



BURMA CRISIS

The Burmese military seized power by a violent coup on 1 February 2021. Over 800,000 civilians are displaced from their homes and the death toll continues to rise.

HAYMA, AGED 18

Hayma's favourite subject at school was zoology. She loved learning about different animals and how to care for them and their habitats. Before the military coup, she was looking forward to finishing her studies and dreamed of starting a small business in her home village.

When the gun shots and air strikes began, she escaped quickly with her family on motorbikes. Hayma did not know what to pack or where to go. All of her friends and

family left the village – including young children, pregnant women and the elderly. Many of their homes were burned or destroyed.

Now, it is too dangerous for Hayma to return to her village. She is forced to endure severe food shortages and drought. Hayma told us: "I am praying for this to be over. I don't know how long we will have to go on. It feels like my future is lost. Some days I have little to no food so the elderly and my parents can eat."

She still dreams of returning home and running her own business.



18-year-old Hayma receives food assistance in Burma

Your support can help teenagers like Hayma rebuild their lives and provide hope for a brighter future. Find out about the work of our partners in Burma on the next page.

*Some of Hayma's personal details have been changed to protect her anonymity.



Women and children receive humanitarian assistance from HART's partners in Burma

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SHAN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK (SWAN)

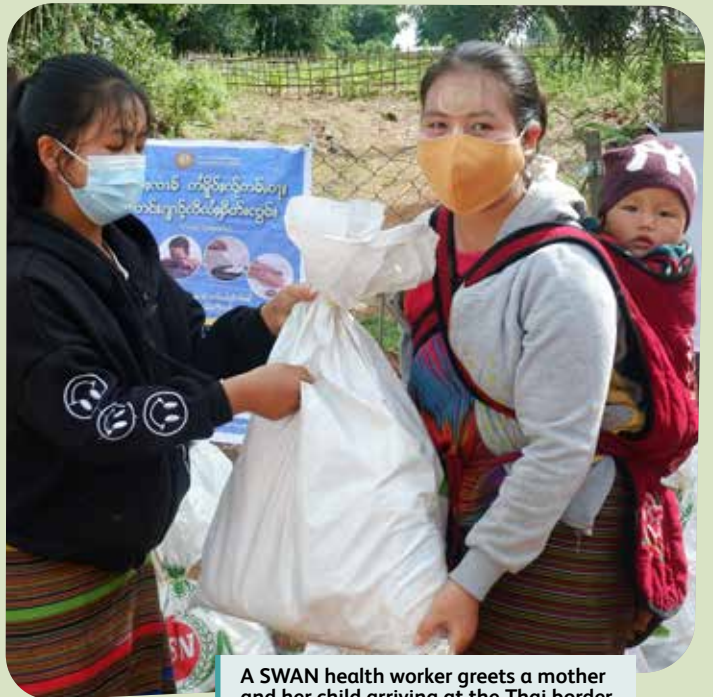
The situation in Shan State in eastern Burma is highly unstable.

Thousands of people have fled their homes because of ongoing violence, unable to work or provide for their families. It is mostly women and children who arrive at the Thai border seeking humanitarian assistance. Thanks to your generosity, SWAN has been able to provide them with food, shelter and medical assistance.

Our annual funding of SWAN's maternal and infant healthcare programme has provided crucial flexible financial assistance at a time when SWAN need to adapt to their communities' evolving needs.

With your help, between August-December 2021, SWAN supported 2,265 displaced persons with:

- Medicine
- Warm clothes
- Mosquito nets
- Feminine hygiene kits
- Rice
- Plastic sheets for shelter



A SWAN health worker greets a mother and her child arriving at the Thai border

LOI TAI LENG SCHOOL



Dinner time for the students at Loi Tai Leng School

Prior to COVID-19, the Shan State Education Commission would

transport food twice weekly from northern Thailand to Loi Tai Leng School in Burma. However, throughout 2021, the border between the two countries remained closed and the cost of transporting food to the school almost doubled. With no other international donors, school staff were nervous about having to reduce the number of school meals.

Your donations meant that we could support 340 boarding students with three full meals per day throughout 2021. Students and teachers rapidly expanded their school feeding agricultural programme to include bananas, cauliflowers, onions and other vegetables. Since 2017 (when the school's cross-border aid was cut and redirected to support Rohingya refugees), Loi Tai Leng has worked towards achieving food security through its various innovative agricultural development projects.

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"Without your support, our boarding students at Loi Tai Leng would not have had a proper meal during the COVID period."

Deputy Director of Shan State Education Commission

SUNSHINE HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION (SHEF)

HART began its partnership with SHEF in 2021 to provide education for displaced children from Karen State in eastern Burma and life-saving humanitarian assistance to Burmese refugees inside Thailand.

