



**Humanitarian
Aid Relief Trust**

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**The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP
Foreign Secretary**

Dear Foreign Secretary,

You have three timely reasons to rethink Britain's approach to Myanmar:

- A new UK-ASEAN Plan of Action, with commitments on peace, humanitarian relief and human rights.
- A new UK Modern Development Approach, focused on locally-led solutions.
- The UK's continuing role as UN Security Council penholder on Myanmar.

Together, these create a window to act differently, rooted in the realities on the ground, and responsive to Myanmar's changing political and humanitarian landscape.

Local voices consistently point to three priorities:

- **Increase support for cross-border aid:** Indigenous humanitarian networks are reaching communities that the international system cannot, including in remote border regions.
- **Cut the military's capacity to wage war:** That requires further targeted sanctions on the military's sources of revenue, restricting access to jet fuel used to sustain its air campaign, and pressing for perpetrators of atrocities to face the International Criminal Court.
- **Engage beyond established channels:** The UK should engage more systematically with Myanmar's emerging civic, humanitarian and governance institutions, including the recently formed Institute of Peace & Federal Democracy.

As Britain rethinks how it engages with a changing world, Myanmar offers an opportunity to demonstrate a different kind of British leadership: locally rooted, strategically focused and willing to act.

We hope you will seize it.

Yours sincerely,

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