EQUALITY AND JUSTICE
FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Annual Report - 2018
Shan Women’s Action Network
WHAT IS SWAN?

Shan Women’s Action Network (SWAN) is a network of women from Burma’s Shan ethnic group active in Burma/Myanmar and Thailand. SWAN was founded on 28 March 1998 and has received international recognition for our work promoting the rights of Burma’s women.

SWAN is a founding member of the Women’s League of Burma (WLB), an umbrella women’s organization comprising 13 women’s groups from Burma/Myanmar involved in peace processes and political change.

Our mission
We commit ourselves to work for gender equality and justice for women in the struggle for social and political change in Burma/Myanmar through community-based actions, research and advocacy.

Our Goals
- Promoting women’s rights and the rights of their children
- Opposing the exploitation of women and children
- Working together for peace and freedom
- Empowering women for a better life
- Raising awareness to preserve natural resources and the environment

Our Values
Independent
Feminist
Community-based
Team-based
Non-profit

Our Advisory Team
Our advisory team is comprised of 4 women of different generations with different experience and expertise, who have a longstanding commitment to the protection and promotion of the rights of women.

Our Staff
Our staff are located in the SWAN Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand and the SWAN Communication Centre in Taunggyi, Shan State, Burma/Myanmar. Most staff are women from a variety of Shan communities inside Burma/Myanmar and from Thailand. In addition we have had two foreigners on the staff this year.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018 SWAN operated in areas of northern Thailand bordering Burma/Myanmar as well as in Shan State, Kachin State and Sagaing Region delivering education, health and empowerment opportunities for communities. SWAN’s activities provided Shan communities with trusted, community based and women-led opportunities and services for lasting improvements in women’s lives.

SWAN maintains a crucial position among stakeholders in Shan State and a leading role among women’s networks and communities in Burma in mobilizing, with a gender focus, local communities to address and advocate for protection of their rights for a federal democracy and sustainable peace in Burma. SWAN is also beginning to work more closely with the health department under the government inside Burma to increase the community’s knowledge of basic healthcare and services available, particularly those who live in remote and conflict-affected communities.

SWAN has implemented all planned activities despite tensions among ethnic armed organisations in Shan State as well as between ethnic armed organisations and the Burma army.

As of June 2018 SWAN had over 180 members who have extended their membership for the next 3 years, including 120 members in Burma/Myanmar. The members are from communities across Shan State and Burma/Myanmar as well as from the Thai-Burma border. The interest in our membership is indicative of SWAN’s active community engagement, and the trust we have built in our target areas across Burma/Myanmar.

Our membership serves as a vital resource for creating a united women’s movement across Shan State and assists with the mobilization of women for SWAN activities.

Through SWAN’s organisational development and strategic planning workshops, the 19th annual meeting and the second Shan Women’s Get Together we have strengthened our planning, the organisation as a whole and the connections between women from Shan communities in Burma and Thailand.

SWAN’s Taunggyi Centre recruited 4 new staff: 1 administrator, 2 program staff for the Women’s Empowerment Program (coordinator and an assistant), and 1 staff member to work in the Information and Documentation Department.

1 https://reliefweb.int/map/myanmar/myanmar-temporary-displacement-northern-shan-state-1-oct-10-dec-2018

Glossary

AGIPP    Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process
APWLD   Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law & Development
CBO/EHO  Community Based Organisations/Ethnic Health Organisations
CSOs     Community Service Organisations
CEDAW    Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women
EAO      Ethnic Armed Organisation
EWLT     Emerging Women’s Leadership Training
HIV      Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ID       Information and Documentation
IDPs     Internally Displaced Persons
IFIs     International Financial Institutions
INGOs    International Non-Government Organisations
IWDA     International Women’s Development Agency
NLD      National League for Democracy
SDGs     Sustainable Development Goals
SNLD     Shan Nationalities League for Democracy
SWAN     Shan Women’s Action Network
TYN      Tai Youth Network
WAVE     Women’s Action for Voice and Empowerment
WEP      Women’s Empowerment Program
WLB      Women’s League of Burma
WWP      Women’s Well-being Program
YCB      Youth Capacity Building
an exciting development this year SWAN built a training centre and office just outside Taunggyi which will be a purpose-built venue for our training activities and an office for our expanding staff.

