Displaced persons camps in Paletwa township, multisectoral assistance

As part of two HARP-funded "Multisectoral Emergency Response for Displaced Persons" projects TGH and its local partner the Raiki Community Development Foundation is supporting displaced communities in the Paletwa township to help them limit the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic. To this end, TGH and RCDF have organized awareness sessions on preventive measures and hygiene practices through their local team of hygiene promoters. Between July and November 2020, more than 3,000 children and adults were informed about the importance of wearing masks and washing their hands. There are also plans to distribute soap, fabric masks and disinfectants and to install hand-washing stations. The construction of hygiene and sanitation infrastructure as well as the distribution of protective equipment to support health and quarantine centers are planned for January 2021.

While Child Friendly Spaces have been closed due to health restrictions related to the epidemic, TGH and RCDF have deployed mobile teams to provide psychosocial support to children at home. In addition, TGH published a COVID-19 coloring book to raise children’s awareness of preventive measures and good hygiene practices, as well as a PSS@Home manual offering educational and recreational activities for children. These two tools have been approved by the national child protection working group. To date, 1,250 coloring books and 990 PSS@Home have been distributed during the pandemic. TGH and RCDF are also renovating three schools in the town of Samee to support the pupil’s return to school.

Here are some testimonials from beneficiaries of TGH’s actions.

Success stories on hygiene promotion and COVID-19 risk communication sessions

"Thanks to this awareness session, I have learned a lot about personal hygiene for myself and my children. In addition to that, I am pleased to have been made aware of the prevention measures in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, which is the most important thing to know today. Thank you for this awareness session that keeps us healthy."

Daw Ma Sein Phyu, 27 years old

Success stories on psychosocial support activity for children

“My children are very happy to participate in the Child Protection Activity conducted by RCDF/TGH. By participating in this session, the children have developed strong ties between them, they have access to education and they become aware of health measures in the COVID-19 context. As a father, I feel safe and happy to see my children enthusiastically devote their time to this activity, which is warmly welcomed. I hope my children will be able to participate in more such activities.”

U Than Shwe – 44 years old