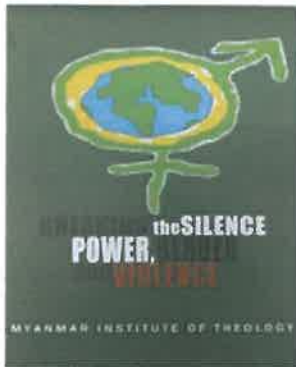


# Gender Based Violence (GBV) Programme



NCA's Gender Based Violence (GBV) Programme seeks to break the silence surrounding GBV in Myanmar through capacity building of duty bearers and rights holders (mainly women and girls), provision of essential services to survivors of GBV, notably legal aid, and advocacy with various stakeholders. The programme is unique for it brings together Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Faith based Organisations (FBOs) inside and outside of the country to address gender inequalities and GBV. The programme reaches faith based organisations and communities, especially those in conflict affected ethnic areas, and includes educators, activists, government and district level authorities and legal practitioners, among others.

## KEY RESULTS

A considerable contribution of NCA's GBV programme has been the introduction of GBV and gender equality as part of the curriculum in two important faith based educational institutions in Myanmar: Myanmar Institute of Theology (MIT) and the PhaungDaw Oo Monastic Educational Centre. The curriculum has also introduced new participatory teaching and multi learning methods (movies, group discussions, interactive learning, song contests, and other artistic activities) to the schools so that students reflect on social and traditional norms that uphold gender based discrimination in their communities. The first Gender Studies Center has been initiated in Myanmar at MIT, which is an important achievement and will contribute to ensuring gender issues are prominently featured in academic institutions.



*YMCA organized 16 days of activism with community members and stakeholders including government officials and religious leaders in December, 2015, focusing on the photo contest "World without Human Trafficking" in Northern Shan State which has been the site of armed clashes, having a significant impact on the prevalence of violence*

The ethnic border based partners have developed local resources to work against human trafficking and domestic violence in IDP camps in Kachin and Shan States. Their work has filled the gap between women inside and outside Myanmar to strengthen women's networks. NCA's GBV programme brought multi ethnic and interfaith groups together and provided capacity building on gender equality and positive masculinity to partners and stakeholders. One key result is access to justice for survivors of GBV through the free provision of legal services and advice.

NCA and partners have contributed, in conjunction with Gender Equality Network (GEN), to developing and drafting the Prevention of Violence against Women Law, which explicitly focuses on women's rights. The law has been developed in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare (DSW). NCA and partners have cooperated with government agencies, especially the Department of Social Welfare and the Anti-Trafficking Task- Force to address GBV.

## PARTNERS:

Myanmar Institute of Theology, Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education Centre, Legal Clinic Myanmar, Thingaha Gender Organisation, Women's Organisations Network, Gender Equality Network, Shan Women's Action Network, Kachin Women's Association Thailand and Young Men's Christian Association.



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