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# Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2022

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# Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2022 Introduction

#### Establishment of the Commission

1. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was established on 24 September, 2014 by order No.23/2014 of the President Office in accordance with the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 21 on 28 March, 2014. On 14 January, 2020, the Office of President issued Order No. 3/2020 to reconstitute the commission with 11 members in accordance with Section 13 of the Commission Law.

(a) U Hla Myint Chairperson

(b) Dr. Nanda Hmun Vice Chairperson

(c) U Paw Lwin Sein Member

(d) U Kyaw Soe Member

(e) Dr. Than Myint Member

(f) Daw Nu Nu Yin Member

(g) Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than Member

(h) Dr. Myint Thu Myaing Member

(i) U Tin Aung Member

(j) Daw Tin Kyi Oo Member

(k) U Kyaw Myint Member

2. After declaring a State of Emergency, the Office of the Commander -in Chief of Defence Services issued order No. (4/2021) on 1 February 2021 while allowed the 11 commissioners to continue their existing duties. Unfortunately, one of the Commissioners, Daw Tin Kyi Oo passed away on 24 July 2021. As a result, the Commission is currently been operated by the remaining 10 commissioners, who are fulfilling their responsibilities.

#### Responsibilities of Commissioners

3. Based on Office Order No. (8/2020) of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issued on 22 January, 2020, the Commissioners have divided their responsibilities into the following thematic areas:

SN.	Name	Position	Responsibilities	
a.	U Hla Myint	Chairperson	He is responsible for overseeing all themes, but takes the lead in International Relations.	
b.	Dr. Nanda Hmun	Vice Chairperson	She is responsible for overseeing all themes, but takes the lead in Human Rights Promotion and Education.	
c.	U Paw Lwin Sein	Member	International Relations	
d.	U Kyaw Soe	Member	Human Rights Protection	
e.	Dr. Than Myint	Member	Human Rights Promotion and Education, e-Government	
f.	Daw Nu Nu Yin	Member	Legal Affairs	
g.	Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than	Member	Human Rights Promotion and Education, International Relations	
h.	Dr. Myint Thu Myaing	Member	Legal Affairs	
i.	U Tin Aung	Member	Human Rights Protection	
j.	U Kyaw Myint	Member	Human Rights Protection	

4. As per the decision of the Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (10/2022), one of the two members of the Commission Executive Committee,

alternating every six months, is responsible for overseeing the administration and financial affairs of the Commission Office on behalf of the Committee.

#### Structure of the commission

- 5. The Office of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is divided into six divisions, which are as follows:
  - (a) Human Rights Promotion and Education Division;
  - (b) Human Rights Protection Division;
  - (c) Legal Affairs Division;
  - (d) International Relations Division;
  - (e) Administration and Finance Division;
  - (f) e-Government Division.

#### Commission Head Office and branch offices

- 6. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has established its head office and four branch offices in different locations to build public trust and ensure seamless communication with the public. Commission's head office and four branch offices are as follows,
- (a) Head Office No. 27,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon Region.
- (b) Nay Pyi Taw (Branch Office) Corner of Thazin Street and Zawgyi Street; Shwe Kyar Pin Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.
- (c) Mandalay (Branch Office) Kanna Road, 34 x 35 street; West Day Wun Ward, Chan Aye Tha Zan Township, Mandalay Region.
- (d) Sittwe (Branch Office) Office of the General Administration
  Department, Sittwe township, Rakhine state.

- (e) Pathein (Branch Office)
- Pathein Township Myet To Office Complex, Mahazedi Main Road, Ward No. (13), Pathein Township, Ayeyarwady Region.
- 7. Pathein (Branch office) Ayeyarwady Region, was established in 2022.
- 8. The Rakhine State Government approved the acquisition of a compound for the branch office in Sittwe after negotiations. The land allocated for this purpose is located in North Bumay Landholding No. (90), Field No. (557-A), Oo Yin Tha village tract, Sittwe Township, and spans an area of 0.41 acres. A request has also been submitted to the Rakhine State Government to use the land for other purposes.

#### Activities of Human Rights Promotion and Education Division

#### Responsibilities

- 9. Human Rights Promotion and Education Division is conducting public awareness of human rights efforts to combat all forms of discrimination through the provision of information and education by all means as much as possible under Section 22 (a) of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law.
- 10. Among the activities of the Human Rights Promotion and Education Division, it is mainly divided into three sectors; human rights talks, human rights workshops/ trainings, and human rights lectures.
- 11. During the year 2022, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, public activities of the Human Rights Promotion and Education Division, such as human rights talk and workshops were suspended. However, human rights awareness training and lectures could still be conducted either in person or through a Video Conferencing System.

#### Conducting human rights awareness workshop

12. In 2022, a human rights awareness workshop for the staff of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held from 17 to 19 May 2022 through Video Conferencing System with 30 participants.

No.	Duration	Name of workshop	Trainees
1.	17-5-2022 to 19-5-2022	Human Rights awareness workshop for the staff of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	A 5

13. In the workshop the following subjects were delivered: -

No.	Subject	Lecturers
1.	Human Rights Concept	U Zaw Lwin Htoo,
2.	Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Director
3.	Group Rights (Collective Rights)	U Arkar Hein Soe, Director
4.	9 Core Conventions	Daw Phyo Thiri Win, Director
5.	United Nations Human Rights Mechanism	U Zay Yar Linn, Director
6.	Organization and Functions of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission	Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General

### Lectures on Human Rights

14. Lectures on human rights were conducted in the following trainings: -

Table 1. Trainings conducted by the Ministry of Defence

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers
10-8-2022	National Defence College Training No. (21)	Nay Pyi Taw	133	U Hla Myint, Chairperson
17-2-2022	Command and General Staff College Training No. (69)	Kalaw	196	Dr. Nanda Hmun, Vice-Chairperson

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers	
18-1-2022	Battalion Commander Training Course No. (97)	Bahtoo	400	29	Dr.Than Myint, Commissioner U
10-1-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (208)	Bantoo	123	Arkar Hein Soe, Director	
18-1-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (69,70)	Bayintnaung	241	Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General, U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director	
22-2-2022	Battalion Commander Training Course No. (98)	. Bahtoo	30	Dr.Than Myint, Commissioner, U	
22-2-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (209)		123	Arkar Hein Soe, Director	
22-2-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (71,72)	Bayintnaung	245	U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director	
	Battalion Commander Training Course No. (99)	Bahtoo	29	Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than, Commissioner,	
5-4-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (210)		122	Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General	
5-4-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (73,74)	Bayintnaung	234	Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner, U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director	

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers
15-8-2022	Battalion Commander Training Course No. (100)	Bahtoo	62	Dr.Than Myint, Commissioner, Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy
15-8-2022	Battalion Commander Training Course No. (101)	Bahtoo	62	Director General,  U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director,  U Arkar Hein Soe, Director
16-8-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (211)	Bahtoo	124	Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than, Commissioner,
16-8-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (75,76)	Bayintnaung	243	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director
14-9-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (212)	Bahtoo	121	U Arkar Hein Soe, Director
14-9-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (77,78)	Bayintnaung	229	U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director
25-10-2022	Battalion Commander Training Course No. (102)	Bahtoo	65	Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner, U Arkar Hein Soe, Director

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers
2-11-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (213)	Bahtoo	121	Dr. Tin Muang Maung Than, Commissioner, U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director
2-11-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (79,80)	Bayintnaung	232	Dr. Tin Muang Maung Than, Commissioner, U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director
	Battalion Commander Training Course No. (103)	Bahtoo	60	Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner, U Arkar Hein Soe, Director
20-12-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (214)		120	Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than, Commissioner, U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director
21-12-2022	Company Commander Training Course No. (81,82)	Bayintnaung	233	Dr.Than Myint, Commissioner, U Arkar Hein Soe, Director

**Remarks:** Subjects delivered were Basic Human Rights Concept, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Organization and Function of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission. Lectures were conducted via Video Conferencing System in accordance with the terms and conditions of Covid-19.

Table 2. Trainings conducted by the Union Civil Service Board

Date	Course Locat		Attendees	Lecturers
1-2-2022	Management Course for Executive Level Officials No. (8)	Civil 45 Service Academy		U Paw Lwin Sein, Commissioner
2-2-2022	Management Course for Senior Level Officials No. (9)	(Upper Myanmar)	37	Dr. Than Myint Commissioner
15-2-2022	Management Course for Senior Level Officials No. (16)			Dr. Than Myint Commissioner, U Arkar Hein Soe Director
25-4-2022	Management Course for Executive Level Officials	Academy (Lower Myanmar)	19	Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner
29-4-2022	No. (4)		19	Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than Commissioner
26-4-2022	Management Course for Senior Level Officials No. (17)	Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar)	43	Dr. Than Myint, Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than Commissioners
1-5-2022	Management Course for Senior Level Officials No. (10)	Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar)	41	Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deput Director General
12-5-2022	Management Course for Executive Level Officials No. (9)	Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar)	22	Dr.Nanda Hmun Vice-chairperson

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers	
28-6-2022	Management Course for Senior Level Officials No. (18)  Management Course for Executive Level Officials No. (5)	Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar)	47	Dr. Than Myint Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than Commissioners  Dr. Than Myint Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than Commissioners	
8-12-2022	Management Course for	Civil Service Academy		Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner	
12-12-2022	Executive Level Officials  No. (6)	No. (6) (Lower	.00000	17	Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than Commissioner

Remarks: Subjects delivered were Basic Human Rights Concept, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Organization and Function of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, State Obligations and Public Responsibilities, the United Nations Human Rights Mechanism and Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Table 3. Trainings conducted by the Ministry of Home Affairs

# A. Myanmar Police Force

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers	
15-3-2022	Investigation Officer Training Course No. (73/2022)		140	U Phone Kywe, Director General	
24-3-2022	Combat Organization Officer Course No. (1/2022)	Police Officer Training School (Mandalay)	50	Daw Mi M Khaing, Deputy Director	
7-4-2022	Police Station Officer Training No. (67/2022)	100		U Phone Kywe, Director General	
25-4-2022	Detective Officer Training No. (190/2021)	119		U Phone Kywe, Director General	
6-10-2022	Investigation Officer Training Course No. (75/2022)	Police Officer Training School (Mandalay)	280	Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner, U Phone Kywe, Director General	
14-11-2022	Detective Officer Training Course No. (191/2022)	Criminal Investigation Department (Insein)	119	U Phone Kywe, Director General	
1-12-2022	Police Township Commander Training Course No. (62/2022)	Police Officer Training School (Mandalay)	50	U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director	

**Remarks:** Subjects delivered were Basic Human Rights Concept, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Organization and Function of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and Human Rights Promotion, and Protection Activities.

#### B. Bureau of Special Investigation

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers
14-2-2022	Law (Special) Course No. (1/2021)	Special Investigation Training School (Taungoo)	21	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director, U Kaung Khant Zin, Staff Officer
23-6-2022	Refresher Course for Staff Officers (Investigation) No. (1/2022)	Special Investigation Training	20	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy
30-8-2022	Investigation Officer Training No. (1/2022)	School (Taungoo)	21	Director
19-10-2022	Investigator Refresher Course No. (1/2022)	Special Investigation Training School (Taungoo)	31	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director
28-12-2022	Refresher Course for Staff Officer (Investigation) course No. (2/2022)	Special Investigation Training School (Taungoo)	21	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director

**Remarks:** Subjects delivered were Basic Human Rights Concept, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Organization and Function of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.

#### C. Prison Department

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers
16-2-2022	Superintendent Training Course No. (16)	Prison Department (Nay Pyi Taw)	33	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director, U Kaung Khant Zin, Staff Officer
2-11-2022	Deputy Superintendent Supervisor Course No. (13)	Prison Department (Nay Pyi Taw)	50	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director

**Remarks:** Subjects delivered were Basic Human Rights Concept, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Organization and Function of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.

### D. Myanmar Fire Service Department

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers
25-7-2022	Fire Station Commander (Male) Training Course No. (20/2022)	Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarter, Training Division (Yangon)	50	U Myo Naing, Assistant Director, U Kaung Khant Zin, Staff Officer

**Remarks:** Subjects delivered were Basic Human Rights Concept, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Organization and Function of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.

Table 4. Training conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date	Course	Location	Attendees	Lecturers
23-9-2022	Course in Diplomacy-CID No. (7/2022)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon)	37	U Hla Myint, Chairperson

Remarks: Lectures were conducted via Video Conferencing System.

Table 5. Trainings conducted by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

Date	Course	Location Attende		Course Location Attendees Lecturer		Lecturers
31-8-2022	Capacity Building Training for the responsible staff related to Prevention and Response to Sexual Violence during Conflict	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettle- ment	50	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director		
4-11-2022	Capacity Building Training for the staff of working group relating to Prevention of Grave Violation Against Children in Armed Conflict	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and	10	U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director		
10-11-2022	Capacity Building Training for the responsible staff  related to Prevention and Response to Sexual Violence during Conflict  Resettlement  50		50	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy Director		

Table 6. In-house Human Rights awareness trainings

No.	Duration	Training	Trainees
1.	7-3-2022 to	In-house Human Rights	21
1.	11-3-2022	awareness trainings No. (1/2022)	21
2.	4-4-2022 to	In-house Human Rights	18
2.	8-4-2022	awareness trainings No. (2/2022)	10

# 16. In the trainings, the following subjects were delivered: -

No.	Subject	Lecturers		
1.	Paris Principles			
2.	The establishment of human rights institutions and the nature of the institutions	Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General		
3.	Complaint Procedures	U Thura Kyaw, Director  Daw Witt Yee Win, Deput  Director		
4.	Basic Concepts of Human Rights			
5.	9 Core International Human Rights Treaties, State Obligations and Public Responsibilities	U Zaw Lwin Htoo, Director		
6.	Child Rights	U Arkar Hein Soe, Director		
7.	Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and Myanmar	U Zay Yar Linn, Director		
8.	Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law	Daw Phyo Thiri Win, Director		

No.	Subject	Lecturers
9.	Opinions and recommendations on international laws and domestic laws from a human rights perspective	Daw Phyo Thiri Win, Director
10.	Women Rights	Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Deputy
11.	Organization and Function of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission	Director
12.	Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)	U Myo Naing, Assistant Director
13.	Universal Declaration of Human Rights	U Kaung Khant Zin, Staff Officer

#### Distribution of teaching aids

- 17. With the aim to provide learning in human rights subjects, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission widely distributed teaching materials and information, education and communication (IEC) documents that were published by the Commission: -
  - (1) Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Booklet)
  - (2) Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law
  - (3) Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Poster)
  - (4) Pamphlet and handouts
  - (5) Convention on the Rights of the Child
  - (6) Child Rights Law (2019)
  - (7) Convention on the Rights of the Child (Poster)
  - (8) The Right of Persons with Disabilities Law (2015)

- (9) Child-Friendly Version of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
- (10) Myanmar National Human Rights Commission's 10-Year Journey

Table 7. In-house Capacity Building on Research Methodology for Human Rights Course

No.	Duration	Training	Trainees
1.	13-7-2022 to 15-7-2022	In-house Capacity Building on Research Methodology for Human Rights Course	20

19. In the training, the following subjects were delivered: -

No.	Subject	Lecturers
1.	Introduction to Research	Dr. Nanda Hmun, Vice-Chairperson
2.	Topic Selection and Analyzing of the Problem	Dr. Than Myint,
3.	Objectives	Commissioner
4.	Literature Review	Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General
5.	Research Methods	Dr. Than Myint  Commissioner  U Arkar Hein Soe  Director
6.	Ethical Considerations	Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than Commissioner
7.	Work Plan and Budget	Dr. Khine Khine Win Deputy Director General

Table 8. In-house training for English Language Proficiency

No.	Duration	Training	Trainees
1.	28-2-2022 to 13-5-2022	English Language Proficiency Training No. (1)	2 Directors 2 Deputy Directors 7 Assistant Directors 5 Staff Officers 1 Deputy Staff Officer 1 Upper Divisional Clerk 2 Lower Divisional Clerks

**Remarks:** Freelance English teacher Daw May Win delivered lecture via Video Conferencing System.

#### Attending Union Ministerial Meetings

- 21. Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attended the book launching ceremony for the 5-year Strategic Plan on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2022-2027) held by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 15 September 2022 via Video Conferencing System.
- 22. Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attended the meeting of the Working Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (1/2022) held by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 27 September 2022 via Video Conferencing System.
- 23. Director U Thura Kyaw attended the commemorative talk hosted by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2022.

#### Cooperation with the Human Rights Protection Division

24. Commissioner Dr.Than Myint, accompanied by Assistant Director U Myo Naing and Staff Officer Daw Khine Yin Mon Thant, participated in the inspection team led by Human Rights Protection Division which conducted inspection visit to

the Shwegontine Child Care Center in Bahan township and the School for the Blind in Kyimyindaing township on 25 January 2022. In addition, that inspection team visited the Thanlyin Boy's Training School in Thanlyin township on 28 January 2022.

25. Staff Officer Daw Zin Min Thet Lwin, Desk Officer for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) joined the inspection team of Human Rights Protection Division while conducting inspection visits to the Meiktila Prison, Meiktila Myo Ma police station and its cell, Thazi Myo Ma police station and its cell, and Phaya Ngar Su labour camp from 1 to 3 August 2022. She also joined the inspection team visiting the School for the Deaf (Yangon) and Mary Chapman School for the Deaf on 29 December 2022.

#### Press Release and News

- 26. **Press Release:** The division of Human Rights Promotion and Education facilitated the Commission's press releases through state-owned newspapers and media. The statements released by the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission were as follows: -
  - Statement No (1/2022) on complaints submitted to the Commission and inspection of prisons and detention centers.
  - (2) Statement No (2/2022) on the initiative of the Chairperson of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services to engage in peace talks with ethnic armed organizations in person.
  - (3) Statement No (3/2022) on the inspection visits of prisons, jails, detention centers, and police lock-ups from January to May 2022.
  - (4) Statement No (4/2022) on Order No. 70/ 2022, 71/ 2022, 72/ 2022,73/ 2022, and 74/ 2022 on 17 November 2022 issued by the Chairperson of the State Administration Council.

#### 27. News

Human Rights Promotion and Education Division disseminated Information on Commission activities totaling (86) news through national newspapers, state-owned media and Commission website.

#### Human Rights Awareness raising

- 28. The Human Rights Promotion and Education Division posted the following human rights awareness raising information through the Commission website in 2022 -
  - (a) Human rights books and materials (IECs),
  - (b) Advertisements informing the public about accessing the Commission library,
  - (c) Quotes of International eminent persons on human rights,
  - (d) Award winning articles and cartoons in the competitions organized for the International Women's Day on the 8 March 2022,
  - (e) The presentation in English by Commission staff, titled "The Role of Awareness Raising in Human Rights".