In the last 12 months, with your support, SHEF has:

- Provided 307 displaced children and caregivers with a six-month supply of food
- Provided 44 displaced families with medicine, shoes, roofing sheets and a one-month supply of food
- Provided 500 women and girls with a four-month supply of feminine hygiene items
- Trained 480 volunteers in first aid and trauma response



Essential clothing is distributed among young children

ROADS TO HOPE: EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES

For years, Boko Haram and other terrorist factions have targeted schools in Nigeria's north and central regions. They kill teachers and students whilst carrying out mass abductions for ransom.

During regular visits to our partners in Nigeria, we are told that there are limited foreign or domestic projects to help children in these regions apart from with food assistance. For these conflict-ridden communities, education is widely regarded as the key tool to liberate children from injustice, violence and marginalisation.

In October 2021, with your help, HART and the Diocese of Jos launched an exciting mobile education project in central Nigeria. It is an innovative solution to the problem faced by the thousands of children who are scattered across displacement camps and deprived of their education. The concept is simple: when it is unsafe for children to travel to school, we bring school to the children.

During our visit to Nigeria in March 2022, we were delighted to see the 'Roads to Hope' van in action. It is fully equipped with books, pens, a whiteboard, an LED monitor and a solar-powered generator. Our partner, the Diocese of Jos, recruits local schoolteachers who live alongside the children in displacement camps, having fled violence in their own villages.

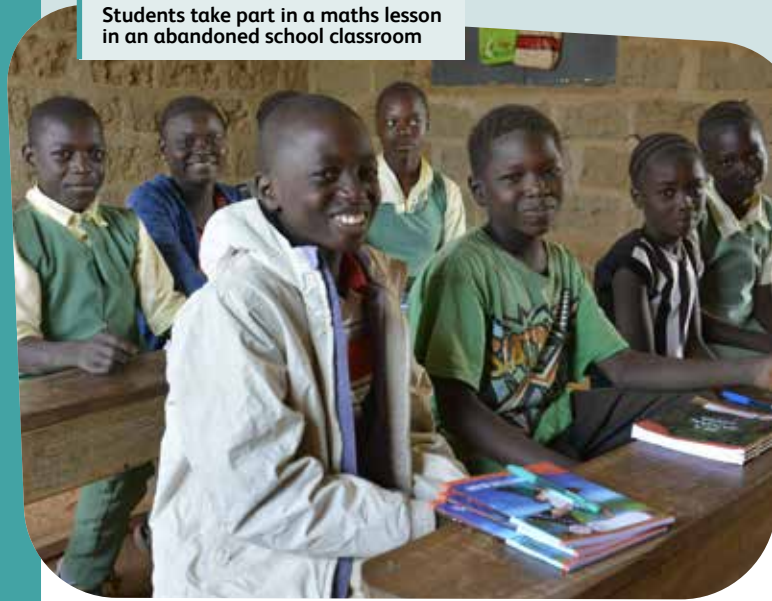
Between October 2021 – March 2022, the mobile education van supported 2,170 students and 15 teachers from 26 villages.

In 2022, HART is seeking funding to purchase and equip mobile healthcare units as facilities among displaced populations are inadequate.

"HART is the only foreign NGO to help with education in Miango, Plateau State."