The staff at both centres have attended events, workshops and meetings to extend their networks and support civil society organisations. The SWAN Centre in Chiang Mai and the Taunggyi Communication Centre received visitors including partners/donors, potential partners, diplomats and network members. The SWAN Centre in Chiang Mai also received many requests from university researchers and INGOs to meet. These meetings mostly focussed on the situation in Burma/Myanmar and the prospects for peace and justice.

SWAN has continued to contribute significantly to the work of the Women’s League of Burma (WLB), assisting technically and politically to strengthen its network and movement building, and supporting the organisation in its advocacy activities, including public events, which promote the role of women in all spheres of society. In 2018, one SWAN Advisory Team member continued to serve as a technical advisor to WLB while two senior members were members of the WLB Advisory Board.

Through the Women’s Empowerment Program activities, SWAN’s alumnae are becoming influential leaders in youth groups in Shan State. Sixty percent of our training alumni are in leadership roles including as Executive Members of the Tai Youth Network, a township level General Secretary of the Shan Literature and Cultural Association, and members of Shan political parties.

We have observed progress towards gender equality at a community level. For example, monks and local officials are more trusting of SWAN’s focal points and are beginning to recognise that women are experts in their areas of knowledge and can contribute to decision making in their homes and communities.

The Women’s Well-being Program has supported SWAN’s health workers to continue their work in some remote and conflict-affected populations in Shan State. They have delivered maternal and child health services in six townships in Shan State covering over 10,000 people. As government health services are thin on the ground the community health workers have played a vital role in the provision of family planning education and contraceptive supplies, ante and postnatal care, and support in childbirth. They have also provided reproductive health and chronic disease awareness sessions, and health awareness sessions in schools.

The Education Program has been able to raise funds to support three nurseries, three primary schools, one boarding house, and evening classes in Thai/Burma border areas where there are many Shan refugees who have difficulty accessing Thai schools. We have also organised scholarships for 147 disadvantaged students. This includes students whose parents are affected by HIV who would not otherwise be able to send their children to school.

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Following the recruitment of a communications officer in late 2017, the Information and Documentation team developed new media-advocacy campaigns with other like-minded organisations concerned about peace, equality and justice in Burma/Myanmar.

Eighty percent of participants felt their confidence levels had increased as a direct result of the exchanges. Many stated they felt more confident to engage in discussions within the group and in public, while several have pursued positions of leadership within their community due to their engagement with the program. Some women from the exchanges reported starting their own leadership pathway at a local level or higher after gaining interest in social work and politics from the discussion in the meetings.

This year SWAN’s Emerging Women’s Leadership Training was an advanced training which incorporated trainers from the Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (APWLD).

They conducted a 4-day Development Justice training workshop that offered a feminist perspective on development issues. This was an entirely new concept as it is not taught/known of in Shan State or surrounding regions. Other new aspects to the advanced-level training included the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), International Financial Institutions (IFIs), Climate Justice and a Feminist Theory of Change for Movement Building. These discussions built upon the training sessions of feminism, human rights and gender equality. All participants found this training to be extremely effective.

The Women’s Empowerment Program (WEP) conducted an internship program with 3 interns for three months. This program provided extensive
experience for young women who need some work experience to help them acquire skills needed for either administrative or program roles in their mother organization or in any community-based organization. During this training they learnt about women’s issues, developed skills, attended events and participated in field trips. They also visited local organizations to build networks and understand network activities.

SWAN transformed the Women’s Capacity Building to Youth Capacity Building (YCB) workshops in 2018 targeting female and male youth/adolescents within communities. The purpose is to challenge the perspective of dominant patriarchal attitudes in society and encourage youth to think beyond the norms using a more gender-based perspective. These workshops reshape the way young people consider gender to create a less patriarchal environment within their communities. The WEF team ran 16 YCB workshops in Sagaing Region, Shan and Kachin States.