#### **Reviewing Human Rights Modules**

- 29. The Division reviewed and updated the following human rights related modules by collecting data, drafting and analyzing for human rights talks, human rights workshops and trainings, and lectures -
  - (a) Basic Human Rights Concept
  - (b) Universal Declaration of Human Rights
  - (c) Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law
  - (d) Child Rights
  - (e) Women's Rights
  - (f) Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) Rights
  - (g) Paris Principles and NHRIs
  - (h) Nine Core International Human Rights Treaties

- (i) State Obligations and Public Responsibilities
- (j) United Nations Human Rights Mechanism

#### Developing new modules

30. The "Curriculum Development Team" of the Human Rights Promotion and Education Division developed modules on "Discussing the issues of prevention and response to sexual violence during the conflict from a human rights perspective" and "Reviewing and discussing the issues of preventing serious crimes against children during the armed conflict from a human rights perspective". These modules were developed to deliver lectures in "The capacity building training for staff involved in preventing and responding to sexual violence during conflicts", as well as "The capacity building training for staff related to the prevention committee of grave violations against children in armed conflict", organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

#### Other Activities

31. Other activities of the Division are as follows: -

#### (a) Commission Library (Resource Center)

- (1) As of December 2022, the library kept a total of 2327 books in Myanmar, 928 books in English and 2244 E-Books. E-Books related to human rights were uploaded to the Commission website.
  - (2) In line with the library reform plan for 2022, efforts were made to transform the commission library into a modern digital library. On 27 May, lecturers and librarians from the National University of Culture and Arts visited the commission library. Lecturers of other Universities also accessed the library.

#### (b) Publications

(1) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was translated into Braille format for people with visual impairment and published by the Commission in collaboration with the Myanmar National Association of the Blind (Kyimyindaing) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. The Braille version of the UDHR was distributed to a total of 10 schools for the blind operated by the government and private sector, as well as to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

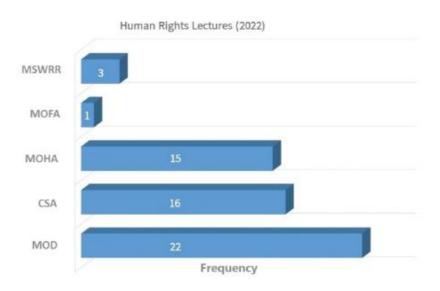
- (2) 5,000 copies of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) were printed for distribution.
- (3) 3,000 posters on the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) were printed for distribution.
- (c) Producing Educational Video Clip: To enhance public knowledge of human rights and support human rights promotion activities, the Division produced one-minute video clip corresponding to Article (1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

#### Competitions to commemorate Human Rights

- 32. According to the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan (2020-2024) and Operational plan (2022), the Division organized the following competitions for the commemoration of human rights: -
  - (a) Myanmar Women's Day: The Division organized commemorative talks and distributed commemorative postcards for "Myanmar Women's Day".
  - (b) International Day of Older Persons: The Division organized online quiz competition to celebrate "International Day of Older Persons".
  - (c) World Children's Day: The division organized slogan and art competitions to celebrate "World Children's Day".

- (d) International Day of Persons with Disabilities: The Division organized talk show to celebrate the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities".
- (e) International Human Rights Day: The Division organized poem and cartoon competitions to celebrate the "International Human Rights Day".

#### Chart of Human Rights Lectures



MSWRR - Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

MOFA - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

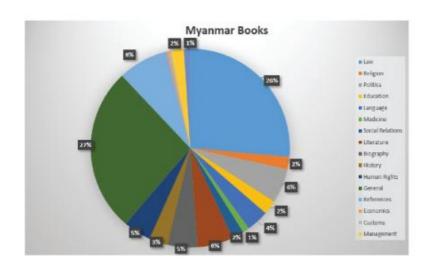
MOHA - Ministry of Home Affairs

CSA - Civil Service Academy

MOD - Ministry of Defence

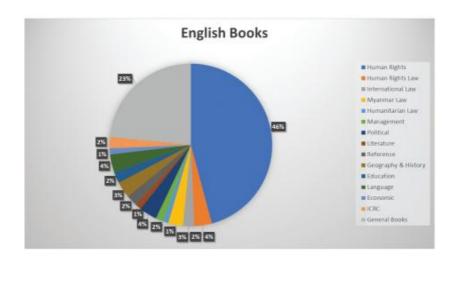
24 Books in Library (Myanmar Books)

Sr.No	Categories	Number of Books	
1	Law	611	
2	Religion	46	
3	Politic	130	
4	Education	53	
5	Language	84	
6	Medicine	25	
7	Social Relations	45	
8	Literature	134	
9	Biography	113	
10	History	70	
11	Human Rights	104	
12	General	618	
13	References	188	
14	Economics	8	
15	Customs	10	
16	Management	48	
17	Speeches	24	
	Total	2311	



25 Books in Library (English Books)

Sr.No	Categories	Number of Books
1	Human Rights	425
2	Human Rights Law	32
3	International Law	21
4	Myanmar Law	27
5	Humanitarian Law	10
6	Management	14
7	Politics	33
8	Literature	11
9	References	21
10	Geography & History	30
11	Education	20
12	Languages	34
13	Economics	11
14	ICRC	21
15	General Books	217
	Total	927



#### **Photos**



Chairperson of MNHRC gives lecture at National Defence College Training No. (21)



Vice-Chairperson of MNHRC gives lecture at Command and General Staff College
Training No. (69)



Vice-Chair of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission attends National Committee on the Rights of Person with Disabilities via Video Conferencing



Management Course for Executive Level Officials (No.6), Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar)



Management Course for Senior Level Officials (No.18), Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar)



Management Course for Executive Level Officials (No.8), Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar)



Investigation Officer Course No. (75/2022), Police Officer Training School (Mandalay)



Management Course for Senior Level Officials (No.10), Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar)



"Capacity Building Training for the working group related to Preventing Grave Violations Against Children in Armed Conflict", Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement



Company Commander Training Courses No. (212), Myanmar Army Combat Force School (Bahtoo)



"Capacity Building Training for the staff who related to Preventing for and Response to Sexual Violence during the Conflict", Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement



Fire Station Commander (Male) Training Course No. (20/ 2022), Myanmar Fire Service Headquarters, Training Division (Yangon)



Superintendent Training Course No. (16), Prison Department (Naypyidaw)

# Activities of Human Rights Protection Division

## Responsibilities

33. In accordance with the Section 22 (c), (d) and (e) of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, Human Rights Protection Division of MNHRC is verifying and conducting inquiries into complaints and allegation of human rights violations; visiting the scene of human rights violations, conducting inquiries on receipt of a complaint or allegation or information; inspecting the scene of human rights violations and, after notification, prisons, jails, detention centers and public or private places of confinement.

## Situation concerning action taken on complaints

34. MNHRC received a total of 229 complaints during 2022 and the Commission Inquiry Team held meetings 32 times to examine the complaints as follows;

(a)	Referring	the department	concerned	<ul> <li>39 cases</li> </ul>
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(b) Informing the complainants - 47 cases

(c) Putting on record - 143 cases

35. Among 229 cases, the categories of 39 cases are as follows;

(a) Land dispute - 20 cases

(b) Civil servant - 5 cases

(c) Police - 5 cases

(d) Labour - 3 cases

(e) City Development Committee - 2 cases

(f) Right to citizenship - 2 cases

(g) Women's Rights - 1 case

(h) Child's Rights - 1 case

(i) Financial Forfeiture - 1 case

36. Among 229 cases, 39 cases were referred to the following ministries and organizations;

(a) State Administration Council - 1 case

(b) Ministry of Home Affairs - 5 cases

(c)	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	-	3 cases
(d)	Ministry of Labour	-	6 cases
(e)	Ministry of Immigration and Population	-	1 case
(f)	Ministry of Education	-	1 case
(g)	Ministry of Health	-	1 case
(h)	Kayin State Government	-	5 cases
(i)	Tanintharyi Region Government	-	2 cases
(j)	Bago Region Government	-	2 cases
(k)	Mandalay Region Government	-	2 cases
(l)	Yangon Region Government	-	2 cases
(m)	Rakhine State Government	90	1 case
(n)	Shan State Government		7 cases

37. Among 229 cases, 143 cases were put on record systematically; for 10 cases in accordance with the Section 32(b) of MNHRC Law, for 76 cases in accordance with the Section 32(c) of MNHRC Law, for 28 cases in accordance with the Section 37(a) and (b) of MNHRC Law and for 29 cases in accordance with the paragraph 12 of the procedures relating to the MNHRC Law.

# Situation concerning replies to cases sent by the Commission

- 38. The Commission received 121 replies from the concerned Union Ministries, Union Level Organizations, Nay Pyi Taw Council and State and Regional Governments.
- 39. Actions taken on 121 replies are as follows;
  - (a) Further queries on replies of the departments 6 cases
  - (b) Forward to the complainants 101 cases
  - (c) Putting on record 14 cases

# Status of the Reply of State Administration Council Office and Ministry of Union Departments/Regions and States Governments on 39 complaints send from MNHRC in 2022

No	Name	Send	Reply
1	State Administration Council Office	1	-
2	Ministry of Home Affairs	5	4
3	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	3	3
4	Ministry of Immigration and Population	1	1
5	Ministry of Labour	6	5
6	Ministry of Education	1	1
7	Ministry of Health	1	1
8	Kayin State Government	5	1
9	Tanintharyi Region Government	2	-
10	Bago Region Government	2	ā
11	Mandalay Region Government	2	2
12	Rakhine State Government	1	-
13	Yangon Region Government	2	2
14	Shan State Government	7	7
	Total	39	27

## Cooperation of the Union Level Organizations, Region and State Governments

- 40. Actions taken by the concerned the Union Level Organizations, Region and State Governments on the recommendations of MNHRC are as follows;
  - (a) In Myan Aung Township, a mentally disabled woman who was sexually assaulted and was 7 months pregnant had prompted action from the Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities. They filed a complaint with the commission to initiate legal proceedings and provide assistance. In this regard, the case was resolved by the collaboration of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. Due to insufficient evidence for a case under Section

- 376 of the Penal Code, the accused was prosecuted under Section 13 of the Law of Monogamy. The victim received financial support, psychosocial support and care.
- (b) The owner of the gas station from Myitha Township complained to take necessary action for unfairly suspension of business license. The MNHRC referred the case along with the recommendations to the Ministry of Electric Power. The Ministry replied that the referred case was under trial and once settled, the business license would be issued in accordance with the procedures.
- (c) The employee of private company in Thaketa Township, complained to get compensation for a severe hand injury while working. In this regard, the case was resolved by the collaboration of the Ministry of Labour. Efforts were made to get compensation under the Social Security Law. As a result, the complainant received a total of 11,141,707 Kyats for temporary disabilities benefit, medical and general expenses, wages, social allowance and permanent disability benefits.
- (d) The villagers from Paunde Township complained to get permission to install an electric power line in Kywe Lulin Village. The Commission referred the case to the Bago Region Government. The Region Government replied that the construction of the electricity transmission line has been successfully completed with their own funds.
- (e) A Bengali woman from the Kyauk Ta Lone Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp in Kyauk Phyu Township complained that she and her mother's NVC (National Verification Card) cards were confiscated by security forces during hospitalized in Thandwe Township. The Commission referred the case to the Ministry of Immigration and Population and the case was satisfactorily resolved. Moreover, the MNHRC recommended that in accordance with the Section 38 of the Commission Law, the Ministry not to pursue legal action against the complainant. As the result, the Ministry decided to close the case.

- (f) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant was opened the case at the police station and the police officials from Yone Dauk Police Station, Kyeik Lat Township, were corrupt in handling the case. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant police officials for improper procedures.
- (g) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the son of the complainant from Sintkaing Township was assaulted and robbed by the group of people and when he opened the case at the Kyaukse Police Station, the police officials cannot detain the robbers. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant police officials for delays in police process.
- (h) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant was arrested to Ward Administrator's home without reason and tortured by the police officials from Meiktila Police Station at night. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant police officials for their weaknesses to follow the procedures.
- (i) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant from Sanchaung Township, Yangon Region was opened the case at the police station by her husband according to Communication Act and when she opened a mutual case, the police officials did not take action. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant police officials for delaying in police process to request legal advice.
- (j) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant from Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon Region was cheated by the buyer using fraud cheque in buying jewelry and filed the case at Sanchaung Police Station. However, the case was delayed for 1 year and 7 months and then closed the case. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant police officials for delaying in police process to investigate the case.

- (k) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation for necessary action on the complaint that a man entered the complainant's farmland and destroyed the crops in Soneywa Village, Myingyan Township. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation replied that the land authorization certificate form (7) was issued to both parties. As a result, the action was taken against the relevant officials from Department of Land Administration and Statistics for issuing land authorization certificate wrongly that would be cancelled by the Central Land Administration.
- (I) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for taking necessary action on the complaint that the younger brother of the complainant from Pyapon Township was arrested, tortured and forced to confess for cattle theft by police officials of Daw Nyein Police Station, Pyapon Township. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant police officials for wrong procedures.
- (m) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant was unfairly arrested and investigated for land issue by the police officials from Myingyan Police Station. The Ministry replied that the case was closed as a wrong case according to the legal advice.
- (n) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant from Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, was arrested for quarreling with his wife. He was beaten by police officials and released only after agreeing to pay money. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant police officials for assaulting and demanding money from the complainant.
- (o) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant from Mayangone Township suffered the fracture of his leg bone due to run over by the bus while alighting. Upon attempting to open a case at the traffic police station, the complainant was forced by traffic police official not to open the case on accepting 750,000 Kyats from the

- driver. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant traffic police officials for wrong procedures.
- (p) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the son of the complainant from Hlaing Thar Yar Township died in car accident. But the traffic police officer failed to explain the investigation process and said that there was no record due to malfunctioning CCTV camera. The Ministry replied that action was taken against the relevant traffic police official for the weaknesses in following police procedures.
- (q) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant and her husband from Patheingyi Township were arrested by Chinese Police Officials at Zhang Feng Region, China. Then, they released the complainant but her husband was detained in Teng Chong Rehabilitation Camp, China for using drugs and could not contact with him. The Ministry replied that husband of the complainant was already deported and repatriated home.
- (r) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Labour for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant from Thahton Township wanted to get compensation from her husband's employer for his death. The Ministry replied that the employer had already given 14 lakhs kyats out of good will to the family members although the reason of the death was not covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.
- (s) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Transport and Communication for necessary action on the complaint that the ward administrator from Thanapin township sold the complainants' farmlands, which were confiscated by Department of Railways for Bago-Thanlyin Railways Project without any compensation. The Ministry replied that the farmers who had the farmlands certificates would be compensated according to the procedures.
- (t) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Labour for necessary action on the complaint that the complainant who was the leader of workers and his workers from Pyin Ma Na Township wanted

to get the remaining wages from sub-contractor. The Ministry replied that the Department of Labour Dispute Resolution had coordinated with the two parties. As the result, the sub-contractor agreed to give the remaining wages to the workers.

- (u) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action on the complaint that the son of the complainant and four friends from Dedaye Township, Pyapon District were beaten by three villagers which was reported to the police station. But the police officials from the Kyeik Lat police station, Daydaye Township did not arrest the perpetrators. The Ministry replied that the case was under trial at the Kyeik Lat Township Court according to the existing laws and action was taken against the relevant police officials in accordance with the police procedures.
- (v) MNHRC sent the recommendations to Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation for necessary action on the complaint that they were assaulted by the group of people who were holding improper land authorized certificate form (7) issued by the staff of Department of Land Administration and Statistics in Kyeikhto Township. The Ministry replied that the improper land authorized certificate which was issued without following the procedures would be canceled by the Department.
- (w) MNHRC sent the recommendations to the Central Administrative Body of the Farmland for necessary action on the complaint that the appealing body of Htan Tapin Township Administrative Body of the Farmland did not allocate the land which was already decided by the Township Administrative Body of the Farmland. Central Administrative Body of the Farmland replied that Township Administrative Body of the Farmland would allocate the land and issue respective land certificates in accordance with the farmland rules.

## Inspection

41. Inspection team of MNHRC inspected 18 Prisons, 4 Jails, 15 Labour Camps, 25 Police Lock-ups, 3 Court Lock-ups, 5 Youth Training Schools, 5 Schools for disabled person, 1 Child Care Center and 1 Home for Aged.

42. The inspection team inspected Prisons, Jails, Labour Camps, Police Lockups in accordance with MNHRC law and sent the following recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs;

## (a) Keng Tung Prison

- To give the social pension to the prisoner who was over 85 years old.
- (2) To conduct awareness raising on narcotic for the prisoners by coordination with the relevant departments as more than 80% of the prisoners were incarcerated for narcotic offences.
- (3) To enable the prisoners detained in separate cells to have more exercise.
- (4) To arrange for the reported prisoner to contact his family.
- (5) To take necessary measures for the reported prisoner who requested to get spectacles.
- (6) To take necessary measure in getting treatment for the reported prisoner who was coughing for one month.
- (7) To enable illiterate prisoners to learn reading, writing, arithmetic.
- (8) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "A" level Prison.
- (9) To provide a suitable refrigerator for medicinal storage at prison clinic.
- (10) To take necessary measures on overcrowding.
- (11) To provide necessary supports for pregnant women and breastfed mothers in coordination with the relevant department.

### (b) Myeik Prison

- (1) To keep books properly on bookshelves in a separate building.
- (2) To provide the proper hospital bed in the hospital ward for the prisoner who suffered from hemiparesis.

- (3) To acquire Electrocardiogram (ECG) machine for prison hospital as prison doctor's suggestion.
- (4) To offer first aid and nurse aid training courses for some prison staff in coordination with the Department of Health if it is difficult to fill up health worker positions as per the organization structure of the prison.
- (5) To spray insecticide for mosquito once a week.
- (6) To consider appointing the seconded midwife from the Ministry of Health as a permanent staff of Prison Department.
- (7) To provide the vocational trainings such as motorbike maintenance courses and floral decoration courses.
- (8) To facilitate the counsellor access for foreign prisoners.
- (9) To maintain and repair old wooden buildings.
- (10) To take necessary measures on overcrowding.
- (11) To provide necessary supports for pregnant women and breastfed mothers in coordination with the relevant department.
- (12) To consider the security matters for the prison since it is located in downtown area.

