in detail. In the past, when the Military junta's confiscation the people's land and property, we did not have any idea to address and claim it. We must accept what they did to us. Also, we don't know that we have rights to say. Now, I understand how to document and advocate for that kind of violations. After attending the training, I am helping my community regarding human rights issues and advocacies." (male participant)

Myanmar Human Rights Advocacy at Human Rights Defender Forum in 2023

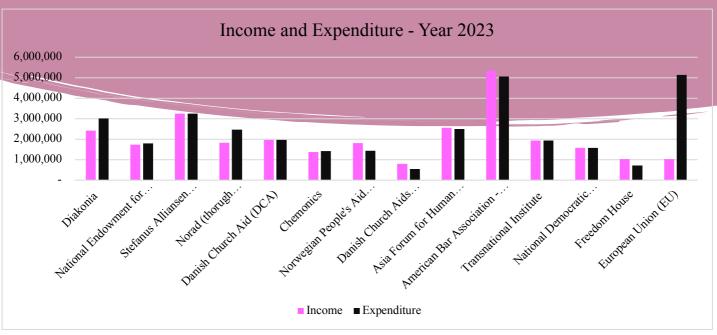
Equality Myanmar's Program Manager participated in Human Rights Defender Forum in Malaysia led by Forum Asia in 2023. EQMM also brought prominent Myanmar human rights defender and addressed about how Myanmar military junta and its councils conducted gross human rights violations, killings of civilians, torturing and killing the children, young women and youths. The International Community, Human Rights Special Rapporteur and human rights defenders from ASEAN countries involved in this event. In this way, EQMM amplified the voices of marginalized HRDs, survivors and victims from Myanmar.

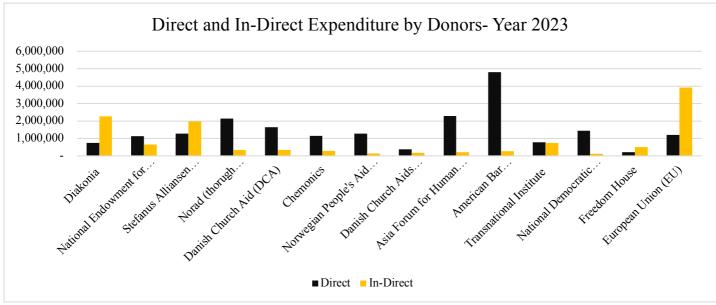
Myanmar Human Rights Advocacy at 3rd EU-ASEAN Forum on Human Rights in 2023

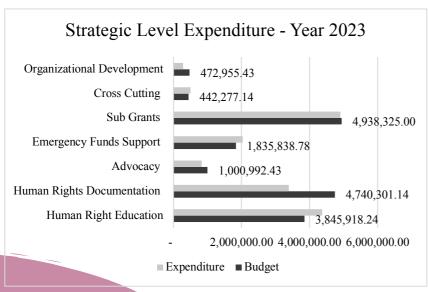
Equality Myanmar contributed the message of Myanmar Human Rights situation and addressed how Myanmar military junta and its councils conducted gross human rights violation, war crimes and crimes against humanity in Myanmar including ethnic cleansing and Rohingya genocide at the 3rd EUASEAN CSOs Forum from 1st to 2nd October 2023 in Brussels, Belgium. EQMM's staff member (Stephen) also mentioned the historical context of Myanmar military's dictatorship and its human rights violations and governance system. EQMM also provided EU-ASEAN CSO Recommendations in the first session, introduction session and thematic 3 area regarding Anti-authoritarianism and Security sector reform while boycotted to interface session with ASEAN CSOs.



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