The Annual SWAN Alumni Exchange was also held this year. The event was attended by 26 participants, who included former trainees of the Emerging Women’s Leadership Training (EWLT), the Young Women’s Leadership Training (YWLT), internship programs and other refresher courses. Participants came from Shan State, Kachin State and Sagaing Region.

Thus SWAN has implemented a multilevel series of workshops aimed at women who are just starting their journey in understanding feminism in their cultural context and those who have become confident and skilled as local leaders and all those in between.

SWAN brought them all together at the Second SWAN Women’s Get Together in Lashio which was attended by 133 of our SWAN network including staff, focal points, alumni, health workers and members. This was a joyful occasion that provided useful feedback to SWAN and reinforced the women’s movement among Shan women.

In Hsipaw one woman stated she had attended the Women’s Exchange four times and will continue to attend each meeting. From the information she learnt she gained a stronger interest in local politics, which led her to attending more workshops and youth conferences. She is now an executive committee member of the Tai Youth Network branch in Hsipaw where she assists women who have survived acts of violence by supporting them to seek legal measures against perpetrators and standing by their side during court proceedings.

The woman said that without SWAN’s information sharing sessions she would not have developed an interest in local politics or social leadership as there are no other programs in Shan State that encourage young people, especially women, to pursue positions of leadership. In a dominant patriarchal society, this young leader has taken a huge step forward supporting women’s rights by encouraging women to take legal measures against acts of gender-based violence. As a result, she is highly respected and well known in her community. From outcomes like this, we can measure the level of impact our activities have upon Shan communities and the momentum of local women working towards SWAN’s aim to achieve gender equality in Shan State.

WOMEN’S WELL-BEING PROGRAM (WWP)

As health is a fundamental aspect of social justice and control over your body the first step in a woman’s empowerment SWAN has a strong commitment to improving women and children’s health. SWAN has built the capacity of health workers in rural Shan State, Burma/Myanmar since 2011. These workers have prior training as Auxiliary Midwives (AMWs) and, through SWAN, have received additional training in reproductive health, family planning and maternal and child health.

After training, the health workers return to their villages in rural and remote areas of Shan State, where they deliver health education sessions, provide ante and post-natal care, assist in deliveries, conduct weighing sessions for children to identify those suffering from malnutrition, provide women with family planning services, and conduct general health interventions. They are not funded for these services but are supported for some costs and offered additional training which they are very keen to undertake. This work is supported by Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART) a UK-based charity.

This year community health workers conducted community visits in their rural catchment areas covering 6 townships comprised of 23 villages. They provided antenatal care to 65 pregnant women, child birth assistance for 56 women and postnatal care to 65 women plus family planning advice and supplies to many women.

In terms of curative care and health education the top five diseases that villagers suffered from were coughing, fever, nerve deficit, common cold and hypertension.

The SWAN health workers also conducted 27 health awareness sessions in 17 villages.

754 women and 180 men attended the workshops where the following topics were covered:

Reproductive Health and Family Planning
- TB
- Malaria
- Diarrhea
- Personal hygiene
- Hypertension
- Seasonal diseases and prevention

Health workers also conducted school health education sessions at 16 schools and reached 638 students. These sessions focused on personal hygiene and worms, and health workers also provided toothbrushes and toothpaste to students.
Through the Ethnic Minority CBO/EHO Contraceptive Implant Training & Service Delivery Program, SWAN organised a contraceptive implant training course for the community health workers. This training course included information about reproductive health, family planning, and contraceptive implants and how to provide health education and counselling to women. It also included hands-on training and practice in inserting and removing contraceptive implants.

The director of the large government Maternal and Child Hospital in Chiang Mai graciously agreed to serve as the key clinical trainer for this program, and he and his team were very impressed with the performance of the health workers-cum-trainees over the training course's relatively short time period. An Australian charity, the DAK Foundation, through the Burma Relief Centre, provided SWAN with implant sets to use during the implant training and back in the workers’ villages.