# (c) Sinphyushin Labour Camp

- (1) To ensure adequate natural light in the dormitory of prisoners.
- (2) To provide medical treatment and appropriate medicine for a prisoner who had heart disease.
- (3) To offer appropriate medical treatment for a prisoner who had Hernia.
- (4) To install drinking water purifier.
- (5) To provide first aid and nurse aid training courses for some prison staff in coordination with the Department of Health if it is difficult to fill up health worker positions as per the organization structure of the prison.

# (d) Kyaukphyu Taung/ Natsinkone Labour Camp

- To enforce the wearing of safety equipment for prisoners who worked in the quarry.
- (2) To put temporary covers on water tanks to prevent algae growth.
- (3) To provide nutritious food.
- (4) To supply first aid kit.
- (5) To provide first aid and nurse aid training courses for some prison staff in coordination with the Department of Health if it is difficult to fill up health worker positions as per the organization structure of the prison.
- (6) To increase the number of toilets to meet the minimum standard of 1:25.
- (7) To consider the case of prisoners who were not included in the Pardon order No (113/2021) due to the time gap between sentencing and reporting the list of eligible prisoners.

# (e) Nay Pyi Taw Jail

- (1) To take measures to purify the water distributed to the dormitories from the main tank.
- (2) To ensure an adequate supply of medicines for the jail clinic and appoint health workers in accordance with the staff structure.
- (3) To timely refer emergency cases to the public hospital.
- (4) To provide low wooden bedstead in the quarantine room.
- (5) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining prisoners against COVID-19.
- (6) To replace torn linoleum flooring in the dormitory with new ones.
- (7) To repair the unserviceable toilets in the Room No. (3) of dormitory No. (2).

- (8) To arrange for pregnant women prisoners to give birth at a public hospital.
- (9) To coordinate with the Ministry of Health to issue a birth certificate for the child of a detainee who gave birth in detention.
- (10) To provide a stretcher for the jail clinic.
- (11) To cover the ceilings of the kitchen and the dormitories so that birds cannot enter and make nests.
- (12) To supply enough PPE and face masks for detainees who were sent to the Court.
- (13) To supervise to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease as there were 3 prisoners who died of COVID-19 disease.
- (14) To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of covid-19 disease was found to be below 3%.
- (15) To provide adequate medicines for skin diseases and sickness.
- (16) Before appointment of required medical staff, to coordinate with the relevant Departments for providing medical treatment by Mobile Medical Team for every three months.

# (f) Kin-Thar (1) Labour Camp

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "A" level labour camp.
- (2) To organize first aid and nurse aid training courses for some prison staff in coordination with the Department of Health if it is difficult to fill up health worker positions.
- (3) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining two prisoners against COVID-19.

# (g) Kin-Thar (2) Labour Camp

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "B" level labour camp.
- (2) To install ceilings in the dormitories to protect from high temperature and to prevent birds from nesting.

(3) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining eight prisoners against COVID-19.

# (h) Maubin Prison

- To coordinate with relevant department to get support for pregnant women and women with children in the prison.
- (2) To provide wheelchair for disabled and old aged prisoners and stretchers at the prison clinic.
- (3) To acquire a suitable refrigerator for medicinal storage at prison clinic.
- (4) To replace the old and damaged roofs of dormitories with new ones.
- (5) To repair the Television Line in the dormitory No. (1).
- (6) To repair the Television stands in the dormitories.
- (7) To renovate the toilets which was already old and damaged in dormitories and provide associated water supply.
- (8) To inquire the case involving a prison official who borrowed money from the temporarily deposits of the prisoner and failed to return the money and no action was taken by the relevant officials on the complaint of the prisoner.
- (9) To use the LED light bulbs instead of the high voltage light bulbs to save electricity.
- (10) To replace the damaged roof of the kitchen of the prison with new ones.

#### (i) Hinthada Prison

- To provide adequate medicines in the prison clinic.
- (2) To organize first aid and nurse aid training courses for some prison staff in coordination with the Department of Health if it is difficult to fill up health worker positions.
- (3) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 48 prisoners against COVID-19.

- (4) To take necessary actions on following statements by the prisoners;
  - (aa) To provide medical treatment for a prisoner who suffered from Osteoarthritis.
  - (bb) To provide medical treatment for a prisoner with Diabetes and Osteoarthritis.
  - (cc) To provide medical treatment for a prisoner with stroke and eye pain.
  - (dd) To provide medical treatment for a prisoner with hearing impairment.
  - (ee) To provide medical treatment for a prisoner who suffered from asthma and cough.
- (5) To take necessary action for adequate light and ventilation in the food store.
- (6) To replace old and damaged roof of the rice warehouse with new ones.
- (7) To provide wheel chair for the prison clinic.
- (8) To consider the security matters for the prison since it is located in downtown area.
- (9) To put covers on water tanks.

# (j) Lashio prison

- In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 6 prisoners against COVID-19.
- (2) To provide spectacles for the prisoner with weak eyesight.
- (3) To enhance the security system of the prison.
- (4) To facilitate the counsellor access for a Chinese detainee.
- (5) To carry on the good practice of current prisoner care services in food, heath care and supplies of the prison.

# (k) Myitkyina Prison

- In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 103 prisoners and detainees against COVID-19.
- (2) To persuade 92 unwilling prisoners and detainees to receive vaccination against COVID-19.
- (3) To take necessary action on medical examination and treatment for two female prisoners with breast tumours who were currently receiving treatment in prison hospital.
- (4) To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of COVID-19 disease had decreased significantly.
- (5) To provide timely medical treatment for emergency cases regarding prisoners kept in separate cells.
- (6) To repair the sewage pipes of the extended dormitory for male prisoners.
- (7) To appoint the enough medical staff according to the staff structure for the prison hospital by coordination with Ministry of Health.
- (8) To provide awareness raising on narcotic for the prisoners by coordination with the relevant departments as more than 50% of the prisoners were incarcerated for narcotic offenses.

# (l) Nyaung Oo Prison

- In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 11 prisoners and detainees against COVID-19.
- (2) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup.
- (3) To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of COVID-19 disease had decreased significantly.
- (4) To repair the damage roof of the dormitory No (4) and toilets of the dormitory No (1).
- (5) To take necessary action in order to utilize the water from Ayeyarwaddy River for drinking purposes.

- (6) To ensure adequate light and ventilation in the food store.
- (7) To ensure adequate light and ventilation in the rice warehouse.

# (m) Taunggyi Jail

- To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup.
- (2) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate second dose for 8 prisoners against COVID-19.

# (n) Nyaung Shwe Prison

- To take necessary action to enable female prisoners to access water in the toilets of the dormitory.
- (2) To install fly nets in the kitchen.
- (3) To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of COVID-19 disease had decreased significantly.
- (4) To take necessary action for adequate light and ventilation in the rice warehouse.

# (o) Taung Lay Lone Labour Camp

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "B" level labour camp.
- (2) To take necessary action for medical treatment to a prisoner who suffered from chest pain.
- (3) To provide maintenance for the vacant dormitory.
- (4) To install fly nets in the kitchen and ensure the personal hygiene of cooks.

# (p) Ban Kan Labour Camp

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "B" level labour camp.
- (2) To ensure adequate light and ventilation in food store.

# (q) Htee Kham Labour Camp

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "A" level labour Camp.
- (2) To provide enough medicines in the labour camp clinic.

# (r) Pyay Prison

- To spray insecticide and to remove the stagnant water to prevent mosquito infestation.
- (2) To prohibit the room leaders from taking money of prisoners for room facilities.
- (3) To take necessary action for the maintenance of old dormitory No (2).
- (4) To repair damaged fans of dormitory No (1), No (2), No (3), No (4) and prison hospital.
- (5) To provide supplementary nutrition for 6 prisoners who suffered from HIV.
- (6) Not to use the prisoners for cleaning of septic tanks.
- (7) To store the books properly and to provide reading tables in the library.
- (8) To facilitate a detainee who wanted to contact his mother.
- (9) To facilitate a detainee who wanted to meet his wife who was detained in the female dormitory.
- (10) To take necessary action for a prisoner who wanted to take the matriculation exam.

## (s) Paunde Jail

- (1) To clean the ceilings of female dormitory No (1) and (2).
- (2) To repair the three damaged toilets of dormitory No (1).
- (3) To replace the drinking water containers in dormitories.
- (4) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 97 prisoners against COVID-19.

- (5) To clean the prison clinic and to record the purchases and the use of medicines properly.
- (6) To facilitate a female prisoner who wanted to contact her family.
- (7) To plan ahead to increase water supply by replacing the current RO Water system with one that can provide 200 liters of water per hour in case of increasing demand.
- (8) To reopen vocational trainings courses which were suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- (9) To explain the benefits of vaccination to the remaining 97 prisoners and arrange for their vaccination against COVID-19.

# (t) Phyapon Prison

- (1) To ensure that the prison medical doctor to come regularly and provide adequate medical treatment under supervision of prison superintendent.
- (2) To allocate dedicated space for prison clinic to accommodate treatment and drugs storage.
- (3) To ensure that the prison clinic is equipped with the necessary facilities.
- (4) To supervise the prison medical doctor for proper treatment of inmates.
- (5) To take measures to purify the drinking water obtained from the township development water supply system.
- (6) To provide appropriate medicines for skin diseases and to filter the water taken directly from river.
- (7) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "B" level prison.
- (8) To refer a prisoner who suffered from colon cancer to Insein Prison for treatment as soon as possible.
- (9) To provide treatment for a prisoner who had broken thigh bone despite having a steel rod installed earlier.

- (10) To provide medical treatment to a prisoner who was suffering from bowel pain.
- (11) To repair the damaged ceiling and low wooden bedsteads of the female dormitory.
- (12) To install water pipelines for toilets in the dormitories.
- (13) To repair the damaged low wooden bedsteads of the male dormitory.
- (14) To systematically arrange power lines in the dormitories.
- (15) To repair the damaged wall, wooden bedsteads and shelves of food store.
- (16) To install the doors to the toilets which only had curtains.
- (17) To clean and systematically rearrange the items in the food store.
- (18) To take necessary action for adequate light and ventilation in the rice warehouse.
- (19) To remove the algae from the water tank of the prison kitchen.
- (20) To clean the toilets in the dormitories to eliminate bad odor.
- (21) To reduce the fly infestation by keeping the kitchen clean and ensure the personal hygiene of cooks.
- (22) To extend the hours of electricity supply to the dormitories until the completion of TV news program.
- (23) To check carefully for pests in chickpeas and broken rice upon delivery of food supplies.
- (24) To repair unusable fans of the dormitories.
- (25) To spray insecticide for mosquito in the rainy season.
- (26) To prohibit those in-charge of dormitories from taking money of prisoners citing various reasons.
- (27) To issue the entitled personal supplies such as mugs and slippers for the prisoners.

- (28) To provide dedicated space for prison library and register the book lists systematically.
- (29) To avoid using the instruments of restraint (iron chain with rods) unnecessarily.
- (30) To provide nutritious food.
- (31) To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of COVID-19 disease had decreased significantly.

# (u) Mawlamyine Jail

- (1) To repair the stairs of the dormitory No (6).
- (2) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "B" level jail.
- (3) Not to use expired medicines in the jail clinic.
- (4) To provide adequate medicines for skin diseases in the jail clinic.
- (5) To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of COVID-19 disease had decreased significantly.

# (v) Kyaikmaraw Central Prison

- To coordinate with relevant department to get support for mothers with children in the prison.
- (2) To provide vocational training courses for prisoners in line with the guidelines for COVID-19 prevention.
- (3) To cover the water tanks and to filter the water drawn from Ataran River.
- (4) To provide adequate supply of drinking water and to dig tube well.
- (5) To install water filtering system in pipelines.
- (6) To take necessary measures for supplying drinking water during electricity interruption.
- (7) To take necessary action to get Television News Channels in dormitories.

- (8) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 30 prisoners and detainees against COVID-19.
- (9) To ensure that prisoners receive all the parcels sent by their families.
- (10) To take necessary action to get treatment for a prisoner who was unable to move the lower body.
- (11) To take necessary action to get treatment for a prisoner who was suffering from stomach ache.
- (12) To take necessary action to get treatment for a prisoner who was suffering from hemorrhoids.
- (13) To take necessary action on prison officials who verbally abused and threatened the prisoners.
- (14) To ensure that the prisoners promptly receive books sent by their families.
- (15) To provide adequate medicines for the prison hospital and first aid kits at dormitories.
- (16) To maintain confidentiality of letters sent by the prisoners' families.
- (17) To ensure that cooked meat is palatable.
- (18) To properly dispose the garbage and provide fumigation against pests.
- (19) To open and close the dormitories according to regulations.
- (20) To allow bathing twice a day like other prisons.
- (21) To provide clothes racks at female dormitories.
- (22) To take necessary action to prevent bad odor from septic tank near the entrance of dormitories No (1).
- (23) To take necessary action to pump out the sewage from septic tanks.
- (24) To take measure for proper garbage disposal.

(25) In accordance with the Section 38 of the MNHRC Law, to ensure to protect the prisoners who were freely and privately interviewed are not subjected to reprisal.

## (w) Thaton Prison

- To enhance security system of the prison since there were two separate old and new prisons at different premises.
- (2) To take measure for proper management of the old and new prisons together.
- (3) To replace the damaged low wooden bedstead in the dormitories of the new prison.
- (4) To repair the leaking water pipelines in the new prison.
- (5) To establish kitchen for cooking food in new prison.
- (6) To allocate dedicated spaces for exercise by the prisoners.
- (7) To facilitate the counsellor access for foreign prisoners.
- (8) To reopen vocational training.
- (9) To replace the expired fire extinguishers at old prison.
- (10) In coordination with the relevant department, to vaccinate the remaining 11 prisoners and detainees against COVID-19.
- (11) To provide the daily newspapers on time.

# (x) Hpa-An Prison

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "B" level prison.
- (2) To facilitate the counsellor access for foreign prisoners.
- (3) To reopen vocational training.
- (4) To enable illiterate prisoners to learn reading, writing, arithmetic.
- (5) To provide adequate medicines for nine prisoners with Tuberculosis in coordination with the Department of Health.
- (6) To replace the damaged fans in the female dormitory No (1).
- (7) To replace the drinking water containers in dormitories.

- (8) To repair the unserviceable toilets in the Room No. (2), (3), (4) of dormitory.
- (9) To facilitate five prisoners who wanted to contact their families.

# (y) Malarphu Labour Camp

- To supervise carefully to wear safety equipment for prisoners who worked in quarry.
- (2) To carry on the good practice of current prisoner care services in food and good relationship with prisoners.

## (z) Loikaw Prison

- (1) In coordination with the relevant department, to vaccinate the remaining 14 prisoners and detainees against COVID-19 and to persuade unwilling prisoners and detainees to take vaccination against COVID-19.
- (2) To provide a suitable refrigerator for medicines storage in prison clinic.
- (3) To provide appropriate medical treatment for female prisoners who had eye problems.
- (4) To install basin in the female dormitory.
- (5) To take measures to purify the water obtained from the Belu Creek.
- (6) To carry on the good practice of current prisoner care services in food.
- (7) To provide dedicated space for library.

#### (aa) Yemethin Prison

- (1) To take necessary action to get Television News Channels.
- (2) To provide adequate medical treatment for sick inmates.
- (3) To repair the damaged wall and wooden bedsteads of dormitory No. (1).

- (4) To clean the dirty drinking water containers in the dormitories.
- (5) To avoid abuse which violated human dignities in checking the prisoners and detainees who return from court.
- (6) To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of COVID-19 disease had decreased significantly.
- (7) In accordance with the Section 38 of the MNHRC Law, to ensure to protect the prisoners who were interviewed independently are not subjected to reprisal.

# (bb) Kin Tha (1) labour Camp

- To provide medical treatment to a prisoner who suffered from fistula.
- (2) To provide medical treatment to a prisoner who suffered from joint pain.
- (3) To explain the reason for extra work in the quarry to the prisoners.

# (cc) Kin Tha (2) labour Camp

- To provide medical treatment to a prisoner who suffered from inflammation of fingers.
- (2) To explain the reason for extra work in the quarry to the prisoners.

## (dd) Meiktila Prison

- To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of COVID-19 disease had decreased significantly.
- (2) To provide enough face masks, face shields and test kits.
- (3) To take necessary action for large scale repair of drinking water purifier and to keep the proper register for the changing of filters.
- (4) To purify the water taken directly from Meikhtila Lake.

- (5) To provide special medical training courses for some prison staff in coordination with the Department of Health if it is difficult to fill up health worker positions.
- (6) To plan ahead for four under-five-year children to be handed over to the families or guardians when they reach the specified age.
- (7) To plan ahead for Universal Child Immunization for the children of female prisoners and detainees.
- (8) To provide supplementary nutrition for nursing mothers and their children in the prison.
- (9) To properly place the books in the prison library.
- (10) To prevent authorized persons abusing the prisoners while resolving quarrels among themselves.
- (11) To repair unusable fans in the dormitories.
- (12) To provide a suitable refrigerator for medicinal storage at prison clinic.
- (13) To set up sewage pipelines for toilets in the dormitory No (4).
- (14) To reopen vocational trainings courses which were suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic.

# (ee) Phayar Ngarsu Labour Camp

- To supervise carefully to wear safety equipment for prisoners who worked in quarry.
- (2) To verify and relocate the prisoner who had suffered from right shoulder dislocation to the appropriate site.
- (3) To verify and move the prisoner who had suffered from broken bone of forearm to the appropriate site.
- (4) To verify and transfer the prisoner who had injuries of the left back, the forearm and thighs to the appropriate prison.
- (5) To provide medical check up for a prisoner who had suspected HIV disease and to transfer to the appropriate prison if he is confirmed to be HIV positive.

# (ff) Hlay Hlaw Inn Labour Camp

- To fill up position for health workers of the labour camp clinic.
- (2) To supervise in buying medicines as there was no medical staff.
- (3) To provide a suitable refrigerator for medicinal storage at labour camp clinic.
- (4) To provide medicines for skin diseases.
- (5) To clean the toilets of the dormitory No(1).
- (6) To provide first aid kits for emergency use.
- (7) To provide stretchers for emergency use.
- (8) To carry on the good practice of current cleaning system.

# (gg) Shwe Mya Yar Labour Camp

- (1) To fill up position for health workers of the labour camp clinic.
- (2) To supervise in buying medicines as there was no medical staff.
- (3) To provide medicines for skin diseases.
- (4) To provide first aid kits for emergency use.
- (5) To provide stretchers for emergency use.
- (6) To carry on the good practice of current cleaning system.

