



Community  
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International

# 2014 Annual Report

Hope  
*through*  
Health



# CEO's Message



Dear Friends,

**This was a year of remarkable achievements for Community Partners International (CPI).**

We launched an innovative and experimental project in the remote Dawei region of southeast Myanmar to combat multi-drug resistant malaria - a serious threat to public health in Southeast Asia and beyond.

Working with an array of partners including community-based health organizations, the Government of Myanmar's Department of Medical Research, and the University of Maryland, we are using pioneering gene-based technology to diagnose malaria in individuals without visible symptoms, and testing new treatment methods to eliminate the disease. The results will inform future malaria strategy in Myanmar.

Our second flagship project is a partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and ethnic health organizations to improve the health of moms and kids in conflict-affected areas of Kayin State.

This project has been explicitly designed to encourage cooperation between government and non-state health authorities with a long-term goal to fundamentally strengthen

primary health care in this disputed region.

These projects showcase CPI's emerging role as a fulcrum between community health organizations delivering services on the ground, and national and international health initiatives currently underway in Myanmar.

Our unique experience and perspectives enable us to effectively and sustainably adapt big ideas and big projects to complex and challenging local contexts.

**With your help, we reached almost one million people across Myanmar with essential health care during 2014. With your continued support we can reach many more.**

**We are inspired by your belief in us and by the courageous individuals we serve.**

Thank you for bringing health and hope to the people of Myanmar.

*Sandee*

Sandee Pyne  
Chief Executive Officer



CPI staff and partners head to Pyar Thar Chaung village in Dawei Township to pilot new malaria treatment methods  
Image: Htoo Tay Zar/CPI





# Eliminating Malaria

**Our research with partners in Eastern Myanmar shows malaria as the leading cause of death.** Now Myanmar has emerged as an epicenter of multi-drug resistant malaria which, if left unchecked, could reverse the years of gains made against the disease worldwide.

CPI works with partners on the front lines in Myanmar to control and eliminate multi-drug resistant malaria. Together, we deliver services to more than 400,000 people in remote communities. We are piloting ground-breaking methods to diagnose and treat malaria in people without visible symptoms, employing the latest gene-based diagnostic methods to track infections.

Our partnerships with community organizations, multi-national donors and universities allow us to implement highly technical and large scale strategies at community level, empowering and equipping communities to tackle multi-drug resistant malaria.

**YOUR IMPACT: \$100 provides testing and medication for 50 people with malaria**

*A CPI partner staff member crosses a bridge on the way to Tharyargone village, Palaw Township, to collect blood samples for malaria testing*

*Image: Nay Zar Win/CPI*

**2014**  
**Impact** >

**97,574**  
rapid diagnostic  
tests distributed

**42,100**  
insecticide treated  
bed nets distributed

**6,523**  
malaria cases  
treated

**789**  
health workers trained  
in malaria control





# Healthy Moms & Kids

**The moms of Dar Thwe Kyauk village (right) have bucked the trend for maternal and child health.** In the last two years no child under five has died in their village. The moms attribute this success to the services received through CPI's local partner, Asia Light, whose maternal health workers provide health education, pregnancy support, and clean births.

Elsewhere in Myanmar, moms and kids are not so lucky. The country is ranked 158th out of 179 in Save the Children's 2015 State of the World's Mothers Index, just ahead of South Sudan. CPI's joint research in Eastern Myanmar reveals that one in seven children dies before their fifth birthday, a grim statistic shared with Somalia.

But there is hope. CPI's work with local partners shows that significant impacts can be achieved by empowering communities to safeguard their children's health. In 2014, CPI embarked on a new project with the Swiss Government and community-based health organizations that will deliver lifesaving maternal and child health care to almost 250,000 people in Eastern Myanmar.

**YOUR IMPACT:** \$200 trains and equips a birth attendant to provide safe, clean births

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Moms and kids meet with the community's maternal health worker in Dar Thwe Kyauk village, Mandalay Region  
Image: Quentin Hewitt/CPI

**2014**  
**Impact** >

**21,138**  
children dewormed  
and vaccinated

**5,518**  
births attended by  
trained assistants

**5,016**  
moms-to-be given  
pre-natal care

**947**  
birthing kits supplied  
to health workers





*Dr. Myint Maw (third from right) with members of HLHS staff at their center in North Okkalapa, Yangon  
Image: Tala Deaton/CPI*



## Tackling HIV/AIDS

**People living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) face much more than a disease.** In Myanmar, as in many communities around the world, being diagnosed as HIV positive can result in stigma, ostracizing, and loss of livelihood. While the disease itself can now be managed with drugs, the stigma can ravage a person's mental health and can leave them isolated and in despair.

This is why the work of CPI partner Healthy Living Helping Society (HLHS) is so crucial. Run by Myanmar physician Dr. Myint Maw

from of a monastery in the Yangon suburb of North Okkalapa, much of HLHS's work focuses on challenging stigma and providing essential psycho-social support to PLHIV.

