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WHO WE ARE

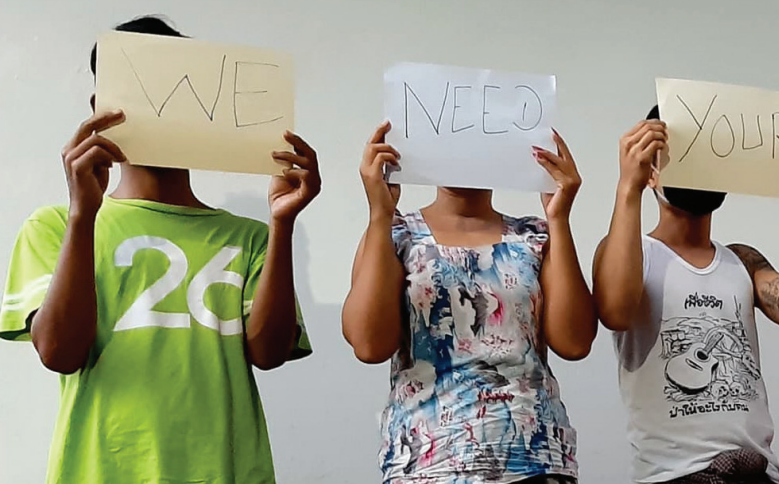
MAP WORKS TOWARDS A FUTURE WHERE MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM ETHNIC GROUPS IN MYANMAR (BURMA) ARE ABLE TO FULLY ACCESS THEIR RIGHTS AND SERVICES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, AND HAVE A DECENT QUALITY OF LIFE.

MAP Foundation is a local, grass-roots, non-government organization which aims to improve the lives of migrant workers from Myanmar (Burma) in Thailand by promoting safe migration, labour rights, women's rights and empowerment, sexual and reproductive health and rights, children's rights, and health rights.



In 1996, MAP Foundation started as a CBO called the “Migrant Assistance Program” (MAP) to respond to the needs of migrant workers from Myanmar (Burma) in Thailand. In 2002, MAP registered as a Thai Foundation under the Thai name which translates as, “Foundation for the Health and Knowledge of Ethnic Labour,” “because talking about migrants was taboo.”

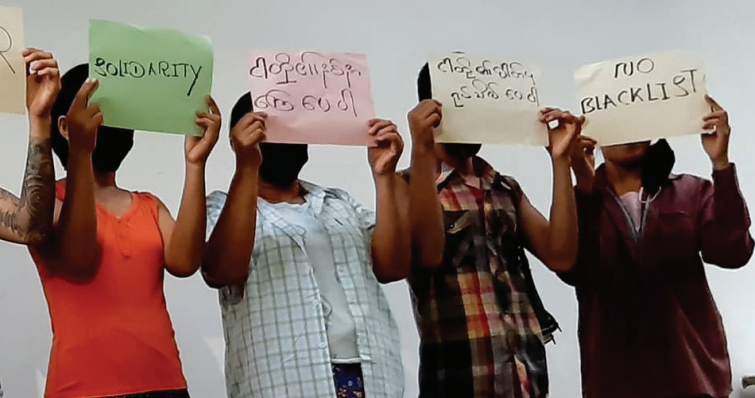
MAP empowers migrants to exercise their rights by increasing access to information in their own languages, through capacity building, and by helping to bridge the gap in accessing services. MAP implements direct activities and runs two separate community radio stations in Chiang Mai and Mae Sot. Through capacity building and networking, MAP reaches all along and across the Myanmar border. Although MAP is considered a grassroots organization, because most of our staff were once migrants and are still closely linked to the migrant community, our advocacy and networking reaches from the local to the national and the international levels.



LABOUR RIGHTS FOR ALL (LRA)

The LRA program promotes the labour rights of migrants who are employed in various types of work, including construction, agriculture, domestic work, and various types of factories, by:

- Providing labour rights information and updates on migrant policy through outreach, radio and other media;
- Training workers and leaders to collectively bargain and negotiate for improved employment conditions;
- Capacity building and networking of domestic workers for recognition as workers;
- Promoting occupational safety and health, and increasing access to social protections;
- Developing migrant worker paralegals, and supporting community-based workers' organizations; and



**OUR GOAL: MIGRANT WORKERS
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- Assisting migrants to access redress mechanisms for labour complaints, including the uptake of legal cases and advocacy with buyers / brands.

MAP's advocacy strategy is to work with networks from the local to the international level; to build up the evidence-base through participatory action research; and to promote migrants' voices through public campaigns in order to remove discriminatory implementation of policies, and move labour and migrant policies towards a rights-based framework.