# (hh) Taungoo Prison

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "A" level Prison.
- (2) To coordinate with the relevant departments not to delay in court process of detainees who had been detained for 2 years and more.
- (3) To repair the damaged low wooden bedsteads of the dormitory No. (1).
- (4) To carry on the good practices of current prisoner care services in food, health care, supplies of the prison and good relationship with prisoners.

## (ii) 4 Mile Labour Camp

- (1) To fill up position for health workers according to the organization setup in line with the "B" level labour camp.
- (2) To provide appropriate medical treatment for a prisoner who had Hernia.
- (3) To explain the reason for extra working hours to the prisoners.

## (jj) Bel Linn (1) Labour Camp

- In dealing with prisoners, the authorized persons should treat them well instead of using physical force.
- (2) To provide adequate breakfast to the prisoners to keep them fit for working.
- (3) To provide oral electrolyte solution to the prisoners when necessary.
- (4) To provide nutritious and tasty food.
- (5) To ensure that the sick prisoners are not compelled to cut grass and sweep the compound.
- (6) To repair unusable fans of the dormitory No (4).
- (7) To check regularly the personal hygiene of cooks.
- (8) To provide a suitable refrigerator for keeping medicine such as Anti-snake venom at labour camp clinic.
- (9) To clean the toilets in the dormitories which had bad odor.
- (10) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 21 prisoners against COVID-19.
- (11) To provide stretchers for emergency use.
- (12) To provide medicines for skin diseases.
- (13) To take necessary action to get Television Channels.
- (14) To repair the damaged walls of the food store.

# (kk) Bel Linn (2) Labour Camp

 To provide a suitable refrigerator for keeping medicine such as Anti-snake venom at labour camp clinic.

- (2) To cover wet kitchen of labour camp with fly nets.
- (3) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 10 prisoners against COVID-19.
- (4) To check regularly the personal hygiene of cooks.
- (5) To provide stretchers for emergency use.
- (6) To provide medicines for skin diseases.
- (7) To take necessary action to get Television Channels.

# (II) Aing Ka Laung Labour Camp

- (1) To apply officially for land use permit.
- (2) In dealing with prisoners, the work leaders of prisoners should treat them well instead of using physical force and to provide practical trainings for the new prisoners who did not have experience in agriculture.
- (3) To send the prison staff to attend first aid and nurse aid training courses in coordination with the Department of Health.
- (4) To supervise in buying medicines as there was no medical staff.
- (5) To install additional water purifier to meet the increased demand.
- (6) To prepare vegetables and meat separately in the kitchen.
- (7) To verify and transfer the following prisoners who needed medical treatment;
  - (a) a prisoner who had weak right hand,
  - (b) a prisoner who had broken left leg,
  - a prisoner who suffered from heart disease and ear discharge,
  - (d) a prisoner who suffered from kidney disease,
  - (e) a prisoner who was weak and could not work.

## (mm) Dawei Prison

 To allow the family visits since the overall rate of detection of Covid-19 disease had decreased significantly.

- (2) To replace the damaged roof of the water tank for female prisoners.
- (3) To check regularly the personal hygiene of cooks.
- (4) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 5 detainees against COVID-19.
- (5) To supervise the practice of personal hygiene of the prisoners to prevent the skin diseases.
- (6) To ensure that the prisoners get the full supply of soap in dormitory No (1).
- (7) To spray insecticide in the female dormitories infested with bed bugs.
- (8) To verify whether the use of instruments of restraint (iron chain with rods) on 12 prisoners were according to the regulations.

## Recommendations on Police and Court Lock- ups

43. The inspection team of MNHRC visited to police and court lock- ups and sent recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs as follows;

# (a) Keng Tung police station

No suggestion.

# (b) Tachileik police station

- (1) To clean the toilets in the lock- up.
- (2) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 90 detainees against COVID-19.
- (3) To ensure that all the detainees wear face masks to prevent COVID-19.
- (4) To provide sufficient food for detainees.

# (c) Myeik police station

- (1) To repair the water pipelines of the toilets and bathroom.
- (2) To install small-diameter square mesh at guest meeting window.

- (d) Lashio police stationNo suggestion.
- (e) Myitkyina police stationNo suggestion.
- Nyaung Oo and Bagan police stations
   No suggestion.

# (g) Taunggyi Myoma police station and Area police station

- In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 31 detainees against COVID-19 in Myoma police station.
- (2) To ensure that all the detainees wear face masks to prevent COVID-19 in Area police station.
- (3) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining 21 detainees against COVID-19 in Area police station.
- (4) To clean the septic tank of the toilets near the lock-up of Area police station.
- (h) Paungde Myoma police station No suggestion.
- (i) Pyay Area No. (1) police station No suggestion.
- (j) Pyapon Myoma police station
  - To clean toilets in the lock-up.
  - (2) To repair the damaged wooden bedsteads of the lock-up.
- (k) Kyaikmaraw Myoma police station and Mawlamyine Myoma police station
  - (1) To ensure that all the detainees wear face masks to prevent COVID-19 in the lock-ups.
  - (2) To install the door for the toilets of female lock-up in Mawlamyine Myoma police station.
  - (3) To clean the lock-ups.

 Mupon Area police station No suggestion.

# (m) Thaton Myoma police station

- To repair the damaged wooden bedsteads and roof of the lock-up.

# (n) Hpa-an Myoma police station No suggestion.

# (o) Loikaw Myoma police station

 To transfer eight detained children who were sentenced by the court to relevant youth training schools under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement in accordance with Child Rights Law.

# (p) Yamethin Myoma police station No suggestion.

(q) Meikhtila Myoma police station No suggestion.

# (r) Tharzi Myoma police station No suggestion.

# (s) Taungoo Area No. (3) police station No suggestion.

# (t) Taungoo Myoma police station

 To avoid using the instruments of restraint (iron chain with rods) to six detainees.

# (u) Dawei Myoma police station

 To coordinate the Department of Health to vaccinate a female detainee against COVID-19.

# (v) Keng Tung Township/District Court Lock-up

 To repair the narrow and low entrance of the court lock-up and to take actions to install toilet and get enough light and ventilation.

# (w) Tachileik Township/District Court Lock-up

No suggestion.

#### (x) Myeik Township/District Court Lock-up

- To acquire court-owned land and build the court lock-up.
- 44. In accordance with the MNHRC law, the inspection team conducted visits to various institutions such as prisons, labor camps, detention centers, youth training schools, homes for the aged, and schools for the disabled. During these inspections, the team informed that individuals who wished to raise concerns or grievances to the inspection team could do so. A total of 239 prisoners and detainees were interviewed individually. Based on the information gathered through these interviews, recommendations were subsequently forwarded to the relevant departments.

## Cooperation of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Prisons, Jails, Labour Camps)

45. The Ministry of Home Affairs replied the actions taken on the recommendations of the Commission as follows:

#### (a) Keng Tung Prison

- The inmates were allowed to do physical sports and walk for one hour each morning/night.
- (2) A letter written by the prisoner to his mother had been verified and sent by registered mail.
- (3) A prisoner who needed spectacles had already been provided.
- (4) The prison doctor successfully treated the prisoner suffering from coughing. The prison doctor also conducted HIV and STD tests on the prisoner and found no infection.

#### (b) Meik Prison

- (1) Proper measures were taken to protect the books in the library from rain. Efforts were made to ensure the comfort and convenience of book readers. Books would be stored on shelves for easy access during office hours.
- (2) A bed has been already arranged for the patient in the clinic.
- (3) Currently, the prison hospital has one prison doctor and two nurses who provide healthcare for day and night. Arrangement had been made to send the patient to the public hospital if necessary.

- (4) The dormitories and cells were sprayed with insecticide monthly. If required additional spraying would be conducted in coordination with Myeik District Health Department.
- (5) The prison offered courses such as reading and writing, carpentry, hairdressing, and tailoring. These courses were conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations of Covid-19 pandemic.
- (6) Due to overcrowding in the prison, selected prisoners would be transferred to the relevant labour camps.
- (7) Pregnant women, breastfed mothers and children were provided with nutritious food monthly.
- (8) In accordance with the prison's security plan and with the support of the Myanmar Police Force, monthly security practices were conducted to enhance the security of the prison. Additionally, regional prison director visited monthly to supervise the security, administration and disciplinary measures of the prison.

## (c) Sin Phyu Shin Labour Camp

- (1) With permission from the Director General's Office of the Prison Department, a prisoner who needed to be hospitalized had been transferred to Myeik Prison for treatment on 19-1-2022.
- (2) A prison official attended the healthcare training provided by No. 13 Medical Battalion and he was assigned as the in-charge of healthcare activities for the prisoners. In case of emergency, the doctor at Myeik prison could be consulted by telephone.

# (d) Kyauk Phyu Taung/ Nat Sin Kone Labour Camp

- (1) Work site safety was given first priority and measures were taken to enforce the wearing of safety equipment for prisoners who worked in the quarry.
- (2) Water tanks cleaning was done once a week to prevent algae growth. Water tanks were covered with plastic sheets.
- (3) Nutritious and warm food were arranged by camp in-charge.

- (4) A new first aid kit had been procured and was utilized in the camp.
- (5) The camp in-charge arranged to install an additional toilet for night use in each dormitory starting from March 2022.
- (6) Camp in-charge explained the prisoner who was not included in the Pardon Order No (112/2021).

## (e) Naypyidaw Jail

- (1) A new linoleum was changed.
- (2) The damaged commode was replaced with a new one.
- (3) Measures were taken to obtain birth certificate of a prisoner's child.
- (4) A plan to purchase stretcher had been made.
- (5) The ceilings of the kitchen and the dormitories were covered.
- (6) The jail in-charge supervised to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- (7) Sufficient medicines for seasonal diseases were provided under the supervision of the prison medical doctor.

# (f) Kingthar (1) Labour camp

 The coordination with the Township Department of Health was done to vaccinate the remaining prisoners against COVID-19.

# (g) Kingthar (2) Labour camp

 Cellings was installed in the dormitories to protect from high temperature and birds creating nests.

## (h) Maupin Prison

- (1) The new TV antenna pole was installed.
- (2) The Television stands were repaired in the dormitories.
- (3) To save electricity, the high voltage light bulbs were replaced with LED light bulbs in each dormitory.

#### (i) Hinthada Prison

- Necessary medicines were purchased only with the instructions of the prison doctor.
- (2) The prison health workers were providing medical treatment to prisoners and if needed, the patient would be transferred to the public hospital for further treatment.
- (3) Vaccination against COVID-19 was done for the remaining prisoners.
- (4) Medical treatment was done for four detainees and one prisoner who expressed their desire to get treatment.
- (5) Necessary actions were done for adequate light and ventilation in the food store.
- (6) Old and damaged roof of the rice warehouse was replaced with new ones.
- (7) Water tank in the kitchen was covered with clear plastic.

#### (j) Lashio Prison

- On 23-3-2022, the Sinovac vaccine was administered to six detainees who had not yet been vaccinated against the COVID-19.
- (2) On 7-4-2022, the prisoner who required spectacles was provided with new ones.
- (3) On 29-3-2022, the foreigner was transferred to the Department of Immigration and Population for deportation.

## (k) Myitkyina Prison

- (1) The prisoners were provided medical treatment and if needed, the patient would be transferred to the public hospital for further treatment.
- (2) The leaking sewage pipes at the extension of male dormitories were repaired.

#### (l) Nyaung U prison

- (1) Since the overall rate of detection of Covid-19 disease had decreased significantly, necessary preparations had been made in prisons and labour camps to allow family visits in line with the specified terms and conditions.
- (2) The leaking roof of dormitory No (4) and the damaged sewage in dormitory No (1) were repaired.
- (3) Drawing clean water from river was done by using allocated maintenance fund.
- (4) Two additional windows were installed in the food store to improve ventilation and getting natural light.

#### (m) Taunggyi Jail

 The remaining eight prisoners were vaccinated the second dose against COVID-19.

#### (n) Nyaungshwe Prison

- (1) The elevated tanks used in the toilets in the dormitories of the female prisoners were repaired for ease of use.
- (2) The installation of fly nets in the kitchen was done.
- (3) Two windows were installed in the rice warehouse to improve ventilation and getting natural light.

# (o) Taung Lay Lone Labour Camp

- The prisoner with chest pain was treated by medical staff from Nyaungshwe Prison.
- (2) The unused dormitory was cleaned daily and inspected weekly for maintenance.

# (p) Bankan Labour Camp

 30 small holes were made in the upper part of the food store wall to improve ventilation and getting natural light.

#### (q) Htikham Labour Camp

 Essential medicines and drugs required seasonal diseases were purchased for the clinic.

## (r) Pyay prison

- (1) Insecticide spraying for mosquito was conducted in coordination with the Department of Health. The planning for insecticide spraying was based on the mosquito density.
- (2) There was no collection of money from the prisoners. In case of any damage, prompt replacement was done by the officer in-charge.
- (3) The damaged fans were repaired and installed.
- (4) Six prisoners with HIV were provided with nutrition supplements.
- (5) The septic tank of the dormitories No. 3 was cleaned in coordination with City Development Committee.
- (6) The bookshelf was installed and the books were systematically kept in the library. New books were to be purchased monthly. Additionally, old newspapers were systematically stored.
- (7) The detainee who wanted to meet his mother would be granted permission when prison visits are allowed meanwhile he would be able to communicate by letter.
- (8) The request by the detainee who wanted to meet his imprisoned wife without any restrictions could not be granted according to prison procedures. The detainee was explained by the prison officials that he could only be allowed to meet in the same manner as before.

#### (s) Paunde Jail

- (1) The ceilings of the female dormitories were cleaned.
- (2) The toilets outside the dormitory No. (1) were cleaned and the sewage pipes were replaced with new ones.

- (3) Nine water containers in dormitories were replaced new ones and the remaining containers were cleaned.
- (4) The medicines purchased were systematically registered and the cleanliness of the clinic was ensured by daily supervision.
- (5) The female prisoner who wanted to contact with her family by letter was allowed.

## (t) Phyapon Prison

- (1) The female prisoner who suffered from colon cancer was transferred to Insein Central Prison and undergoing treatment.
- (2) Damaged ceiling and low wooden bedsteads of dormitories were repaired.
- (3) The electrical wiring of dormitories was repaired by the Phyapon Township Electric Supply Enterprise.
- (4) The toilets doors were already installed.
- (5) Action was taken to improve ventilation and getting natural light of the rice warehouse.
- (6) The water tanks of the kitchen were cleaned once a week.
- (7) The cleaning of the toilets in the dormitories and proper disposal of rubbish were supervised.

# (u) Mawlamyaing Jail

- (1) The damaged staircase of dormitory No (6) was repaired.
- (2) The required medicines including drugs for skin diseases were purchased and kept properly to ensure timely treatment for prisoners.
- (3) Although family visit could not be allowed yet preparation have been made for visiting room to facilitate meetings when it would be allowed. Meanwhile parcels and letters were allowed according to procedures.

#### (v) Kyaikemaraw Central Prison

- (1) Mothers, children and pregnant women were provided with nutrition supplements and necessary supplies. Additionally, Universal Child Immunization were administered in coordination with the health department.
- (2) Tube wells were dug to provide drinking water which was distributed to the dormitories after purifying with the purifier.
- (3) The water tanks in the dormitories was filtered by cloth. Hot water was distributed twice a day to the dormitories.
- (4) A 50 KVA and a 20 KVA backup generators were used to ensure continuous supply of drinking water during power outages.
- (5) The remaining prisoners who refused to have Covid-19 vaccination had moved to Tharyarwaddy Central Prison.
- (6) Prison Official explained the prisoners that the parcels sent by family members were systematically registered, scrutinized and delivered to the prisoners.
- (7) A detainee with pain in leg and weakness in lower limbs was already examined by prison doctor.
- (8) The required medicines for common diseases in the prison were already purchased.
- (9) Disinfection with chlorine was carried out once a week for sewage tank, garbage pit and drains. Department of Health was requested to provided fogging for mosquito elimination. Waste from dormitories were either put in pits or thrown in garbage dump outside the prison.
- (10) Measures were taken to open and close the dormitories according to the daily schedule.
- (11) A sewage pump was purchased and operated once a week and arrangements were made to purchase an additional one.
- (12) Prison garbage was collected once a week by a garbage truck.
  If necessary, garbage collection was done twice a week.

- (13) Books sent by families were scrutinized and delivered to the respective prisoners on the following day.
- (14) The prisoners who were freely and privately interviewed were not discriminated but treated like other prisoners.

## (w) Thaton prison

- (1) Despite the fact that the two prisons were located at different places, adequate security measures were put in place at the new prison under the supervision of the head of prison.
- (2) In the new Thaton prison, the damaged low wooden bedsteads of the dormitories were repaired.
- (3) The water pipeline that was connected to the buildings in the new prison was repaired to ensure that there was no water leakage.
- (4) Measures to provide necessary kitchen utensils in new prison had been done.
- (5) The daily physical fitness activities of the prisoners were carried out in the space outside the dormitories.
- (6) Currently hairdressing training course was running and would be followed by other vocational trainings.
- (7) The expired fire extinguishers in the old prison was replaced with new ones.
- (8) The daily newspapers were already arranged to be able to read every day.

## (x) Hpa-an prison

- (1) The female prisoner suspected with urinary problem was examined daily by prison doctor. Early lunch was provided for her on sabbath day.
- (2) Sufficient medicines were provided freely to the prisoners with TB infection in coordination with the Health Department.
- (3) Two fans were replaced in the female dormitory No (1).

- (4) The drinking water containers were cleaned and washed and some were replaced.
- (5) The damaged toilets in dormitory No (2) and (4) were repaired and the toilets of dormitory No (3) were cleaned under supervision.
- (6) Parcels from the families and letters were allowed according to the procedures.
- (7) Two fans were purchased for the female dormitory No (1).
- (8) Urinary tubes and bags were purchased and kept to provide for immediate use when required.

#### (y) Malarphoo Labour Camp

(1) Awareness raising for work site safety was done every Monday. Safety equipment were issued for prisoners who worked in the quarry and measures were taken to ensure the wearing of safety equipment.

#### (z) Loikaw Prison

- A team of ophthalmologists from Loikaw General Hospital visited the prison for providing medical treatment.
- (2) A hand washing basin was installed in the female dormitory.
- (3) Measures had been taken to fulfil the prisoners' rights.