Dr. Myint Maw and his staff spend their days educating people about HIV/AIDS and counseling PLHIV and their families who are struggling to come to terms with a diagnosis. They have developed support networks, a free nutrition program, livelihood opportunities, and hold events to raise awareness and confront stigma.

When HLHS began in 2002, some people in their neighborhood would throw stones and abuse at the clients and staff when they came to meetings but, as Dr. Myint Maw explains, 'Now they understand that we are trying to help. They don't see us as a threat.' CPI is proud to stand with HLHS in support of PLHIV in Myanmar.

**YOUR IMPACT: \$150 can provide 25 people living with HIV/AIDS with a one-month nutrition pack**






## Child Malnutrition

One in six children between the ages of six months and five years in Eastern Myanmar is malnourished. This level of malnutrition is defined as 'critical' according to World Health Organization criteria.

This is a key reason why more than 14% of children under five in this part of Myanmar die before their fifth birthday. Due to inadequate nutrition, their immune systems are not strong enough to fight off infections.

In 2015 and beyond, we want to do what we can to reverse this health crisis. With your support, and working with our community partners, we can provide lifesaving vitamin A, deworming, and therapeutic feeding to thousands of children.



*A child attends a community clinic in Kayin State to receive a medical check and Vitamin A supplements  
Image: CPI*

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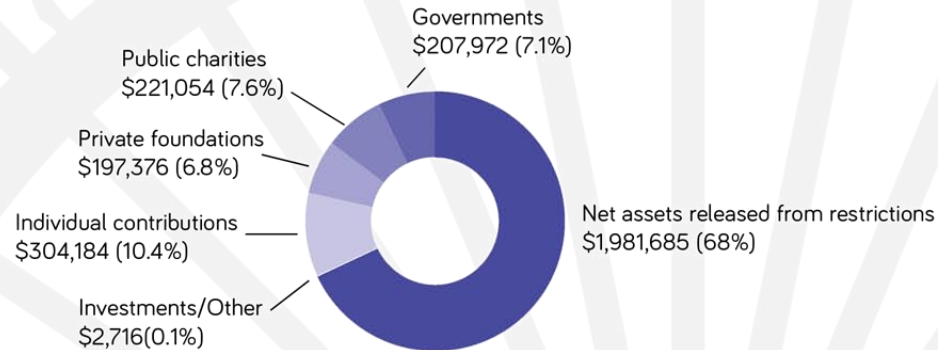
provides lifesaving nutrition,  
vaccinations, and deworming to two  
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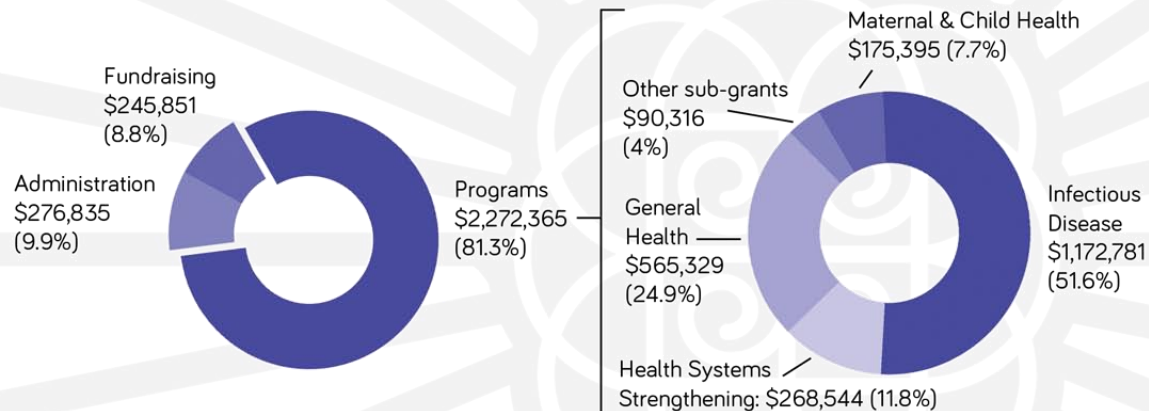
## Revenues

**\$2,914,987**



## Expenditure

**\$2,795,051**



Change in net assets

**\$1,553,146**

Net assets at beginning of year

**\$2,127,639**

**Total net assets at end of year**

**\$3,680,785**



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# Thank you

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who supported us in 2014. In particular, we would like to acknowledge:

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## In Memoriam:

David Kimball Richards, distinguished friend and founding supporter of Community Partners International.

This image: View near Pyar Thar Chaung village, Dawei Township  
*Soe Min/CPI*

Cover Image: A staff member from CPI partner the Karen Baptist Convention collects blood for a malaria test from a child in Kyaw Maw Village, Palaw Township  
*Saw Than Ngwe/CPI*



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