MAP has also been central to the development of a cross-border, safe-migration network through capacity building of local partner organizations on both sides of the border.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & EMPOWERMENT (CHE)

As a Sub-Recipient under the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), MAP's HIV and TB interventions include:

- Providing information to migrant communities about HIV and AIDS, and TB in order to raise awareness, promote behavior change, and decrease stigma;**
- Providing access to rapid and free, Voluntary, Confidential Counseling and HIV Testing (VCCT) in migrants' languages through community-centered services;**
- Condom distribution;**
- Mass, targeted screening for Tuberculosis;**
- Referral to treatment for HIV, Tuberculosis, STI, and Hepatitis B and C;**
- Follow-up of patients through support groups for migrants living with HIV, and Direct Observation**



OUR GOAL: MIGRANT WORKERS OF ALL OCCUPATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION STATUS ARE ABLE TO PREVENT AND TREAT HIV, TUBERCULOSIS (TB) AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACCORDING TO THEIR HEALTH RIGHTS, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

Treatment (DOTs) for TB patients;

- Capacity building of migrant health volunteers to increase access to health services;
- Direct assistance to help migrants and their families navigate Thailand's bureaucratic systems when they face a major crisis, such as being incapacitated by disease or injury, or when there is a death;
- Advocacy and negotiation with local health officials to ensure all migrants, including those who are undocumented, are able to access services and treatment;
- Participation in local and national networks for advocacy; and
- Cross-border referral for those PLHIV or TB patients who wish to return home and continue treatment, including linkages with PLHIV networks in Myanmar (Burma).



RIGHTS FOR ALL (RFA)

The “Women’s Exchange” (WE) program empowers migrant and refugee women in numerous locations all along the Thai- Burma border and beyond, to resist gender-based and domestic violence, call for their rights, including SRHR and labour rights, and become leaders in their communities. MAP supports migrant women leaders and provides capacity building so they can organize interactive “women-only” spaces, called Women’s Exchange, to learn about these issues and take action. This movement-building culminates in the annual WE “Get Together,” which brings together these women leaders for capacity building and solidarity, and contributes to networking and advocacy with other women’s groups.

The “Migrant Youth Empowerment” program equips migrant adolescents and youth in Mae Sot



OUR GOAL: MIGRANT WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH HAVE KNOWLEDGE & CAPACITY ON HOW TO RECEIVE THEIR RIGHTS AND ACCESS HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND LEGAL STATUS SERVICES.

area with the ability to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Through capacity building, youth and adolescent migrants, their parents, and other community stakeholders learn and more openly talk about young people's SRH needs and how to access appropriate services.

The "Education and identity" program promotes integration and prevents child labour and neglect by supporting migrant children and youth to access all levels of education. Through scholarships and engagement with parents, schools, and the community, migrant students are encouraged to realize their right to attend Thai public school, and to achieve their full potential.



MAP MULTI-MEDIA (MMM)

MAP's MultiMedia program produces a range of audio, video and print materials, primarily in Burmese and Shan languages, to inform migrants of their rights and how to exercise them, keep them up to date of policy changes, and promote safe migration and integration.

MAP's Multi Media activities include:

- Daily broadcasting over MAP community radio stations primarily in migrant languages: Chiang Mai - FM 99 (Shan language), and Mae Sot - FM 102.5 (Burmese language), including linked broadcasting of daily news about Myanmar (RFA and VOA);
- Streaming MAP Radio broadcasts over the internet through Facebook Live and an app which allows migrants to listen over their smart phone;



OUR GOAL: MIGRANTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THEIR RIGHTS AND NEWS IN MIGRANTS' LANGUAGES THROUGH VARIOUS MEDIA CHANNELS.

- Capacity building of volunteer MAP Radio DJs and networking with other ethnic media groups;
- Listener panels for feedback on radio programming, and outreach activities to promote the radio, distribute publications and engage with the community;
- Translation of research, reports and handbooks into migrant language publications, brochures and posters for distribution; and
- Dissemination of information and updates in migrant languages through MAP's Facebook pages, YouTube channel, MAP's website, and the annual Migrant Diary.



Radio DJ Training

**Advocacy
to Thai
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**Domestic
Worker's
Group**



**Migrant
Women
Leadership**



**Youth
Empowerment**





**HIV&TB
Community
Screening**

Media Outreach



**Women's
Empowerment**

**Children's
Scholarship**



**Collective
Bargaining**

BACKGROUND

MAP Foundation works primarily with migrants from ethnic minorities of Myanmar (Burma). These groups suffer multiple vulnerabilities. Besides being poor, “economic” migrants may have low educational attainment, may be disenfranchised because of their ethnicity and language, and may have been displaced by conflict. Women migrants, coming from Myanmar’s strongly patriarchal society, also face gender discrimination.

Thailand has been reaping the benefits of migrant labor in “unskilled” sectors since the 1990’s. Yet, immigration policies keep migrants temporary and insecure, allowing employers to take advantage of them by violating legal labour standards. Language barriers, lack of awareness, and fear of authorities are also obstacles which leave migrants vulnerable to labour and other rights violations, discrimination, and exploitation. In pursuit of social justice, MAP uses a rights-based, gender-sensitive approach to empower migrants against discrimination and inequality, and to promote integration.

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