#### (aa) Yamethin Prison

- (1) Measures were taken for watching Myanmar TV news channels.
- (2) In the dormitories, the damaged low wooden bedsteads were replaced and its walls were covered with plastic sheets.
- (3) Eight new water containers were provided, and steel drinking water containers were washed and cleaned every three days.
- (4) When checking for the prisoners who returned from external courts, care was taken to avoid violation of human dignity.

#### (bb) Kin Thar (1) Labour Camp

- A prisoner who suffered from fistula was transferred to Yamethin Prison for appropriate treatment.
- (2) The prisoner who suffered from arthritis had been treated and was able to resume working as usual.
- (3) Camp in-charge explained the prisoners that there could be adjustment to daily output due to external circumstances to meet the production target for the long term.

#### (cc) Kin Thar (2) Labour Camp

- The prisoner with fingers injury had been treated and was able to resume working as usual.
- (2) Camp in-charge explained the prisoners that there could be adjustment to daily output due to external circumstances to meet the production target for the long term.

#### (dd) Meiktila Prison

- Measures had been taken to replenish stock of masks and face shields.
- (2) Water tanks cleaning was done once a week and water was treated to purify before distribution.
- (3) Currently there was one nursing grade-3. Additionally, two prison staff one of whom attended the private pharmacist training were assigned as helpers.
- (4) The children would be allowed to stay with their mothers until the age of four years in the prison in line with the jail manual.
- (5) Universal Child Immunization was administered in coordination with the health department.
- (6) Mothers, children and pregnant women were provided with nutrition supplements.
- (7) The official resolved the conflicts among prisoners according to the jail manual.

(8) The damaged fans were repaired and installed in the dormitories.

#### (ee) Hpayar Ngarsu Labour Camp

- (1) Awareness raising for work site safety was done every Monday. Safety equipment were issued for prisoners who worked in the quarry and measures were taken to ensure the wearing of safety equipment.
- (2) The prisoner suffering from right shoulder dislocation had been transferred to Meiktila Prison.
- (3) The prisoner who had limited movement due to broken left forearm was transferred to kitchen.
- (4) The prisoner who had injuries of the left back, the forearm and thighs was transferred to Meiktila prison.
- (5) The prisoner who had tested HIV positive was transferred to Meiktila prison.

## (ff) Hlay Hlaw Inn Labour Camp

- Essential medicines and drugs required seasonal diseases were purchased by the instructions of doctor from Insein Central Prison.
- (2) Five prisoners with skin diseases were treated.
- (3) The toilets in the dormitories of prisoners was cleaned.
- (4) A first aid kit was provided in the camp.
- (5) The camp was cleaned daily.

# (gg) Shwe Myayar Labour Camp

- Essential medicines and drugs required seasonal diseases were purchased by the instructions of doctor from Daik U Central Prison.
- (2) Three prisoners with skin diseases were treated.
- (3) A first aid kit was provided in the camp.
- (4) A stretcher was provided in the clinic.

(5) The camp was cleaned daily.

#### (hh) Taungoo Prison

- Necessary action was taken not to delay in Court process for prisoners in coordination with the relevant Department.
- (2) The low wooden bedsteads in the dormitory No (1) were repaired.

#### (ii) 4 Mile Labour Camp

- The prisoner with hernia was transferred to Taungoo Prison for treatment.
- (2) Daily working hours of prisoners did not exceed 8 hours.

#### (jj) Bellin (1) Labour Camp

- Meal were equally provided to all prisoners.
- (2) The damaged fan in dormitory No (4) was repaired.
- (3) The prisoners assigned to the kitchen were regularly inspected for personal hygiene and health.
- (4) Anti snake venom and tetanus vaccine were purchased and stored in the refrigerator.
- (5) The toilets in the dormitory No (1) was cleaned and sprayed with deodorants.
- (6) 126 prisoners were vaccinated against COVID-19.
- (7) A stretcher was purchased in the camp.
- (8) Three prisoners with skin diseases were treated.
- (9) Measures were taken for watching Myanmar TV news channels.

# (kk) Bellin (2) Labour Camp

- Anti snake venom and tetanus vaccine were purchased and stored in the refrigerator.
- (2) The installation of fly nets in the wet kitchen was done.
- (3) 10 prisoners were vaccinated against COVID-19.

- (4) The prisoners assigned to the kitchen were regularly inspected for personal hygiene and health.
- (5) A stretcher was purchased in the camp.
- (6) The prisoners with skin diseases were treated.
- (7) Measures were taken for watching Myanmar TV news channels.

#### Cooperation of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Police lock-ups)

46. The Cooperation of Ministry of Home Affairs on the Commission's recommendations are as follows:

#### (a) Tachileik Myoma Police lock-up

- (1) Toilets in police lock-up were cleaned.
- (2) Measures were taken to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic.

## (b) Myeik Myoma Police lock-up

- (1) The water pipes of the bathroom and toilet were repaired.
- (2) Small diameter square mesh at guest meeting window was installed.

# (c) Taunggyi Myoma and Local Police lock-up

- Measures were taken to vaccinate against COVID-19 for new inmates.
- (2) The toilets in the police lock-up were sprayed with deodorants.

# (d) Phyapon Myoma Police lock-up

- (1) Toilets in lock-up were cleaned.
- (2) The low wooden bedsteads in lock-up were repaired.

# (e) Mawlamyine and Kyaikmaraw Myoma Police lock-ups

- The prisoners were supervised to ensure the wearing of facial masks to prevent COVID-19.
- (2) The female toilet was cleaned and curtains were installed to preserve privacy.

- (3) Mawlamyine Myoma police lock-up was cleaned.
- (4) Kyaikmaraw Myoma police lock-up was cleaned twice a week.

## (f) Thaton Myoma Police lock-up

The low wooden bedsteads in lock-up were repaired.

#### (g) Taungoo Myoma Police lock-up

Six prisoners were detained in accordance with police manual.

## Inspection Visits to Youth Centers, Home for Aged and Schools for PWDs

47. In accordance with the provisions of MNHRC Law, the Commission inspected Youth Center, Child Care Center, Home for the Age, Schools for the Blind and Deaf and Mary Chapman School for Deaf.

#### (a) Inspection of Kyimyindine School for the Blind

- To replace and clean drinking water containers and to clean the water tanks in the dormitories.
- (2) To coordinate with the relevant departments for providing eye care.
- (3) To raise the height of the wall which was located at the back of the dormitories.
- (4) To repair the damaged part of brick wall.
- (5) To take necessary measures to avoid injury caused by hard concrete floor of sports hall.
- (6) To provide more Braille books and audio books in the library for the visually impaired students.
- (7) To properly maintain the unused rooms of dormitories.

# (b) Inspection of the Shwe Gone Daine Child Care Center

- (1) To reconsider the placement of the young children in the basement which was not suitable for them.
- (2) To ensure that a generator is ready for emergency use.
- (3) To repair the damaged washing machine.
- (4) To appoint adequate staff and to support the staff who had to work overtime due to staff shortage.

(5) To enable the staff to attend the basic training courses for health care.

#### (c) Inspection of Thanlyin Boy's Training School

- (1) To coordinate with the Ministry of Education to provide teachers for the primary school located in the school's compound.
- (2) To coordinate with Ministry of Health to provide medical staff for the school.
- (3) To provide a proper library instead of a temporary reading room.
- (4) To upgrade security system and provide enough security guards.
- (5) To introduce sports and games appropriate with the available space.
- (6) To install the front of the school with appropriate fencing materials instead of galvanized iron sheets.
- (7) To take necessary measures for the children on remand who are not able to meet their family members in person.

# (d) Inspection of Lashio Boy's Training School

- (1) To include a security guard in the staff organization structure.
- (2) To replace the LED with fluorescent lamps in the library.
- (3) To provide the separate private study room.
- (4) To provide a deep freezer for food storage in the kitchen.
- (5) To install a drinking water purifier.

# (e) Inspection of Sin Shwe Li Home for Aged

To repair and clean the damaged toilets in the dormitories.

# (f) Inspection of Mandalay School for the Deaf

- To take necessary measures to get Citizenship Scrutiny Cards for the 10-year-old deaf children.
- (2) To provide a deep freezer for food storage in the kitchen.

- (3) To provide a technician for Audio Meter for hearing test.
- (4) To provide more Sign Language teachers.

## (g) Inspection of the Training school for Girls (Mandalay)

- (1) To install a chimney in the kitchen.
- (2) To manage regular medical check-up for the staff assigned in the kitchen.
- (3) To provide a deep freezer for food storage in the kitchen.
- (4) To replace the LED with fluorescent lamps in the library.
- (5) To prohibit the wearing of nail polish by the kitchen staff.
- (6) To keep record the regular replacement of water purifier filters.
- (7) To take necessary measures to ensure proper water flow in the school's compound.
- (8) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining children against COVID-19.
- (9) To continue the reintegration plans for the sake of children.
- (10) To provide knowledge sharing conversations among children.

# (h) Inspection of School for the Disabled Children (Mandalay)

- (1) To install a chimney in the kitchen.
- (2) To build an indoor playground and a swimming pool in the school according to plan.
- (3) To provide a deep freezer for food storage in the kitchen.
- (4) To maintain the current good practices of cleanliness of school.

# (i) Inspection of Mandalay Boy's Training School

- To ensure that the children do not fight each other in the school.
- (2) To include a medical doctor in the staff organization structure.
- (3) To provide a deep freezer for food storage in the kitchen.
- (4) To keep record the regular replacement of water purifier filters.

- (5) To take necessary measures to get Citizenship Scrutiny Cards for the children.
- (6) To repair the broken switches in the kitchen.
- (7) To maintain the current good practices of school.
- (8) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining children against COVID-19.

## (j) Inspection of Patheingyi Youth Training School

- (1) To provide a deep freezer for food storage in the kitchen.
- (2) To keep record the regular replacement of water purifier filters.
- (3) To take necessary measures to get Citizenship Scrutiny Cards for the children.
- (4) In coordination with the Department of Health, to vaccinate the remaining children against COVID-19.
- (5) To provide a hospital bed in the clinic of the school.
- (6) To provide a separate library in the school.
- (7) To coordinate with the relevant department to provide a medical doctor.
- (8) To provide a suitable refrigerator for medicinal storage.
- (9) To coordinate with the relevant departments to provide vocational training.
- (10) To manage regular medical check-up for the staff assigned in the kitchen.

# (k) Inspection of Mary Chapman School for the Deaf

- (1) To appoint basic health staff for emergency health care.
- (2) To open more vocational Training courses to the older students.
- (3) To raise public awareness on information about the School through media.

(4) To appeal to the relevant authorities for providing Post Primary School in the compound of Mary Chapman School of Deaf.

## (I) Inspection of School for the Deaf (Yangon)

- To establish a school library and promote reading habits of children.
- (2) To appoint enough teachers for the deaf.
- (3) To re-open the sign language training courses.
- (4) To fill up the vacant security guard position.
- (5) To take necessary measures for getting retired sign language trainers as part-time teachers.
- (6) To send the teachers to attend Applied Psychology courses.

#### Cooperation with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

48. Replies by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to the Commission's recommendations are as follows:

## (a) Kyimyindine School for the Blind

- (1) An eye specialist was visiting quarterly for eye care.
- (2) The floor of the Goal Ball court had been replaced by rubber sole.
- (3) More Braille books were printed monthly and audio books were also provided.

#### (b) Shwe Gone Daine Child Care Centre

- The emergency generator was repaired and two electric power lines were installed.
- (2) Workers working overtime were given additional monthly allowances.

# (c) Thanlyin Boy's Training School

(1) Coordination had been made with Public Health Department of Thanlyin Township for attachment of a senior nurse and the

- patients would be sent to the Thanlyin General Hospital if required.
- (2) A library was setup in dormitory No. 4 and more books were purchased.

## (d) Lashio Boy's Training School

- (1) Fluorescent lamps had been installed.
- (2) A new reading room would be setup either by donation or by department's budget.
- (3) The request for fund to dig a tube well had been submitted to the authority.
- (4) Lashio Boy's Training School had ample space for sport activities and also had a football ground.

## (e) Mandalay School for the Deaf

- (1) A freezer was purchased for the kitchen.
- (2) Basic Sign Language training and audio training for new staff and teachers were provided in summer holidays.

# (f) School for the Disabled Children (Mandalay)

- (1) A chimney was installed in the kitchen.
- (2) A freezer was purchased for the kitchen.
- (3) The good practice of current cleaning system was carried out.

# (g) Mandalay Boy's Training School

- Staff on duty supervised to ensure that there were no conflicts among students.
- Record of the regular replacement of water purifier filters was kept.
- (3) The damaged switches were replaced with new ones in the kitchen.
- (4) The remaining 90 children need for Covid-19 vaccination had already been vaccinated.

(5) Efforts were made to maintain good discipline of students and cleanliness of the school.

#### (h) Training school for Girls (Mandalay)

- (1) The fluorescent lamps in the library had been installed.
- Record of the regular replacement of water purifier filters was kept.
- (3) Necessary measures were taken to ensure proper water flow in the school's compound.
- (4) Knowledge sharing conversations among children were held twice a month.

#### (i) Patheingyi Youth Training School

- Record of the regular replacement of water purifier filters was kept.
- (2) A staff member of school was sent to nurse aid training conducted by Ministry of Health and was assigned in the school.
- (3) Various vocational trainings were provided such as bakery, motorcycle repairing, hair dressing, tailoring, soap making and metal works.
- (4) Regular medical check-up was done for the staff assigned in the kitchen.

#### Participation in the Prisoners Scrutiny Committee

49. Commissioner U Kyaw Myint, a member of Prisoners Scrutiny Committee participated in the technical working group meeting of the Committee which was held in Nay Pyi Taw and discussed from the human rights perspective.

# Cooperation with the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State

50. The commission sent the monthly activities of MNHRC on the human rights issues in Rakhine State to the Rakhine State Stability, Peace and Development Work Coordination Committee under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

## Attending the Meeting of Central Body of anti-trafficking in person

51. Commissioner U Kyaw Soe, a member of central body of anti-trafficking in person participated the meeting which was held by video conferencing and discussed about the complaints relating to human trafficking which was received by the Commission.

#### Recommendations of the protection of human rights

- 52. MNHRC stated on Commission Website and in state-owned newspapers that a copy of the Citizenship Scrutiny Card must be attached to the complaint sent to MNHRC.
- 53. MNHRC sent the recommendations based on the findings of investigations to the relevant Ministries and Organizations for necessary actions and solicited for full cooperation of the relevant Ministries and Organizations so as to reduce human rights violations.

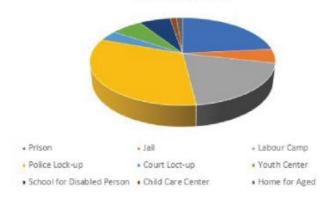
#### Meeting with the Ministers of the State/Regional Government

54. Commissioner U Kyaw Soe and Dr. Than Myint met with Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan and government officials; Commissioner U Kyaw Myint met with Mon State Chief Minister U Zaw Lin Tun and government officials and Tanintharyi Division Chief Minister U Myat Ko and government officials; Commissioner U Tin Aung met with Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo and government officials and discussed about activities of MNHRC on the complaints received by MNHRC and activities of inspection visits to prisons and detention centers of their States and Region. Then, MNHRC members gave the books of UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR and pamphlets to the authorities concerned of States and Region.

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6	Youth Center	5
7	School for Disabled Person	5
8	Child Care Center	1
9	Home for Aged	1





# Photos



Inspection Visit to Nay Pyi Taw Jail



Inspection Visit to Kyaikemaraw Central Prison



Inspection Visit to Nyaung U Prison



Inspection Visit to Dawei Prison



Inspection Visit to Taungoo Prison



Inspection Visit Meikhtila Prison



Inspection Visit to Hpa-an Prison



Inspection Visit to Lashio Prison



Inspection Visit to Dawei Prison



Inspection Visit to Myintkyina Myoma Police Custody



Inspection Visit to Pyay Prison



Inspection Visit to School for the Deaf (Yangon)



Inspection Visit to Mary Chapman School for the Deaf



Inspection Visit to School for the Deaf (Yangon)

#### Activities of Legal Affairs Division

#### Responsibilities

55. The Legal Affairs Division has been carrying out its responsibilities which are recommending to the Government the international human rights instruments to which Myanmar should become a party, reviewing existing laws and proposed bills for consistency with the international human rights instruments to which the State is a party and recommending the legislation and additional measures to be adopted for the promotion and protection of human rights to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the Government and assisting the Government in respect of its preparation of reports to be submitted under obligation in accordance with the international human rights instruments to which the State is a party and on the contents of those reports under Section 22 (b) of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law.

#### Sending the comments and recommendations

- 56. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement requested the recommendations regarding the amended sections of the Child Rights Law (2019). The Commission sent its comments to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 26 January 2022. It was mentioned that subsection (b) of section 91 conformed with the amendment of subsection (b) of section 2 of the Legal Aid Law 2021. A claimant means, in subsection (b) of section 2 of the Legal Aid Law, a poor person, child, woman, care of special needs of person, older person, a person with disabilities, AIDS or person with other highly infectious disease who were under trial for criminal offence or convicted. Therefore, section 91 of the Child Rights Law (2019) is considered to be able to provide legal aid to any child as it is stipulated. The recommendations sent stating, among others, that subsection (b) should be amended to a child instead of a child in poverty.
- 57. The Anti-Corruption Commission requested recommendations regarding the Whistleblower Protection Law (Draft). The Commission sent its recommendations to the Anti-Corruption Commission on 17 August 2022 mentioning that subsection (b), (e) and (h) clause (1) of section 2, subsection (b) of section 13, subsection (a)

- and (b) of section 15 and section 45 of the Draft have been amended according to the recommendations of the Commission and some of the recommendations were yet to be considered.
- 58. The Ministry of Home Affairs requested recommendations with regard to the Rules relating to the Organization Registration (Draft). The Commission suggested that the term "Public Servant" should be supplemented or not in sub-rule (e) of rule 20 of the Draft to the Ministry of Home Affairs on 23 November 2022.
- 59. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement requested recommendations with regard to the conditions of implementation of the decisions in the record of the meeting of the National Committee on Child Rights (1/2021) on 1 August 2022. The Commission replied on 8 August 2022 that Commission was not a member of the National Committee on Child Rights and was not obliged to carry out decisions of the meeting.
- 60. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement requested information on action of the Commission with regard to the Sixth CEDAW Report. On 30 September 2022, the Commission replied information regarding the number of workshops, trainings, participants relating to Women's Affairs and the actions taken by the Commission to ensure confidentiality in dealing with women's cases from 2016 to 2020.