In Taunggyi SWAN held the first Training of Trainers (TOT) Refresher course for 14 health workers. The five-day course aimed to develop the confidence of the health workers to provide community health awareness sessions specifically on family planning, reproductive health and children's health. The course taught the health workers how to increase active participation during the session and how to explain concepts clearly for the participants to understand properly. The participants also learnt how to plan sessions and evaluate them. Feedback from the workshop was very positive with the health workers strengthening their confidence in facilitating health sessions and engaging participants.

**In the absence of refuge and services the children of the Shan refugees were very vulnerable. With their parents forced to find work as undocumented migrant labourers, many of the children ended up receiving no schooling.**

The Shan community along the Thai-Shan border started to organize basic literacy classes to respond to the needs of the displaced children. The SWAN education program was set up in 1999 to strengthen these existing informal educational activities in northern Thailand on the Thai Burma border. While originally the Shan children were not eligible to attend Thai schools since 2009 Shan children do have this right but experience many difficulties when trying to access them. Parents are often on the move due to the irregularity of work. Also, having limited legal status and being confined to the workplace parents fear leaving their work-sites to arrange schooling at the risk of...
The schools are not Thai government schools but are community-run and offer the Thai accredited curriculum. Teachers receive subsidies for salaries for 32 teachers, distributed across schools and students supported. This year SWAN supported 7 schools with 1,304 students including 62 novices. The reduction in the number of schools was 309 girls and 420 boys, primarily in the second half of the year. This included 3 nursery schools and 3 primary schools. The students at these schools were 309 girls and 420 boys including 62 novices. The reduction in the number of schools and students supported was a result of a reduction in funding received. SWAN provided subsidies for salaries for 32 teachers, distributed learning resources, subsidised healthy lunches, and provided transport to and from school.

The main partner supporting the education program is Planet Wheeler but we also receive small grants from other partners which are much appreciated as the education of our children is of great importance to Shan families.

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Networking and advocacy is a vital aspect of SWAN’s operation within Shan communities as well as outside our communities. This work is made possible by the ongoing support of a number of partners including IWDA, the National Endowment for Democracy and WLB’s partners.

Linkages to local community leaders and organisations

In Chiang Mai, the SWAN Centre continued raising awareness about the needs of Shan refugees. For example, together with Free Bird, a well-known social enterprise café in Chiang Mai, SWAN organized a donation collection of clothing and other necessities. The many donated items were taken to the people living in the internally displaced people (IDP) camps on the Burma side of the Thai/Burma border.

Inside Burma/Myanmar, the SWAN Taunggyi Centre worked closely with 8 Shan community-based organizations including Shan State Youth Capacity Building Committee (SSYCBC), Lai Tai Li, Khun Hein Foundation, Nam Khone Charity Organization, Shan Regional Health Worker Team, and Shan State Development Foundation (SSDF). Monthly meetings were held to update each other on the activities of each organization, and the political situation in Shan State, as active conflict remained constant, particularly in the north. We also discussed how the organisations could support communities to better access health and education services.

The SWAN team also travelled to different areas in Shan State and conducted several networking meetings with local groups and community leaders. Through such networking efforts, SWAN received more recognition in Shan communities and built good relationships particularly with Youth Networks such as the Tai Youth Network (TYN) and the Tai Youth Organization (TYO). We also received a lot of support from each community which led to spaces being provided for training, encouragement from community leaders and security for staff and trainees involved in our workshops.

Strengthening the capacity of women’s networks

This year, SWAN helped to found the Shanni Women’s Organization in Homalin and built relationships with a new group, the Loilem Women’s group in Southern Shan State, whose members are leading village women. This will help the community to build capacity in these local communities.

