



Myanmar

As the one of the longest serving international NGOs in Myanmar, Pact has been supporting local communities to drive and lead their own processes and efforts to achieve peace and development working with citizens, local government, and civil society since 1997.

Pact in Myanmar

Over the last seventeen years, Pact has developed integrated development programs that empower communities with increased knowledge to better care for their families, to grow their resources for individual and common goals, and take leadership in their community. Our work is grounded in the belief that local communities must be the driving force in ending poverty and injustice. To accomplish this, we design and implement our projects to maximize local ownership and to leverage existing systems and networks. Pact's work covers a broad spectrum of interventions - health, livelihoods, local governance, civil society strengthening, water and sanitation. Today, Pact maintains two head offices in Yangon, which house approximately 150 staff in total. Pact employs over 3,050 staff across the country working in over 110 field offices.

What We Do

Health - Pact's approach to improving health in Myanmar is distinguished by three key strategies:

1. Empowering communities to set their own priorities and actions around health

2. Providing opportunities to grow financial resources for healthier lives
3. Increasing access to essential health services

First, Pact empowers communities to improve their well-being through a range of tailored interventions including health education; support of Village Health and Development Funds; participatory priority setting and action planning; referral and support systems for TB, Malaria, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and HIV; development of local leaders or "Change Agents" to improve health seeking behaviors; and support to Mother's Groups for increased MCH knowledge. Second, Pact integrates health and sustainable livelihoods so that individuals can grow financial resources for healthier lives. Third, Pact and its partners improve access to essential health services in hard to reach areas through providing mobile clinics that supplement community-based health interventions. Mobile clinics offer a range of family planning and primary care services, and identify and treat STIs, malaria, and TB.

Food Security & Livelihoods - Pact improves household-level food security and increases livelihood opportunities through a dual approach that expands access to financial services and improves agriculture practices.

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Pact began introducing credit, savings and microenterprise development groups in Myanmar in 1997. Pact's activities include targeted provision of financial services including institutional credit and savings-based empowerment models, combined with support for community decision-making and microenterprise development. In 2012, Pact founded the Pact Global Microfinance Fund, which operates one of the thirty largest microfinance programs in the world and largest in Myanmar operating in more than 6,000 villages across the Dry Zone, Delta Region, and Shan State.

To increase agricultural production, Pact supports community-managed agricultural diversification and intensification including improved irrigation, improved small livestock management capabilities, and community managed value-chain linkages.

Local Governance & Community Strengthening – Pact believes that the sustainability of its work in health, livelihoods, sanitation and hygiene depends as much on each community's support structures and leadership capabilities as it does on technical approaches. Pact strengthens local communities by promoting inclusive and participatory village decision-making; supporting the development of transparent and accountable community planning, implementation, and monitoring; and coaching and mentoring organizations to develop their institutional capacities.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene - Pact and its partners upgrade water collection and storage infrastructures, while actively involving community members at each stage in the process, from needs assessment, to developing water and sanitation improvement plans, carrying out construction and developing mechanisms for long-term maintenance. Emphasis is placed on using locally-sourced materials and local expertise, promoting low-cost, sustainable solutions. Trained community volunteer lead hygiene awareness trainings to increase knowledge and promote behavior change.

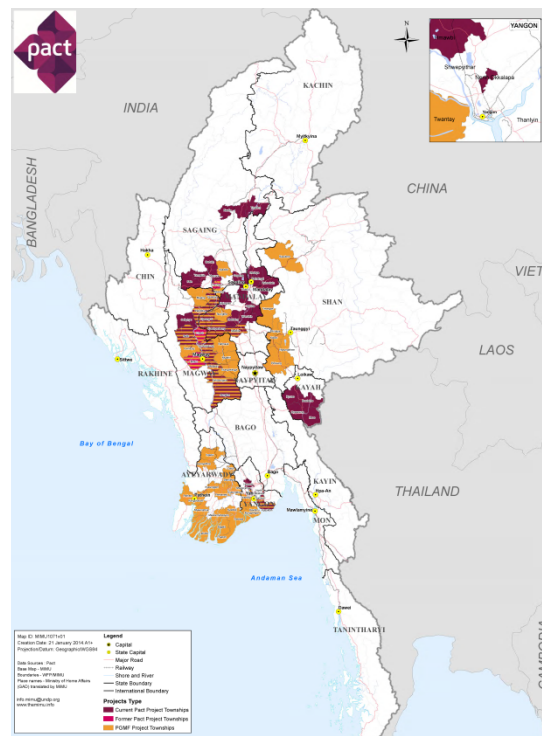
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Pact is an international, nonprofit organization with forty years of experience. Our vision is a world where those who are poor and marginalized exercise their voice, build their own solutions, and take ownership over their future.

Where We Work



Cross-Cutting Strategy: Capacity Development

A cross-cutting strategy across all of Pact Myanmar's programs is capacity development. Pact's approach focuses on building local knowledge and abilities, so that communities can create and manage their own development solutions and take ownership of their futures. Our integrated programming incorporates tailored capacity development activities which include strengthening community knowledge and leadership through community trainings, promoting local governance through Village Development Councils, and partnering with local organizations to develop organizational expertise and capacities.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MYANMAR

Nearly **four million** people across **12,000** villages have improved access to healthcare, livelihoods and community development

1,525 villages have formed Village Development Committees, with women comprising **31%** of leadership positions

1.4 million people have improved access to health services

875,326 individuals, **98%** of whom are women, have participated in microfinance operations

14,919 volunteers trained to bring improved healthcare knowledge and practices to their communities

397,456 individuals have improved access to safe drinking water