#### Soliciting comments and recommendations

- 61. The Commission submitted the Amending of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law (Draft) to the State Administration Council for guidance on 19 October 2022.
- 62. The Commission solicited the recommendations related to the Amending of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law (Draft) from the Union Minister and Attorney General of the Union of the Ministry of Legal Affairs on 31 August 2022 and received its reply on 5 October 2022.
- 63. The Commission solicited the recommendations related to the Amending of the Financial Procedures of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission from the Ministry of Planning and Finance and the Office of the Auditor General of the

Union on 24 August 2022. Recommendations were received on 12 September 2022 and 17 October 2022 respectively.

#### Legal Affairs and Human Rights Activities

- 64. Commissioner Daw Nu Nu Yin participated in the Inspection Team of the Human Rights Protection Division who visited the Nay Pyi Taw Jail and Labour Camps (1) and (2) of Kintha from 26 to 28 January 2022.
- 65. Commissioner Dr. Myint Thu Myaing participated in the Inspection Team of the Human Rights Protection Division who visited the Thanlyin Boy's Training School on 28 January 2022.
- 66. In accordance with the Commission's operational plan, a research document reviewing the Unlawful Associations Act. It was presented and noted in the Commission Regular Meeting (7/2022) on 27 July 2022. Regarding the Unlawful Associations Act, the Commission did not recommend the repeal of the Unlawful Associations Act as a whole but from the human rights perspective only aimed to review and amend the provisions of subsection (1) and (2) of section 17.
- 67. Upon the invitation of the Justice Affairs Coordinating Committee, Director Daw Phyo Thiri Win attended via video conferencing the coordination meeting of the Justice Affairs Coordinating Committee.
- 68. By the decision of the commission's regular meeting (6/2022), "the Paper on Actions and Continued Actions Regarding the Amendment of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law" was compiled and completed on 10 November 2022.
- 69. Upon the invitation of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Director Daw Phyo Thiri Win attended the meeting to discuss the process related to the Organization Registration Law via video conferencing.

#### Amendment of Procedures and Notification

70. The Commission issued the Amended process relating to the Staff Affairs of the Commission by Notification No. 1/2022 on 12 January 2022.

- 71. The second meeting of Working Group on Amending Commission's Procedures was held on 9 February 2022 for amending the Procedures Relating to the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law. A special meeting of the Commission was also held on 9 March 2022.
- 72. The Commission issued the Amended Procedures Relating to the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law by Notification No. 3/2022 on 25 April 2022.
- 73. Working Group on Amending Commission's Procedures meeting was held on 23 May 2022 for amending the Financial Procedures. The special meeting of the Commission was also held on 18 July 2022.
- 74. Working Group on Amending Commission's Procedures meeting was held on 27 October 2022 regarding the comments sent by the Ministry of Planning and Finance and the Office of the Union Auditor General on the provisions amended in relating to the amendment of the Commission's Financial Procedures. The special meeting of the Commission was also held on 15 December 2022.

#### Translation

- 75. The Commission completed the translation into Myanmar of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW) on 31 July 2022.
- 76. The Commission completed the translation into Myanmar of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) on 25 November 2022.

#### Printing

77. The Commission printed and published Myanmar Translations of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (CRC-OP-AC) and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (CRC-OP-SC) on 31 January 2022.

#### Publishing

78. On 21 July 2022, the Commission published 5000 copies of Myanmar Translation of the book entitled "The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)" for the second time.

#### Other Activities

- 79. Regarding the request for comments from other MNHRC's divisions, eight letters were replied by the Legal Affairs Division, addressing both the legal and human rights aspects.
- 80. The book entitled "Myanmar's participation in international human rights treaties; the report of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and the expressions related to the Law of Treaties" were compiled and distributed to the Divisions of the Commission on 20 July 2022.

## Photos



Meeting regarding the Amending of the Procedures Relating to the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law via video conferencing on 9 February 2022



The Special Meeting regarding the Amending of the Procedures Relating to the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law via video conferencing on 9

March 2022



Meeting regarding the Amending of the Financial Procedures of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission via video conferencing on 23 May 2022



The Special Meeting regarding the Amending of the Financial Procedures of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission via video conferencing on 18 July



Meeting regarding the Amending of the Financial Procedures of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission via video conferencing on 27 October 2022



Attending the Coordination Meeting regarding the Process related to the Organization Registration Law via video conferencing on 29 November 2022



The Special Meeting regarding the Amending of the Financial Procedures of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission via video conferencing on 15

December 2022

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict

လက်နက်ကိုင်ပဋိပက္ခအတွင်း ကလေးသူငယ်များ ပါဝင်ပတ်သက်မှုတွင် ကလေးသူငယ် အခွင့်အရေးများဆိုင်ရာ သဘောတူစာချုပ်၏ နောက်ဆက်တွဲစာချုပ်



Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography

ကလေးသူငယ်များအား ရောင်းချခြင်း၊ ကလေးသူငယ် ပြည့်တန်ဆာပြုခြင်းနှင့် ကလေးသူငယ် ညစ်ညမ်းသရုပ်ဖော်မှ ပြုခြင်းနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်းသည့် ကလေးသူငယ်အခွင့်အရေးများဆိုင်ရာ သဘောတူစာချုပ်၏ နောက်ဆက်တွဲစာရှုပ်



# Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

ညှဉ်းပန်းနှိပ်စက်ခြင်းနှင့် အခြားရက်စက်ကြမ်းကြုတ်သော၊ လူမဆန်သော သို့မဟုတ်လူ့သိက္ခာ ညှိုးနွမ်းစေသော ပြုမူဆက်ဆံခြင်း သို့မဟုတ် ပြစ်ဒဏ်ပေးခြင်းကို ဆန့်ကျင်ရေးသဘောတူစာချုပ်



#### Activities of the International Relations Division

#### Responsibilities

81. As provided under Section 22 (g) of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, the International Relations Division has been carrying out its functions related to human rights activities pertaining to the United Nations including support for the National Report on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and cooperating with the other National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and regional organizations.

# Cooperation with the Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF)

- 82. Attending the First Technical Working Group Meeting of the Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF): The First Technical Working Group Meeting of SEANF was held by video conference from March 23 to March 24, 2022. The meeting was chaired by the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) and was attended by the Chairperson of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, Vice-Chairperson, Commissioners and staff as well as Commissioners and staff of National Human Rights Institutions from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Timor Leste, totally 47 attendees.
- 83. At the meeting, the matters including sharing major developments and activities since the 18<sup>th</sup> SEANF Annual Conference 2021, sharing on activities from the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Statelessness Issues in Sabah between SUHAKAM, Komnas HAM, and CHRP, on the implementation of the 2022-2026 SEANF Strategic Plan and the 2022 Annual Plan, sharing of activities related to the Global Campaign for Older Persons by CHRP, Human Rights amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: Misinformation and Disinformation, on SEANF resource and information sharing (uploading of materials and social media management), updates on the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat and Host Country Agreement by Komnas HAM, updates on the SEANF-AICHR engagement and next steps and preparations towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> TWG and 19<sup>th</sup> SEANF Annual Conference were discussed among others. Chairperson U Hla Myint shared the activities of the

MNHRC, as a focal point, on the sector of "Business and Human Rights" in implementing SEANF's Annual Plan (2022). Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein shared the major developments and activities of the MNHRC since the 18<sup>th</sup> SEANF Annual Conference 2021, while Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than discussed the issue of Human Rights amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: Misinformation and Disinformation.

- 84. Attending Side Event: The SEANF Leadership in Mitigating Disinformation to Promote Human Rights Online Discussion Series on Influence Operations, a side event of SEANF, organized by the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP), was held by video conference on 23 March 2022. The side event was attended by Chairperson U Hla Myint, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein and Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than, Deputy Director General and senior officer of the MNHRC's office as well as representatives of the SEANF, totally 88 participants.
- 85. In the meeting, human rights issues were discussed, including the impacts of misinformation and disinformation on human rights, as well as their specific impacts on women and vulnerable groups. Additionally, the NHRIs of SEANF shared their experiences regarding misinformation and disinformation.
- 86. Attending the Second Technical Working Group Meeting of the Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF): The Second Technical Working Group Meeting of the SEANF was held with hybrid format from 28 to 29 September 2022. The meeting was attended by Chairperson U Hla Myint, Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein and Commissioner Dr. Than Myint, Deputy Director General, Director and staff of MNHRC. Representatives from NHRI of Timor Leste joined by video link while representatives from NHRIs of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand participated in person. There were altogether 60 participants.
- 87. During the meeting, attendees engaged in discussions on various topics related to human rights issues. These included sharing major developments and activities since the first TWG Meeting in March 2022, updates from SEANF members

regarding the implementation of the 2022-2026 SEANF Strategic Plan, in which they have taken as a lead of respective priority area, updates on the Girls' Leadership Index and the APAC Girls' Report by Plan International, discussion on potential collaboration between SEANF and FORUM-ASIA/ANNI for 2022-2023, and the next steps and preparations for the 19<sup>th</sup> SEANF Annual Conference.

- 88. In the meeting, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein shared the major developments and activities of the MNHRC since the first TWG Meeting. Furthermore, Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win shared the updates on the MNHRC's implementation of "Priority 2: Promote and protect human rights in business" under the SEANF Strategic Plan (2022-2026).
- 89. Attending the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Meeting of the Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF): The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Meeting of SEANF was held with hybrid format from 28 to 29 November 2022 in the Philippines. The attendees included Chairperson U Hla Myint, Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein, Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than and Commissioner Dr. Than Myint, Deputy Director General, Director and staff of MNHRC. Representatives from MNHRC joined by video link while representatives from NHRIs of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Timor Leste participated in person. There were altogether 60 participants.
- 90. During the meeting, attendees engaged in discussions on various topics related to human rights issues. These included the role of NHRIs in Preventing Statelessness and Protecting the Rights of Stateless Persons presented by the NHRIs from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, sharing major developments and activities since the first TWG Meeting of the SEANF, updates from SEANF members regarding the implementation of the SEANF Strategic Plan 2022-2026 in which they have taken as a lead of respective priority area, the cooperation between SEANF and AICHR (ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights), as well as collaborations between SEANF, ANNI (Asian NGO Network on National Human Rights Institutions), and Plan International. Furthermore, after the annual conference, the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP)

handed over the 2023 SEANF Chairpersonship to the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT), which will serve as the alternate SEANF Chairpersonship in 2023.

- 91. In the meeting, Chairperson U Hla Myint provided insights and updates on the implementation of the SEANF Strategic Plan 2022-2026 and also contributed suggestions and comments during the general discussion while Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein shared the major developments and activities of the MNHRC since the first TWG Meeting. Furthermore, Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win shared the updates on the MNHRC's implementation of "Priority 2: Promote and protect human rights in business" under the SEANF Strategic Plan 2022-2026.
- 92. Attending the AICHR-SEANF Interface Meeting at the 35<sup>th</sup> AICHR Meeting: The meeting between the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and the Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF) was conducted via video conference on 21 June 2022. Representatives from AICHR and SEANF, along with Chairperson U Hla Myint, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein and Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than attended the meeting.
- 93. In the meeting, representatives of SEANF shared updates on SEANF's activities. Representative of AICHR shared updates on priority programmes/ activities of AICHR in 2022-2023. Possible areas of cooperation between AICHR and SEANF were also discussed. Chairperson U Hla Myint provided suggestions and comments regarding the possible areas of cooperation between AICHR and SEANF.
- 94. Organizing the First Technical Working Group Meeting on Business and Human Rights (TWGBHR): The First Technical Working Group Meeting on Business and Human Rights (TWGBHR) was organized via Video Conferencing System by the MNHRC on 22 September 2022. Deputy Director General, Director and staff from the International Relations Division as well as the representatives of TWGBHR from SEANF member NHRIs were attended. There were altogether 14 participants.
- 95. In the meeting, Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General of the MNHRC acted as a Chairperson of TWGBHR, where the representatives of TWGBHR discussed and adopted the Terms of Reference (ToR) of TWGBHR. The Chairperson

of TWGBHR shared the activities and challenges faced by the MNHRC regarding the implementation of the priority 2 of SEANF Strategic Plan 2022-2026 and the participants provided suggestions.

- 96. Participating in the meeting on 2023 Chairpersonship of SEANF: Chairperson U Hla Myint, Deputy Director General and Director participated in the meeting on 2023 Chairpersonship of SEANF which was virtually held by the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) on 20 May 2022.
- 97. Implementation of the SEANF Annual Plan 2022: The SEANF member NHRIs has been implementing their activities on their respective priorities under the SEANF Annual Plan 2022 and the MNHRC took leading role in implementing the priority 2: "Promote and Protect Human Rights in Business". In this regard, the Commission established a technical working group on business and human rights (TWGBHR) comprising the representatives from SEANF member NHRIs and drafted the Terms of References (ToR) of TWGBHR.

Cooperating with the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institution (APF)

- 98. Participating in the 27<sup>th</sup> APF Annual General Meeting and Interactive Dialogue on universal human rights to a healthy, sustainable environment- the role of NHRIs: The representatives of the MNHRC participated in the Interactive Dialogue on universal human rights to a healthy, sustainable environment- the role of NHRIs, organized by APF via Video Conference on 14 September 2022.
- 99. In the Interactive dialogue, there were 75 attendees including Chairperson U Hla Myint, Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein, Commissioner Dr. Than Myint and Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than, and Deputy Director General.
- 100. In the Interactive dialogue, Dr. Ian Fry, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, representatives of National Human Rights Institutions from the Philippines, Maldives, New Zealand and Palestine were discussed on climate change and its impacts on human rights.

- 101. The representatives of the MNHRC including Chairperson U Hla Myint, Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein, Commissioner Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than and Deputy Director General participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> APF Annual General Meeting organized by APF via Video Conference on 15 September 2022.
- 102. In the meeting, APF Annual Performance Report from 1-7-2021 to 30-6-2022, Gender Performance Report and APF Financial Matters, the GANHRI-SCA's Accreditation Status of Iran, Thailand and Afghanistan Human Rights Commission, the membership application of Fiji, GANHRI's report, the election of APF representatives for the position of GANHRI Bureau and GANHRI-SCA, and other matters were discussed.
- 103. Participating in the Blended Learning Course on Engaging with Inter-Governmental Mechanisms (IGMs) on Environmental Rights and Climate Change: From 14-2-2022 to 31-5-2022, U Arkar Hein Soe and U Zay Yar Linn, Directors of the office of MNHRC participated in the Blended Learning Course on Engaging with Inter-governmental Mechanisms (IGMs) on Environmental Rights and Climate Change organized by APF as online course which aimed to promote the capacity of NHRIs, to carry out the human rights promotion and protection effectively as a regional mechanism in accordance with the Paris Principles and to enable the assistance by collaborating between NHRIs and IGMs together, regarding on the impacts of climate change and the degrading of environments in their respective countries.
- 104. From 21-6-2022 to 23-6-2022, U Arkar Hein Soe and U Zay Yar Linn, Directors of the Office of MNHRC participated in the Face-to-Face workshop, a follow-up workshop of the aforementioned online course, which was organized by APF in Bangkok, Thailand. At the workshop, the matters related to the potential cooperation on the human rights impacts caused by the climate change and degrading of the environment were discussed between NHRIs and Intergovernmental Mechanisms (IGMs).
- 105. Moreover, U Arkar Hein Soe and U Zay Yar Linn, Directors of the Office of MNHRC participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Face-to-Face workshop, a follow-up workshop of

the aforementioned online course, organized by APF from 24-11-2022 to 25-11-2022 in Bangkok, Thailand. This workshop was organized with the aim of strengthening the relationship between NHRIs and IGMs and their effective engagement in the role of implementing the human rights activities relating to the climate change and the environmental degradation and the representatives from NHRIs shared their work plans and climate change measures in their countries to be a healthy and sustainable environment.

- 106. Participating in the APF's Online Introductory Dialogue between Southeast Asia NHRIs and AICHR Representatives on the Rights to a Healthy Environment and Climate Change: As part of the IGMs Project, U Arkar Hein Soe and U Zay Yar Linn, Directors of the Office of MNHRC Online Introductory Dialogue between Southeast Asia NHRIs and AICHR Representatives on the Rights to a Healthy Environment and Climate Change organized by APF via Video Conference from 14-2-2022 to 31-5-2022 which aimed to promote the capacity building and engagement to foster a healthy environment and tackle climate change.
- 107. Organizing the APF Virtual Dialogue on Climate Change and Human Rights: Role of NHRIs: On 11 November 2022: the MNHRC held a virtual dialogue on the role of NHRIs and addressing human rights impacts of climate change in collaboration with the APF Chairperson U Hla Myint, Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun, and Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein, Commissioner Dr. Than Myint, Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than, Deputy Director General, Director and staff, representatives from the National Human Rights Institutions of APF members attended. There were altogether 30 participants.
- 108. In the dialogue, Chairperson U Hla Myint opened the dialogue and presented actions taken in relation to climate change in Myanmar, the Commission's activities on climate change and its impact on women in Myanmar as a vulnerable group. Dr. Renante Basas, Thematic Director from CHRP, Ms. Mariyam Muna, Chairperson from Human Rights Commission of Maldives, Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Chairperson from Human Rights Commission of India, Mr. Romulo Nayacalevu, Consultant from APF discussed the impacts of climate change, in their respective countries which included actions on climate change, law and policy on climate

change, collaboration between the civil society organizations and national human rights institutions (NHRIs), Intergovernmental Mechanisms (IGMs) project and future cooperation and opportunities.

109. Attending the Fourth APF Dialogue Series 2022: Discrimination in employment, pay equity and the role of NHRIs: Chairperson U Hla Myint and Staff Officer U Myo Hlaing Myint Htun attended "The Fourth APF Dialogue Series 2022: Discrimination in employment, pay equity and the role of NHRIs" held by video conferencing on 26 August 2022 in collaboration with APF and the New Zealand Human Rights Commission.

Cooperation with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

110. Attending the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN Human Rights Declaration and ASEAN Human Rights Dialogue 2022: The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN Human Rights Declaration and ASEAN Human Rights Dialogue 2022 jointly organized in hybrid format by AICHR- Cambodia and AICHR-Indonesia from 18 to 19 November 2022 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General of MNHRC, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Southeast Asia countries, representatives from National Human Rights Institutions, representatives of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), representatives of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) and the ASEAN Secretariat, OHCHR representatives based in Cambodia. There were altogether 80 participants. U Zay Yar Linn, Director of the MNHRC also joined the second day of the dialogue via video conference.