SWAN also linked members and colleagues to training opportunities such as a Feminist Leadership Training Course in Chiang Mai organized by CREAsia, and an 18 month course entitled ‘Empowering Fundamental Freedom Defenders in Southeast and East Asia’ (EFDEA). These courses empowered civil society activists in Burma and elsewhere through training in civic mobilization, strategic communication, planning and digital security.

Networking and advocacy with Shan political parties

SWAN continues to play a neutral role amongst Shan political parties encouraging female party members to focus on developing their skills through workshops and training sessions. Despite belonging to separate political parties, the women share similar goals to achieve gender equality in Shan State. SWAN reiterates this message to create harmony across the region’s political spectrum.

SWAN invited female members of different political parties for capacity building training and workshops. At the same time, SWAN invited Shan women MPs to attend events organized by WLB such as the Women’s Forum for Peace, Women’s Exchange and the 19th Anniversary in Yangon.

SWAN was honoured to be invited to give a congratulation speech at the SNLD 30th Anniversary celebration. It was a good opportunity to promote our work in this big political event which included members of most political parties from different parts of Burma, and representatives of government departments of Shan State. We were particularly pleased to see that some of our alumnae are active SNLD members in several townships.

Feedback from headmaster at SWAN supported community school

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5 All WLBevents/activities are supported by WLB which raises funds from different donors.

6 https://creaworld.org/
Working with other women’s groups and the Women’s League of Burma (WLB)

SWAN Taunggyi Centre continued to work closely with women’s groups such as Cherry Myay, Women’s Organization Network (Southern Shan State), the Women and Peace Action Network and the Shan State Women’s Development Organization in Taunggyi. This year, SWAN organized the International Women’s Day event and International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women event with them.

As a founding member, SWAN has continued to work actively with the Women’s League of Burma (WLB) advocating to increase the meaningful participation of women in decision-making processes at a national level and to participate in federal democratization and peace processes.

SWAN has contributed to WLB’s advocacy and campaign work at different levels. The SWAN representative, a WLB Policy Board member, has actively participated in networking meetings and advocacy activities all aimed at raising awareness of ethnic women’s issues and the need for reduced violence at the personal and countrywide levels. SWAN’s senior members regularly provided advice and guidance to WLB advocacy efforts while one of the SWAN Advisory Team members contributes technical assistance to the production of key policy papers.

SWAN members participated in the WLB Women’s Exchange which included 140 women from member organizations. We also attended the WLB 19th Anniversary which attracted nearly 400 people. SWAN invited our focal points and Shan female MPs to both events so that they increased people. SWAN invited focal points and Shan members to both events so that they increased people.

Advocating for women’s participation in the peace process

SWAN’s seniors were active in the WLB Peace Mission Team. They joined the Peace Mission Team’s visits in Thailand and Burma where they met with the Lahu Democratic Union, the Ethnic Nationalities Affairs Center and with the New Mon State Party, and participated in an informal meeting with EAO leaders at the Ethnic Summit in Thailand.

Six SWAN members actively participated in the 3rd Union Peace Conference in Nay Pyi Taw providing technical advice, logistical support and facilitation. A senior member led the WLB team of 20 women undertaking advocacy work, together with the Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process (AGIPP), throughout the conference. We organized awareness raising on gender equality and mobilized media friends to cover WLB’s participation at the conference. SWAN was interviewed by The Irrawaddy at the end of the conference and used the opportunity to press for increased women’s participation in the peace process.

Fourteen SWAN representatives participated in WLB’s 2018 Women’s Forum of Peace organized in Yangon. The theme was ‘Togetherness, Peace, Equality for All.’ Around 400 participants attended the forum. SWAN’s Country Director was one of the speakers at the press conference and she called for an end to civil war and violence against women, and again encouraged more women’s participation in the peace process and justice.

Every month Shan Spotlight highlights the human rights activities of a Shan woman in her community that is shared across our social media platforms. We also create simple awareness campaigns related to topical human rights issues. In the lead up to Human Rights Day on 10 December, SWAN shared documentation of human rights violations that took place in Shan State in 2018. As conflict continues to erupt, civilians are caught in the crossfire with women, children and the elderly the most vulnerable. The increasingly turbulent human rights situation is not being met with adequate humanitarian aid that would support the lives of those being threatened. In recognition of the atrocities committed against local citizens, SWAN supported calls for humanitarian action and an end to the fighting.