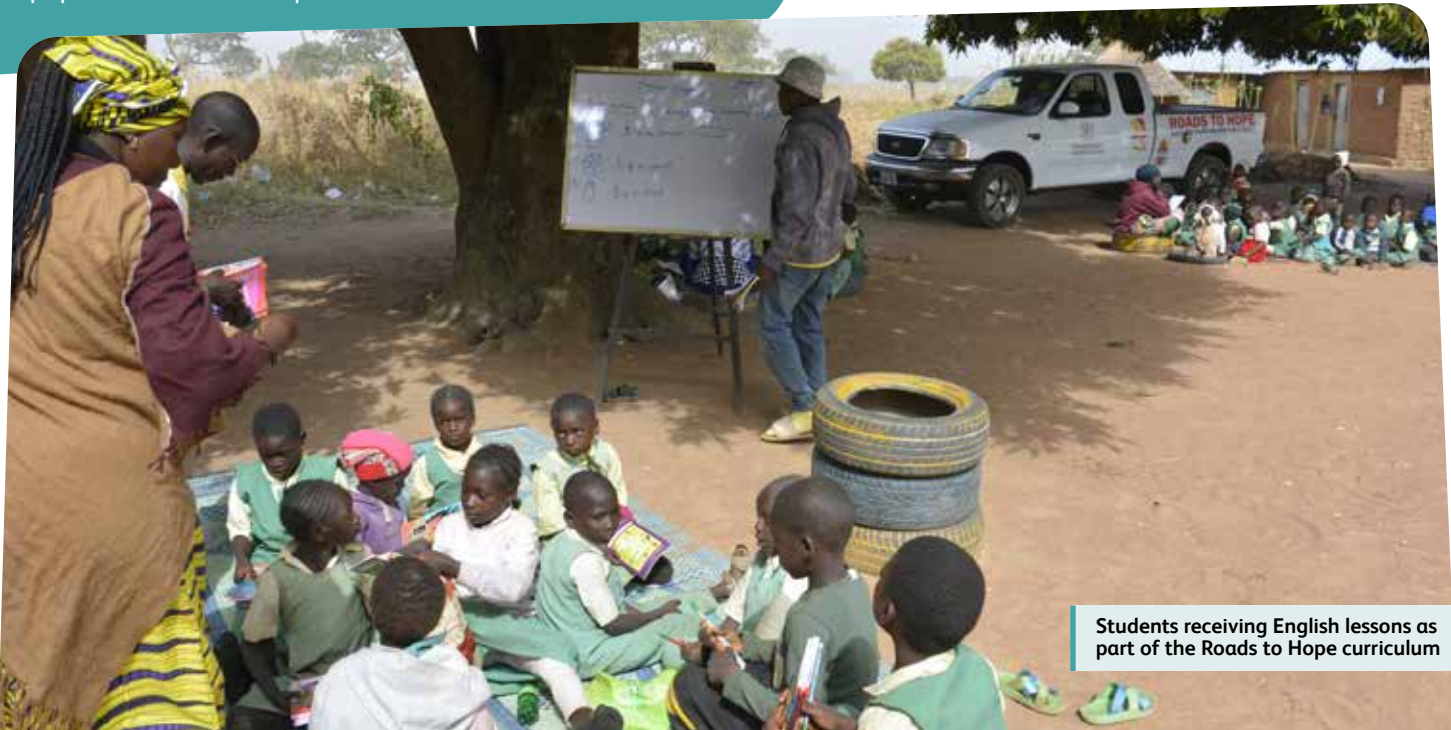
Diocese of Jos project coordinators

Students take part in a maths lesson in an abandoned school classroom



THANK YOU!

We are thrilled to announce that because of your generosity, there will be two more mobile education vans on the road in Nigeria in 2022! A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Big Give Christmas Appeal match-funding campaign, as well as to the wonderful members of St. Christopher's Church in Pott Shrigley, Cheshire who donated £16,000 for a new van.



Students receiving English lessons as part of the Roads to Hope curriculum

THANK YOU TO BARNABAS FUND

On 4 January 2022, Yith Pabol village in Aweil East County was attacked by members of the Misseriya militia, allegedly working with the Sudanese Armed Forces.

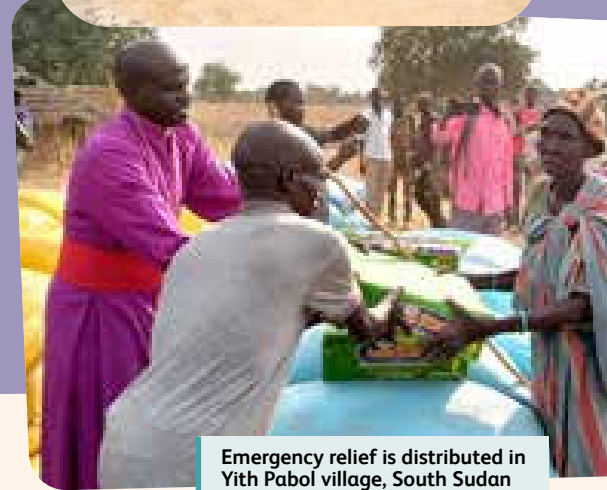
We received an urgent report after the attack, in which 25 people were killed, 9 injured and more than 1,115 people were displaced. Almost 60 homes were burnt to the ground.

Barnabas Fund responded to our call for assistance and donated £37,000 immediately. With this support, HART partner, the Diocese of Wau has so far been able to support 100 families with:

- 2.5 tonnes of sorghum (common grain)
- 1 tonne of beans
- 25 jerry cans of cooking oil
- 50 blankets
- 80 roofing sheets
- 5 cartons of washing soap



Destroyed homes in Yith Pabol village, South Sudan



Emergency relief is distributed in Yith Pabol village, South Sudan

SUDAN

NEW SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NSCC)

“Refugees have no option but to return to Blue Nile because war is spreading so fast in Ethiopia.”
– Benjamin Barnaba, Executive Director of New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC)

Thousands of refugees have fled to Blue Nile in Sudan as a result of escalating conflict in Ethiopia and the inadequacy of refugee camps in South Sudan. The sudden influx of new arrivals has placed increased pressure on Blue Nile’s limited resources and food supplies, especially as UN aid agencies are not currently operating in the region.