111. On the first day, the celebration for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration was held followed by the discussion of current challenges of human rights in ASEAN countries; the background history of ASEAN and challenges, the history of ASEAN Human Rights Declaration and the Phnom Penh Statement, economic and human rights relations with the ASEAN region; the issues and challenges described in the ASEAN Charter; and issues related to the ASEAN Human Rights Instruments.

112. On the second day, the ASEAN Human Rights Dialogue 2022 was held, and participants shared human rights promotion and protection activities of their countries respectively. Dr Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General of the MNHRC, shared the Commission's human rights promotion and protection activities.

# Meeting with Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

113. To organize a regional conference on Climate Change and Climate Justice the delegation led by Chairperson U Hla Myint, accompanied by Vice Chairperson, Dr. Nanda Hmun, Commissioners, U Paw Lwin Sein and Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than, Deputy Director General, Dr. Khine Khine Win and staff met with Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation on 5 July 2022.

# Attending Briefing session on policies related to climate change; legislative implementations and practical implementation conditions

114. On October 13, 2022, the delegation led by Vice Chairperson, Dr. Nanda Hmun, accompanied by Deputy Director General, Dr. Khine Khine Win and staff attended the "Briefing session on policies related to climate change policies, legislative implementations and practical implementation conditions" held by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

115. In the briefing, U Hla Maung Thein, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, presented the legislative implementation on climate change, climate change policy and the activities of environmental conservation under the topic of "Environmental Conservation and Climate Change Management". Dr. San Win, Director of the Department of Climate Change, presented on the topic of "Climate Change and Climate Justice". U Sa Aung Thu, Director of the Environmental Impact Assessment Department, presented on the topic of "Strategy of Effective EIA in ASEAN Member States". Daw Thaw Thaw Han, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, presented on the topic of "Green Economic Framework for Resource Management" and Dr. Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director General of MNHRC presented on the topic of "Climate and Environmental Rights".

#### Publication of the Commission's Operational Plan 2022

116. Based on the Strategic Plan (2020-2024), operational plan 2022 was developed and published. In order for the public to have easy access, the operational plan was uploaded to the Commission's website.

#### Attending 21st Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights

117. Chairperson U Hla Myint attended "21st Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights", held via video conference from 16 to 18 March 2022, hosted by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, jointly organized by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

#### Attending the meetings, trainings and workshops by staff

- 118. For the purpose of raising awareness of human rights promotion and protection, exchanging experiences, cooperating and enhancing technical expertise, the Commission sent its staff to attend meetings, trainings and workshops as follows;
  - (a) Director U Zaw Lwin Htoo and Director U Zay Yar Linn attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> final coordination meeting regarding the implementation of the SDG indicators Progress Report held by the Central Statistical Organization under the Ministry of Planning and Finance, Myanmar on 26 January 2022.
  - (b) Staff officer Daw Hnin Yu Yu Aung attended "Online Learning Programme on Complaints Handling and Human Rights Investigations" course conducted by Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) from 31 January 2022 to 25 February 2022.
  - (c) Director U Zay Yar Linn and Staff Officer U Myo Hlaing Myint Htun attended "SEANF TWG1 Preparatory Meeting" organized by the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 24 February 2022.

- (d) Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win and Director U Zay Yar Linn attended the "Preparatory Technical Meeting before SEANF TWG1" organized by the Commision on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 21 March 2022.
- (e) Staff Officer U Myo Hlaing Myint Htun attended "1st Meeting of the SEANF Technical Review Working Group (TRWG) to review SEANF's Process and Structures" organized by the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia via video conference on 21 March 2022.
- (f) Staff Officer U Myo Hlaing Myint Htun attended the "Debriefing after OEWGA12" organized by Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 27 March 2022.
- (g) Director U Arkar Hein Soe and Staff Officer Daw Aye Sandar Myint attended the "CRC Asia's Learning Session on Children: Their Rights as Children Human Rights Defenders" held by Child Rights Coalition Asia via video conference on 5 May 2022.
- (h) Director U Arkar Hein Soe and Staff Officer Daw Aye Sandar Myint attended "Plan International Presentation of the APAC Girl's Report 2021" organized by Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 12 May 2022.
- (i) Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attended the "Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Minority Issues" organized by Tom Lantos Institute via video conference from 14 to 15 June 2022.
- (j) Deputy Director General, Dr. Khine Khine Win attended the "Inception Workshop for Preparation of a Work Plan to Develop a Regional Declaration on Environmental Rights in ASEAN" organized by AICHR-Thailand via video conference on 16 June 2022.
- (k) Deputy Director General, Dr. Khine Khine Win attended the "Webinar: 2022 Rights Tracker release – Civil and Social Rights" organized by Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI) via video conference on 22 June 2022.

- (I) Director U Zay Yar Linn attended the "Webinar: 2022 Rights Tracker release- Economic and Social Rights" organized by Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI) via video conference on 30 June 2022.
- (m) Staff Officer Daw Zin Min Thet Lwin attended "The APF Virtual Dialogue on People with disabilities and the role of National Human Rights Institutions" organized by the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) via video conference on 18 July 2022.
- (n) Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attended the "ASEAN Regional Dialogue: Sharing Good Practices on Business and Human Rights and Recovery from Covid-19 in ASEAN" jointly organized by Human Rights Commission of Malaysia and Thailand via video conference from 19 to 20 July 2022.
- (o) Staff Officer Daw Moht Moht Aung attended "The UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls (WGDAW)" organized by the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) via video conference on 20 July 2022.
- (p) Director U Zay Yar Linn attended "SEANF Focal Person Meeting" organized by Commision on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 21 July 2022.
- (q) Director U Zay Yar Linn attended "The Launching Ceremony of Komnas HAM RI Annual Report 2021" organized by the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights (Komnas HAM) via video conference on 12 August 2022.
- (r) Staff Officer U Myo Hlaing Myint Htun attended "SEANF Focal Person Meeting" organized by Commision on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 17 August 2022.
- (s) Staff Officer Daw May Hnin Thu attended "The Stakeholders Consultation on Enforced Disappearance in the Context of Migration in the Asia Pacific Region" organized by OHCHR via video conference on 18 August, 2022.

- (t) Assistant Director Daw Mie Mie San Aung attended "OHCHR Multistakeholder meeting on the Human Rights of Older Persons" organized by OHCHR in hybrid format from 29 to 30 August 2022.
- (u) Staff Officer Daw Thuzar San and Deputy Human Rights Officer Daw Tun Eaindra Kyaw attended 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of "Technical Working Group for Priority-1 of the 2022 SEANF Strategic Plan" organized by Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 1 September 2022.
- (v) Staff Officer Daw Thuzar San attended "Human Rights Assembly Two Decades of NHRCT: Stock-taking and Moving Forwards" organized by the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) via video conference on 2 September 2022.
- (w) Director U Zay Yar Linn attended "SEANF Coordination Meeting" organized by the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 12 September 2022.
- (x) Staff Officer U Myo Hlaing Myint Htun attended the first meeting of "The Technical Working Group on Prevention of Torture (TWGPT)" organized by the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) via video conference on 21 September 2022.
- (y) Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attended "Coordination Meeting to Develop a Regional Framework on Environmental Rights in ASEAN – Meeting on Modalities of Work" jointly organized by AICHR-Thailand, UNEP, OHCHR and ESCAP via video conference on 23 September 2022.
- (z) Director U Zay Yar Linn attended "The 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of Regional Dialogue: Self-Assessment of AICHR Progress After 10 years" jointly organized by AICHR-Thailand and AICHR-Indonesia via video conference on 26 September 2022.
- (aa) Lower Division Clerk Daw Hnin Wutt Yee Oo attended "Special Course in English Language Proficiency for Officials from Myanmar Basic

- (Literation-II)" organized by the ITEC Program in India via Google Meet Platform from 26 September 2022 to 18 November 2022.
- (bb) Deputy Human Rights Officer Daw Tun Eaindra Kyaw attended "SEANF Focal Person Meeting" organized by the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 12 October 2022.
- (cc) Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attended the course of the "Climate Action; Human Rights Based Approaches to Adaptation and Mitigation Challenges" organized by the Institute of Environmental Science for Social Change of the Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines via video conference from 14 to 25 October 2022.
- (dd) Director Daw Phyo Thiri Win and Staff Officer Daw May Hnin Thu attended "Workshop on Sharing Experience and Good Practices in Torture Prevention" jointly organized by AICHR-Thailand and Association of Prevention of Torture (APT) via video conference on 26 October 2022.
- (ee) Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attended "2022 Annual Tripartite Partnership Meeting: Protecting environmental Human Rights Defenders and Promoting meaningful participation in climate talks-the role of National Human Rights Institutions" jointly organized by GANHRI, OHCHR and UNDP via video conference on 2 November 2022.
- (ff) Staff Officer Daw Aye Sandar Myint and Staff Officer Daw Myint Myint San attended "2<sup>nd</sup> session of 2022 Asia Pacific Partnership Meeting of Child Rights Coalitions and Networks" organized by Child Rights Coalitions Asia via video conference on 3 November 2022.
- (gg) Staff Officer Daw May Hnin Thu and Staff Officer Daw Aye Sandar Myint attended the "Consultation with Regional Stakeholders on Sharing Experiences and Good Practices in Torture Prevention"

- organized by NHRCT and Association of Prevention of Torture (APT) via video conference on 9 November 2022.
- (hh) Staff Officer Daw Thuzar San and Deputy Human Rights Officer Daw Tun Eaindra Kyaw attended the "SEANF TWG1 Consultation" organized by the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) via video conference on 24 November 2022.

# Photos



Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Commissioners of the MNHRC attending the  $$\mathbf{1}^{\mathsf{st}}$$  TWG Meeting of the SEANF



Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Commissioners of the MNHRC attending the  $2^{\rm nd}$  TWG Meeting of the SEANF

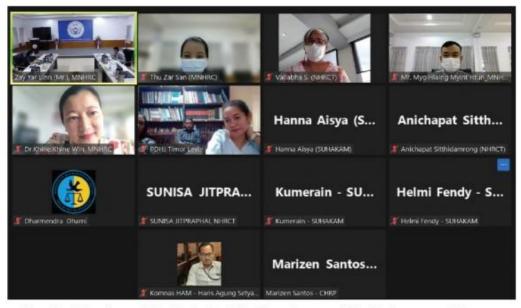


Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Commissioners of the MNHRC attending the  $$19^{\rm th}$$  Annual Conference of the SEANF



Chairperson U Hla Myint, Commissioner U Paw Lwin Sein and Commissioner Dr.

Tin Maung Maung Than attending the AICHR-SEANF Interface Meeting



The First Meeting of the Technical Working Group of the Business and Human Rights (TWGBHR) organized by MNHRC



Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Commissioners of the MNHRC attending the "Interactive Dialogue on universal human rights to a healthy, sustainable environment – the role of NHRIs" and 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the APF organized by the APF



Chairperson U Hla Myint, Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun and Commissioners of the MNHRC attending the "APF Virtual Dialogue on Climate Change and Human Rights; Role of National Human Rights Institutions"



The delegation led by Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun attending the "Briefing session on policies related to climate change, legislative implementations and practical implementation conditions"



Deputy Director General Dr. Khine Khine Win attending "ASEAN Human Rights Dialogue 2022" in Siem Reap, Cambodia



Director U Arkar Hein Soe and Director U Zay Yar Linn attending
"Dialogue between Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions
and Inter-governmental Mechanisms on the Rights to a Healthy
Environment and Climate Change" in Bangkok, Thailand

#### Activities of Administration and Finance Division

#### Responsibilities

- 119. The Administration and Finance Division is carrying out anything incidental or conducive to the implementation of any function of the Commission accordance with Section 22 (k) of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law. Furthermore, it organizes various events such as the Commission Regular Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, Special Meetings, Ceremonies, in accordance with Section 27 of the Commission Law.
- 120. According to the Procedures relating to the staff affairs of the Commission, the Administration and Finance Division undertakes various tasks such as drafting the staff organization structure, recruiting, transfers, leaves, promotions, sending local trainings, disciplinary actions and retirements. The division also carry out activities such as verification and nomination for conferring of Honorary Title and Medals, maintaining the premises, distribution and maintenance of vehicles, machinery and furniture, office management, procuring supplies and equipment, keeping the monthly and annual accounts of fixed assets and records, requesting funds, verifying payment order, cheque payments, processing cash payments and returning surplus funds. The Division's activities also involve compiling funding accounts, keeping financial records and necessary registration books. Additionally, responsibilities include preparing and disbursing honoraria, deducting and submitting income tax, preparing and disbursing staff's salary.

#### Assignment of Duties

121. The Commission Regular Meeting and the Commission Executive Committee Meeting are organized as follows:

#### (a) Commission's Regular Meeting

(1) In accordance with the paragraph 49 the Procedures relations to the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, the Commission Regular Meeting has been held monthly consisting of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Commissioners and Director General. (2) In accordance with the Section 53 (a) of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, the Director General is acting as Secretary of the Commission.

### (b) Commission Executive Committee Meeting

- (1) The Commission Executive Committee meeting has been held monthly consisting of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, two Commissioners and Director General. The two Commissioners are assigned on a rotation basis, serving for a period of 6 months each.
- (2) Under the supervision of the Commission Executive Committee, the Director General is responsible for implementing the Administrative and Financial matters.

### Holding of Meetings

122. In 2022, the Commission Regular Meetings and the Commission Executive Committee Meetings were held 12 times each, and the Special Meetings were held 3 times as follows:

# (a) Commission Regular Meetings

(1)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (1/	2022)	27-1-2022
(2)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (2/	2022)	24-2-2022
(3)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (3/	2022)	30-3-2022
(4)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (4/	2022)	27-4-2022
(5)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (5/	2022)	26-5-2022
(6)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (6/	2022)	29-6-2022
(7)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (7/	2022)	27-7-2022
(8)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (8/	2022)	31-8-2022
(9)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (9/	2022)	30-9-2022
(10)	Commission Regular M	leeting No. (10	)/2022)	26-10-2022

- (11) Commission Regular Meeting No. (11/2022) 25-11-2022
- (12) Commission Regular Meeting No. (12/2022) 26-12-2022

#### (b) Commission Executive Committee Meetings

- (1) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (1/2022) 6-1-2022
- (2) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (2/2022) 8-2-2022
- (3) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (3/2022) 8-3-2022
- (4) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (4/2022) 5-4-2022
- (5) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (5/2022)4-5-2022
- (6) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (6/2022) 8-6-2022
- (7) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (7/2022) 11-7-2022
- (8) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (8/2022) 4-8-2022
- (9) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (9/2022)6-9-2022
- (10) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (10/2022) 4-10-2022
- (11) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (11/2022) 3-11-2022
- (12) Commission Executive Committee Meeting No. (12/2022) 5-12-2022

# (c) Commission Special Meetings

- (1) Commission Special Meeting 25-4-2022
- (2) Commission Special Meeting 18-7-2022

#### (3) Commission Special Meeting 15-12-2022

#### Staff Matters

- 123. Appointment and Staff strength: In compliance with Section 51 (a) of the Commission Law, 2 officers and 23 staff were being recruited in 2022. As of 31 December 2022, there were a total of 106 employees, including 45 officers.
- 124. **Recruitment:** Arrangements were made to recruit 6 Deputy Human Rights Officer positions in Head Quarter.
- 125. **Depletion of Staff Strength:** In 2022, three officers and 20 staff resigned, one officer passed away, one officer and 3 staff were removed.
- 126. Promotion: A total of 29 Staff members were promoted in 2022 as follows:
  - (a) Assistant Director to Deputy Director 4
  - (b) Staff Officer to Assistant Director 2
  - (c) Deputy Human Rights Officer to Staff Officer 11
  - (d) Upper Division Clerk to Deputy Human Rights Officer 4
  - (e) Lower Division Clerk to Upper Division Clerk 8
- 127. Attending training: Staff members attended the training conducted by the following Union-Level Organizations and Ministries:
  - (a) Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar) 1
  - (b) Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar) 26
  - (c) Office of the Auditor General of the Union 3
  - (d) Ministry of Transport and Communications 13
- 128. **Honorary Title and Medal:** The Honorary Title and Medal conferred by the State:
  - (a) U Hla Myint, Chairperson Thiri Pyanchi Title and Medal

Notification No. (211/2022)

(b) U Phone Kywe, Director General Excellent Performance in

Administrative Field (Second

class) Notification No.

(54/2022)

(c) 11 Staff members

Rule of Law and Order Medal Notification No. (11/2022)

#### Actions taken relating to prevention of the COVID-19 pandemic

129. COVID-19 Pandemic infection Prevention and Control Supervisory Team of the Commission implemented activities such as raising awareness in collaboration with Department of Health (Yangon), administering the full round of vaccination and booster, distributing masks and sanitizers to the staffs and weekly pesticide spraying.