In 2018 the SWAN radio program covered a wide range of topics including pediatric cancer treatment, family planning, self-care for women, cancer signs in teenagers, constipation, arthritis, and middle ear infection. SWAN’s DJs also broadcast about women’s leadership skills; women, peace and security; human trafficking in Burma/Myanmar, and updates on the conflict situation in Shan State including the challenges faced by women and children.

For more information, please visit our website:

http://mizzimaburmese.com/article/53054?fbclid=IwAR3xeiFqByPn-McsNn6KZ1otaL5yZgGy5hHb5joULxvAad08Z2paR-xNgrQ
In Burma, it is not only the women who are faced with challenges such as lack of education but men as well. Family planning is important for men and women. Please share information on how to be a better partner/dating companion for women.

Young people must learn about rule of law in Burma to claim our rights when we are in difficult situations and facing human rights abuses.

Our radio DJ at work broadcasting to Shan communities in Thailand and Burma.

**FINANCES**

The following charts indicate the relative contribution each funding partner makes to support SWAN’s activities and the relative expenditure on each of our programs.

**SWAN Income Sources**

- International Women’s Development Agency: 43%
- National Endowment for Democracy: 25%
- Planet Wheeler: 25%
- Partners Asia: 1%
- Individuals: 1%
- Bradley Family: 2%
- LUSH: 2%
- Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust: 6%
- Between Borders: 6%
- Planet Wheeler: 25%

**SWAN Expenditure**

- Women’s Well-being Program: 8%
- Office Running Cost: 12%
- Education Program: 36%
- Women’s Empowerment Program: 44%
THANK YOU

SWAN's work has been recognised by our funding partners from all over the world as contributing to the well-being of Shan women and children. Our gratitude for their support is immeasurable.

In 2018 SWAN's work was valued and supported by a number of generous local and international partners and donors. SWAN would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to them; without these supportive organisations, foundations, trusts and individuals we would not be able to serve our communities in ways that international agencies and government cannot.

SWAN is able to provide first-hand information to our funding partners on people’s everyday lives as well as the broader political situation. This is particularly valuable as news from Burma is often complex as each main player has a different point of view. We recognise that it is due to these partnerships that the work of SWAN can cover so much ground and reach many people. We are therefore very grateful for these strong supportive partnerships.

SWAN looks forward to ongoing relationships that strengthen our mission of equality and justice for women and children.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Everyone can help SWAN in some way through the donation of money, goods or time, by funding our programs and projects, or by connecting us to your business’s social involvement programs.

Financial donations

Although SWAN is supported by various foundations, trusts, organisations and foreign governments there has been a big drop in funding to community-based organisations such as SWAN for programs for refugees on the Thai/Burma border. Please consider the program you would like to support financially. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about how potential donations may be spent. You can make financial donations online or via direct debit. Contact us on the email below.

Bequests

If you admire the values and work of the Shan Women’s Action Network, we encourage you to give serious thought to including a gift to SWAN in your will. To discuss how to leave a lasting legacy contact our Finance Officer on the email below.

Volunteering

SWAN's staff in Chiang Mai and in Shan State are all highly skilled. Sometimes we need help in specific areas such as information and marketing or development. While we advertise specific volunteer positions you could also send us a detailed Expression of Interest (EOI) if you would like to be part of our efforts to work towards gender equality and justice for Shan women. We also welcome offers of assistance in expert training for our staff to build their capacity. Contact us on the email below.

Learn more about the campaign for women and justice in Burma/Myanmar

Knowledge is power when it comes to reducing gender-based violence and disadvantage. We want people to know the facts so they can join us in promoting change and justice.

If you want to understand more about SWAN’s work, or locate up-to-date information about important issues, see our website and that of the Women’s League of Burma.

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