In August 2021, HART was delighted to secure £46,232 in emergency funds from the **Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission** to support the most vulnerable households returning to Blue Nile.

With HART’s support, NSCC delivered:

- 46 tonnes of sorghum (common grain)
- 15.5 tonnes of lentils
- 5 tonnes of salt

“Food assistance from HART came at the right time and was delivered at the peak of their suffering. It was a great joy to take HART’s love to the people of Blue Nile.”
Benjamin Barnaba, Executive Director of New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC)



December 2021: Beneficiaries of food assistance in Blue Nile, Sudan

NOTICEboard

NAGORNO KARABAKH (ARTSAKH)



Wounded soldiers receive motor skill therapy via pottery making classes



Vardan Tadevosyan, Centre Founder and Director (bottom left), celebrates with the winning teams

NATIONAL BOCCIA CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to the three undefeated teams from the Rehab Centre for winning first place in the 2022 Armenian National Boccia championships in March!



RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

2021 was the most challenging year for the Lady Cox Disability Rehabilitation Centre since its founding in 1998. Prior to the 44-day war in 2020, the Centre had already reached its physical capacity and was seeking financial support to secure a larger facility. Following the war, demand on the Centre's services significantly increased with the arrival of injured soldiers.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and an incredible amount of determination, Vardan Tadevosyan and his team of experts now support more than 2,000 patients each year. They have recently tripled the number of home therapy visits, whilst continuing to champion disability equality across the region. The Centre remains a beacon of hope in war-torn Nagorno Karabakh. The staff and patients need your help now more than ever.

A LASTING LEGACY

By remembering HART in your Will, you can help us to support more people around the world.

- £1,200 can provide a five-day training workshop for 20 Traditional Birthing Attendants in rural Burma
- £2,000 can support 60 families with emergency relief for one month in South Sudan
- £5,000 can provide 30 villages with irrigation water pumps in Nigeria

For more information, please contact office@hart-uk.org

HART PRIZE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS 2021-22

Thank you and congratulations to all those who entered our annual HART Prize for Human Rights! We were overjoyed to receive a total of 136 entries from around the world. As always, we were blown away by the creative and unique mediums used to raise awareness of issues occurring in our programme countries. A special thanks to Zahra Zaman, Millie Lowe and Abi Wylie who performed their pieces during our online awards ceremony in April.



A selection of HART Prize 2021-22 creative entries

CATCHING UP WITH CAROLINE



BURMA

On 1 February, Baroness Cox joined the rally outside Parliament to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the military coup. Wearing red as an act of solidarity, Caroline declared to the crowd: “Whenever we get the chance, we will tell the world what is happening to your people.”

Baroness Cox continues to urge the UK Government to provide cross-border humanitarian assistance to Burma’s forgotten ethnic states. She says: “It is essential to engage directly with in-state leaders of ethnic groups and NGOs working with them because aid delivered through Yangon will not reach the most vulnerable people in the border regions.”



NIGERIA

Baroness Cox visited Nigeria in February-March to stand alongside our local partners in the Middle Belt. Throughout the region, thousands of people have been killed in attacks led by well-armed Fulani militia. Millions are displaced by insecurity and fear, including children who are deprived of their education.

During the visit, Caroline witnessed the ruins of homes, farmland, food stores, churches and an orphanage. She heard first-hand accounts of recent attacks and met senior advisers from the British High Commission, where she repeated her plea for the provision of UK aid for displaced families in central Nigeria.



UKRAINE

Although HART does not work with partners in Ukraine, we continue to speak out against injustice. Baroness Cox and HART CEO, Sam Mason, signed a letter in March, published in the Times, calling for support for the 100,000 Ukrainian orphans who are threatened by the Russian invasion. Half of the orphans are said to be disabled, and therefore at increased risk of exploitation, abuse and neglect. Only a few thousand had been evacuated in the first three weeks of the conflict. The letter called for urgent international assistance to evacuate and re-home the children.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Baroness Cox spoke in the House of Lords to highlight the courage and resilience of HART’s female partners around the world. She discussed the crucial work of SWAN, particularly their provision of life-saving emergency medical support and facilitation of safe houses for women and girls affected by domestic violence. Baroness Cox concluded: “Without organisations such as SWAN, many more female lives would be lost. Yet SWAN receives no support from within Burma and almost no international support, other than from small organisations such as HART.”



1 February 2022: Baroness Cox speaks at a march in Westminster on the first anniversary of the Burmese military coup

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