### Membership in committees for human rights

130. The Chairperson, Vice - Chairperson, commissioners and senior officials of the Commission, actively participate as members of the human rights committees established by the state and cooperate with the tasks of these committees:

No	Name	Position	committees for human rights	Role
1	U Hla Myint	Chairperson	National Committee on implementing UPR's Recommendations	Member (Independent Advisor)
2	U Paw Lwin Sein	Commissioner	Working Committee on UPR Report's drafting and Implementing UPR's recommendations	Member
3	U Kyaw Soe	Commissioner	The Central Body for suppression of Trafficking in Persons	Member
4	Daw Nu Nu Yin	Commissioner	The Union Coordinating Body for Rule of Law Centers and Justice Sector Affairs  Drafting Committee on Prevention of Hate Speech Law (Draft)	Member

No	Name Position  Dr. Myint Thu Commission  Myaing		committees for human rights	<b>Role</b> Member	
5			Myanmar National Committee on Women		
6	U Kyaw Myint	Commissioner	Convicted Prisoners Scrutiny Committee	Member	
7	U Phone Kywe	Director General	National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Member	
8	U Phone Kywe	Director General	The Working Committee on Women and Human Rights	Chairperson	
9	U Thura Kyaw	Director	The Working Committee on Women and Development Mechanisms	Member	
10	U Zaw Lwin Htoo	Director	The Working Committee on Women and Human Rights	Secretary	
11	Daw Phyo Thiri Win	Director	Justice Affairs Coordinating Committee	Member	
12	Daw Phyo Thiri Win	Director	CEDAW Sixth Report Writing Group	Member	

# Attending Ceremonies, Events and meetings

131. In 2022, the Chairperson, Vice - Chairperson and Commissioners attended the ceremonies, events and meetings organized by the State:

No	Person	Date	Ceremony/ Event/ Meeting	Place
1	Chairperson	4-1-2022	74 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day	Nay Pyi Taw
2	Vice- Chairperson	12-2-2022	75 <sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee of Union Day	Grand Military Parade Ground Nay Pyi Taw
3	Daw Nu Nu Yin  Dr. Myint Thu  Myaing  Commissioners	8-3-2022	International Women's  Day Celebration	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Nay Pyi Taw online
4	Chairperson	14-3-2022	Offer Day Meals to religious title recipient Sayadaws	Nay Pyi Taw
		16-3-2022	Religious Titles Conferring Ceremony	
5	Chairperson, Vice - Chairperson and 7 Commissioners	27-3-2022	77 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade and Dinner in honor of 77 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armed Forces Day	Military Parade - Ground and Zeyathiri Beikman

No	Person	Date	Ceremony/ Event/ Meeting	Place
6	Dr. Myint Thu Myaing Commissioner	23-3-2022	The Meeting of the Myanmar National Committee on Women	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Nay Pyi Taw
7	U Kyaw Myint Commissioner	9-4-2022	The meeting of the Convicted Prisoners Scrutiny Committee	Ministry of Home Affairs Nay Pyi Taw
8	Daw Nu Nu Yin Commissioner	8-6-2022	The Coordination meeting of the Union Coordinating Body for Rule of Law Centers and Justice Sector Affairs	Ministry of Legal Affairs Nay Pyi Taw
9	Chairperson	11-8-2022	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monsoon Rainy Season Tree Planting Ceremony in 2022	Nay Pyi Taw
10	Vice- Chairperson	22-8-2022	The meeting of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child (1/2022)	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Nay Pyi Taw
11	U Kyaw Soe Commissioner	26-8-2022	The meeting of the Central Body for suppression of Trafficking in Persons (1/2022)	Ministry of Home Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Online

No	Person Date Ceremony/ Event/ Meeting		Place	
12	U Kyaw Myint Commissioner	14-10-2022	Coordination meeting of the preliminary scrutiny committee for conferring titles and medals	Ministry of Home Affairs
13	Vice - Chairperson	25-10-2022	The Meeting of the National Committee on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (2/2022)	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
14	Daw Nu Nu Yin Commissioner	20-11-2022	Commemoration ceremony of the 33 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Online
15	Dr. Myint Thu Myaing Commissioner	25-11-2022	Commemoration Ceremony for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, 2022	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Online
16	Chairperson, Deputy Director General And two Directors	9-12-2022	Celebration of International Anti-Corruption Day	Myanmar International Convention Center-1 Nay Pyi Taw

#### **Financial Matters**

132. The commission submitted its annual fund to the state through the Ministry of Planning and Finance. The approved fund for the fiscal year 2022-2023 is 1286.292 million kyats.

#### Retirement Pension

133. According to Paragraph 7 of the Commission's Financial Procedures, subparagraph (g) specifically states the provision for the establishment of the retirement pension system. The pension contribution for 148 members of the staff was 1.094 million per month. Currently, all staff are actively contributing to the retirement pension scheme.

#### Participation in the Social Security System by the Staff members

134. A total of 35 staff members from the Commission Office participated in the social security scheme.

## Approved and Appointed Staff Strength

135. As of 31 December 2022, approved and appointed staff strength are as follows:

No	Position	on Staff Head Structure Office		Branch Office				
			Brichadonistico	Nay Pyi Taw	Mandalay	Rakhine	Pathein	Total
1	Director General	1	1	-	-	-	*:	1
2	Deputy Director General	1	1	ä	-	-	23	1
3	Director	6	6				=======================================	6

	Position	osition Staff Structure	Head Office	Branch Office				
No				Nay Pyi Taw	Mandalay	Rakhine	Pathein	Total
4	Deputy Director	13	6	-	(4)	-		6
5	Assistant Director	25	3	1	1	-	-	5
6	Librarian	1	1	0	927	0	2	1
7	Staff Officer	40	23	8	18.0	1	1	25
8	Deputy Human Rights Officer	54	4	1	¥V	1	2	6
9	Upper Division Clerk	65	5		(2)	1	1	7
10	Lower Division Clerk	72	19	1	1	-	-	21
11	Driver Mechanics (grade -2)	4	1	2		-	2	1
12	Driver Mechanics (grade -3)	3	1	*	•	-	2)	1

No	Position	Staff Structure	Head Office	Branch Office				
				Nay Pyi Taw	Mandalay	Rakhine	Pathein	Total
13	Driver (grade -3)	8	3	1	(#U		-	4
14	Helper	14	11	1	(21)	v	1	13
15	Cleaner	12	3	1	1	-	n.	5
16	Watchman	2	-	1	1	-	-	2
17	Gardener	1	1	ē	820		8	1
	Total	322	89	7	4	3	3	106

# Publishing of Book on Commission's 10-years journey

- 136. Since the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was established in 2011, the book on the Commission's 10-years journey from 2011 to 2021 was compiled by the team drawn from the Commission staff. The Commission verified and approved the draft which was published in 2022.
- 137. Book on Myanmar National Human Rights Commission's 10-years journey delivered to the State Administration Council, Union Ministries, and Union-level organizations and also distributed in training for senior officials where commission was invited to give Human Rights lecture. courses held by the Commission for high-ranking officials.

# Fire safety awareness

138. Fire safety awareness talk and firefighting demonstration were conducted by the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission in collaboration with Fire Service Department on 7 April 2022 at the Commission headquarter. Staff members of the Commission took part in practical demonstration of firefighting.

## Capacity Enhancement of the staff

139. To enhance the capacity of the staff, Commissioner U Kyaw Soe lectured on leaves matter on 30 December 2022 and 30 members of staff attended the lecture. Additionally, to improve the English language proficiency, presentation sessions on human rights topics and the functions of each division were conducted in English.

# Formation of Corruption Prevention Unit (CPU)

140. With order No. (5/2021) the Corruption Prevention Unit (CPU) of the Office of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission with five staff members led by Director General was formed on 15 June 2021. On 12 August 2022 the CPU was reorganized through order No. (6/2022) and CPU met three times and conducted an awareness raising on anti-corruption for the staffs of the commission in 2022. The Chair of CPU also attended the meeting organized by Anti-Corruption Commission. The CPU submitted monthly report to the Office of the State Administration Council.

# Standing order and Account Manual

- 141. The Standing Order was compiled by the Standing Order Development Team and distributed to the Commission and its staff in 2022.
- 142. The account manual was developed by commissioner. U Kyaw Myint with the assistance of relevant staff. It was distributed to the commission and its staff to ensure adherence to proper financial regulations and prevent accounting errors.

# Assignment of desk officers

143. To enhance the effectiveness of human rights promotion and protection activities, the commission assigned desk officers who are responsible for child rights, the rights of people with disabilities, women's rights, Business and Human Rights and the rights of old-aged. Their role involves monitoring the human rights situation and compiling information within their respective subject areas. They are required to submit their monthly report to the Head of the office.

# 74<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day Commemoration Ceremony

144. The 74<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day commemoration ceremony was held on 10 December 2022 at the Myanmar International Convention Center-1 in Nay Pyi Taw. Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended and delivered a speech.

145. The ceremony was attended by several members of the State Administration Council, including General Mya Tun Oo, Admiral Tin Aung San, Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Mahn Nyein Maung, Daw Aye Nu Sein, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Lt-Gen Soe Htut, and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae. Also present were Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union-level Guests, Union Ministers, the Chairman of the NayPyiTaw Council, Tadmadaw Senior Officials, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, Deputy Ministers, the Chairman and members of the Union Election Commission, and the Chairman and members of the Anti-Corruption Commission. The Commission's responsible officials, invited guests and students were also in attendance.

146. The Chairman of the State Administration Council, the Prime Minister, delivered a speech during the ceremony. Following that, the Commission Chairperson U Hla Myint presented a report on the achievements of the commission. Vice-Chairperson Dr. Nanda Hmun then read out the message from the UN Secretary General. Human rights video clip was also presented at the ceremony.

- 147. Additionally, Commission Chairperson awarded prizes to the winners of the competitions for the poems, cartoons, articles and painting. At the ceremony, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) Mobile Application was launched. The artistes from the Fine Arts Department performed with the song entitle "Human Rights for All."
- 148. Furthermore, the Chairman of the State Administration Council, the Prime Minister, along with the attendees viewed round the documentary photos and display booths highlighting the implementation of human rights promotion and protection activities carried out by the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.

#### **Photos**



Speech by the Chairman of the State Administration Council in 74<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day Ceremony



Presenting a report on the achievements of the Commission by Commission Chairperson in the 74<sup>th</sup> International Huaman Rights Day Ceremony



Reading out the message from the UN Secretary General by Vice-Chairperson in the 74<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day Ceremony



Audience of the 74th International Human Rights Day Ceremony



Viewing around the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission's Documentary

Photos and Display Booths



Holding the Regular Meeting



Holding the Executive Meeting



Speech by Commission Chairperson in Corruption Prevention Awareness Course



Lecturing about Leave by Commissioner, U Kyaw Soe



Firefighting Demostration by Fire Service Department's Staff

#### Activities of e-Government Division

### Responsibilities

149. In order to carry out more human rights promotion and protection activities, cooperation conveniently and smoothly for the implementation of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) on the e-Government activities that connected with relevant divisions to successfully implement the SOP of the technology, basic infrastructure development, online services and Information and Communication Technology (ICT). In comply with the procedure for the standard of e-Government systems to accelerate and enhance the functions, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and the functions of e-Government in line with current activities of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.

## Formation of e-Government Working Committee

- 150. The e-Government working committee has been formed with Commissioner Dr. Than Myint as Chairperson, Commissioner Dr. Tin Maung Maung Than as Vice Chairperson, Director General and Directors from various divisions and the Director of e-Government Division as Secretary in order to be able to implement e-Government activities widely and to be able to connect with the activities of various divisions of the commission office.
- 151. Director U Arkar Hein Soe was appointed as the Commission's Chief Information Officer (CIO), while Deputy Director U Kyaw Htet Soe had taken on the role of Assistant Chief Information Officer (ACIO). Both of them are responsible for establishing connections with relevant ministries.

### Design and Utilization of Electronic Document Management System

152. Plan for implementation of EDMS was presented to the regular meeting of the commission in 2022. The objective was to utilize the EDMS system as a Multi-Platform Application to facilitate effective communication between the commission's divisions and other ministries. Additionally, workflows were developed to streamline office work processes within the Commission, aiming to increase efficiency and ease. In accordance with the plan and the Commission's 2022 Operational Plan, training sessions were conducted to familiarize the

members of the staff with the EDMS system, and workflows were designed and implemented across the various divisions of the Commission.

# Establishing Offline e-Library and Utilization

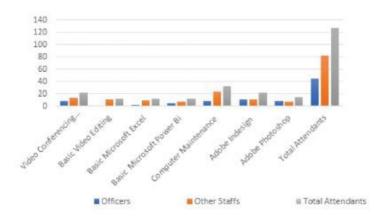
153. In February 2022, Offline e-Library was established as a component of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission's library reform programme and it had been successfully implemented as an offline e-Library that can be accessed within the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission in April 2022.

# **Conducting Digital Literacy Trainings**

- 154. To enhance the proficiency in Information Communication Technology (ICT) of Commission staff, Digital Literacy trainings were conducted in 2022. Total of seven trainings were as follows:
  - (a) Conducting Basic Video Editing Training: To provide knowledge on systematic recording and editing of divisions activity records, Basic Video Editing Training attended by 12 Commission staff was conducted from 12 to 14 January 2022.
  - (b) Conducting Basic Microsoft Excel Training: To improve computer proficiency, Basic Microsoft Excel Training attended by 12 Commission staff was conducted from 17 to 21 January 2022.
  - (c) Conducting Basic Microsoft Power Bi Training: To better present information and perform data analysis effectively in the promotion and protection of human rights, Basic Power Bi Training attended by 12 Commission staff was conducted from 7 to 11 July 2022.
  - (d) Conducting Video Conferencing Training: Video Conferencing training attended by 22 Commission staff was conducted two times from 19 to 22 April 2022 which aimed to enable easy and quick dialogues and meetings with external organizations easily and quickly, enabling Commission staff to use video conferencing more professionally, being able to regularly connect office activities during the covid-19 epidemic, and providing support in attending workshops, training, discussions, forums and internal/external meetings.

- (e) Conducting Computer Maintenance Training: To ensure proper handling, maintenance, and usage of computers, Computer Maintenance Training attended by 19 Commission staff was conducted on 22 Apirl 2022. To monitor the upgrading and inspection of computer maintenance twice a month by the divisions, Computer Maintenance Training attended by 13 Commission staff was conducted from 16 to 18 August 2022.
- (f) Conducting Adobe InDesign Training: To be able to create Poster Designs, Flyer Designs and Book Cover Designs, Adobe InDesign Training attended by 22 Commission staff was conducted two times from 20 to 22 July 2022 and from 8 to 12 August 2022.
- (g) Conducting Adobe Photoshop Training: To be able to create Poster Designs, Visiting Card Designs, Flyer Designs and Calendar Designs, Adobe Photoshop Training attended by 15 Commission staff was conducted from 25 to 29 July 2022.

### In-House Trainings on e-Government from January to December 2022



# Attending Trainings Conducted by the Ministry of Transport and Communications

155. Commission staff attended the following Information and Communication Technology Trainings conducted by the Ministry of Transport and Communications:

Sr. No.	Name	Attendee	Position	Division	
1.	Microsoft Office Word 2010 Training (0103/ 01/2021)	Daw Su Yamin Aung	Lower Division Clerk	Human Rights Protection Division	
2.	Web Design HTML5 and CSS3 Course (0103/01/ 2021)	Daw Phyu Hnin	Upper Division Clerk	e-Government Division	
3.	Advanced Excel 2010 Course (0105/01/ 2021)	Daw May Thinkyan	Lower Division Clerk	Human Rights Promotion and Education Division	
4.	Basic Networking Course (0201/01/ 2021)	Daw Phyu Hnin	Upper Division Clerk	e-Government Division	
5.	Windows Sever Administration Course-1 (0403/01, 02/ 2022) (Training No.1)	U Kyaw Ko Ko Htike	Staff Officer	e-Government Division	
6.	Windows Sever Administration Course-1 (0403/01, 02/ 2022) (Training No.2)	U Kyaw Htet Soe	Deputy Director	e-Government Division	
7.	My SQL Database Course (0304/ 01, 02/ 22-23)	Daw Hnin Wai Lwin	Staff Officer	e-Government Division	

Sr. No.	Name	Attendee	Position	Division  e-Government Division	
8.	Incident Handling- Intrusion Detection Course (0506/ 01, 02/ 22-23)	U Kyaw Ko Ko Htike	Staff Officer		
9.	Myanmar National Portal Usage Update Course	U Aung Thu Win U Kyaw Ko Ko Htike	Staff Officer, Staff Officer	e-Government Division	
10.	Microsoft Office Excel 2019 Training (0103/ 01,02/ 22-23)	Daw May Myat Noe Oo	Lower Division Clerk	e-Government Division	
11.	Basic Networking Course (0201/ 01, 02, 03/ 22-23)	U Aung Thu Win	Staff Officer	e-Government Division	
12.	PHP Programming Language Course (0305/ 01,02/ 22-23)	Daw Phyu Hnin	Upper Division Clerk	e-Government Division	

#### Other Activities

- 156. Developing the MNHRC Mobile Application: To carry out more human rights promotion and protection activities, the MNHRC Mobile Application was developed. The public will be able to acquire the knowledge of human rights, news related to human rights promotion and protection in real time by using the application and also the public will be able to lodge complaints about human rights violations through the application. The MNHRC Mobile Application was officially launched on the occasion of the 74<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day on 10 December 2022. The application can be downloaded from the Google Play Store.
- 157. **e-Newsletter Publication:** The e-Newsletters of the Commission has been published since January 2022 and posted in the Commission's Website with the aim of informing public about the monthly activities, meetings and trainings

conducted by the Commission. Articles, poems and cartoons which highlighted the human rights knowledge are also included.

158. **Designing:** Design works for 2023 commission's Table Calendar, Greeting Card as well as Backdrop design and exhibition design for 74<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day Ceremony were carried out.

159. Audio-Visual Documentation: Editing video clips on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights developed for the 74<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day held on 10 December 2022. Furthermore, conducting voice-over practice in coordination with other divisions, video and photos of Ceremony were recorded and edited.

## Acting as Web Administrator

160. For public awareness, the Commission's activities and statements are being published in a timely manner on its website <a href="https://mnhrc.org.mm">https://mnhrc.org.mm</a> and the security of Commission website is being monitored and upgraded. Union Ministries and Organizations were informed about the launching of the commission website.

161. In 2022, the Commission website posted the following news:

(a)	Human rights promotion and educational news	60 Items
(b)	Human rights protection news	23 Items
(c)	International relations news	7 Items
(d)	Administration and finance news	6 Items

# Posting in Myanmar National Webportal

162. Information on the Human Rights Commission, including statements, announcements, published books, articles, staff recruitments and inviting tenders were posted on the Myanmar National Webportal. The posted items are as follow:

(a)	Human rights promotion and educational news	1 Item
(b)	Human rights protection news	7 Items
(c)	International relations news	3 Items
(d)	Administration and finance news	3 Items

# Installation of Video Conferencing System

163. To facilitate communication within MNHRC, external organizations, international organizations, online meetings, webinars, and training courses, video conferencing systems was installed in the Head Office and Branches and technical assistance was provided for operating the system.

## **Photos**



Home Page of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Website



MNHRC Mobile Application



Digital Literacy Training



Digital Literacy Training



Digital Literacy Training



Digital Literacy Training



Digital Literacy Training



MNHRC e-Library





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#### Conclusion

164. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was established in 2011 by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar through Order No. (34/2011) dated September 5. As of the submission of this report, the Commission has been in existence for over 11 years. Throughout its tenure, the Commission underwent two reconstitutions, once in September 2014 and again in January 2020. On February 1, 2021, the current Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and members of the Commission were assigned to continue their duties through Commander-in-Chief of Defence Order No. (4/2021).

165. The Commission is working diligently to promote and protect human rights, in accordance with the powers and duties assigned to it by the Commission Law. This report is submitted as per the stipulation that the Commission's activities must be reported under the provisions.

166. This report covers the Commission's activities from 2022, January 1 to December 31.

167. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has been assigned to continue the existing duties on February 1, 2021, to fulfill its obligations by promoting and protecting human rights as specified in the Commission Law. The Commission is dedicated to continuing these efforts in the future.

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