

**K**achin

**W**omen's

**A**ssociation

**T**hailand

20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PHOTO BOOK  
1999-2019



# Acknowledgements

This photobook is published to remember KWAT's milestones events, accomplishments and activities during the past 20 years.

Firstly, we would like to express our sincere thanks to our donor; Burma Relief Center which has been constantly aiding us to reach our vision to empower and assist Kachin community.

Secondly, we would like to thank to our community, partners, networks organizations, and donors for being with us in the past 20 years. KWAT would not have been able to continue and increase its actions and activities without the generous contribution and support from you.

And, our special thanks goes to KWAT's founding leaders and all staff members for your grate contributions to reach KWAT's goal.

We also acknowledge that there may be incomplete information in this memorial photo book according to our data limitation.

Finally, we are also immensely grateful to Dartmouth College's GlobeMed GROW team, volunteer Melanie, and KWAT staff for their assistance making this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial photo book.



**Shirley Seng**



**Hkawn Tawng**



**Linda Lahtaw**



**Jenet**

The Kachin Women's Association Thailand (KWAT) was founded 20 years ago in 1999. The four women pictured above created this non-profit organization to work on behalf of Kachin women and provide services to promote the rights of women and children, gender equality and women's participation in politics. KWAT also dedicates itself to communities by providing health education and health services throughout the Kachin state, IDPs camps, and nearby villages. KWAT's hands-on service and education strengthens Kachin communities, and equips people to fight for their own rights and the well being of their communities.

Over the last 20 years, KWAT staff has collected pictures of their staff, their programs, and those they serve. In this photo book, we hope to capture the happiness, health, and education that KWAT has provided for the past two decades. We wish not only to celebrate what KWAT has already done but also the change they will make in the future.





# Messages

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Shirley Seng  
KWAT EC Member

**“I did not foresee that our organization would reach to 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary mile stone when the organization was founded twenty years ago. As the organization is running by, we found out that it is very essential to provide awareness training and capacity building to our Kachin people especially women and youth. Therefore, we have been empowering youths to improve their skills, knowledge and to become great leaders for the society. KWAT has been joining various international events and advocating on Kachin issue to international community. As a result, I am very content to see that international community began to notice and understand the Kachin issues more and more. I will continuously fight for our Kachin people for fair and justice. Finally, I urged my Kachin people to highly invest in education and be united as one come a more prosperous and successful organization.”**



Linda Lahtaw  
KWAT EC Member

**“On this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KWAT, I would like to state that working as an unity in an organization give us achievement in whatever we do.”**

# Messages

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Shanghtin Hkawn Tawng  
KWAT EC Member

**“Each and every one of KWAT staff has a very strong commitment towards serving the needs and development of Kachin society and they have been gradually building up their skills and capacities through practical works and project implementation. KWAT works for the community to oppose all forms of discrimination against women, to promote women rights, human rights and to have a genuine peaceful and justified society in our country. From this 20<sup>th</sup> KWAT’s Anniversary day on wards, I wish KWAT to become a more prosperous and successful organization.”**



Jenet

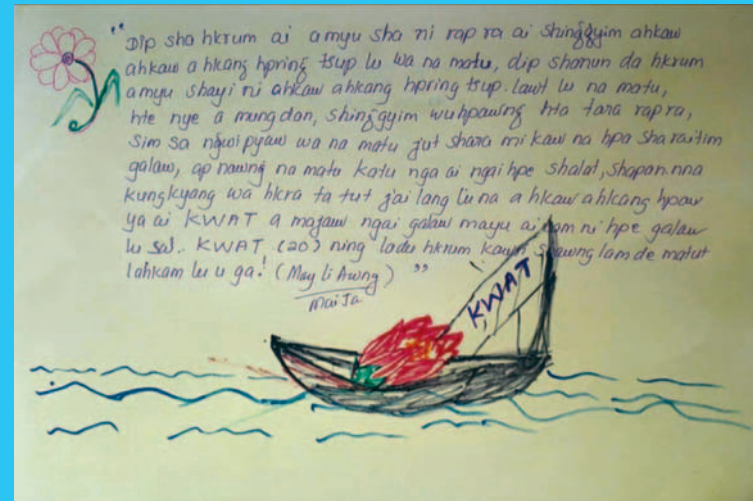
**“I acknowledge those who have been leading KWAT with great effort in any good and bad situation. I hope all KWAT staff will take part in leading the organization in the future as well. I am very proud of KWAT for its reaching 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone. I would like to express my gratitude and honor to all KWAT staff.”**

# Messages

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**“KWAT has trained me well to fulfill my inner wish to work for the community to oppose all forms of discrimination against women, to promote women rights, human rights and to have a genuine peaceful and justified society in our country. From this 20<sup>th</sup> KWAT’s Anniversary day onwards, I wish KWAT to become a more prosperous and successful organization.”**

- May Li Awng -



**“BRC is privileged to have supported the work of KWAT since it was formed. KWAT is playing a vital role in protecting and promoting the rights of women and children in war-torn northern Burma, and in mobilizing and advocating for genuine federal reform and peace.”**

- Pippa Curwen, Burma Relief Centre -

2001

# Young Leadership Management Training in Ireland





Health  
Education  
at Dai Wai  
Moyin  
Township



**2002**



# Donated Sewing Machines to Mai Ja Yang Women Organization



## Leadership Training at Lai Za





Mobile Clinic at  
Pan Hkwan



2003





2<sup>nd</sup> Congress



2004

# Media and Communication Skills Teacher Training in Mai Ja Yang



## Midwifery Training



**2005**





3<sup>rd</sup> Congress



Migrant  
Exchange

**2006**



# 4<sup>th</sup> Congress



**2007**



Intern  
Participating  
in Kachin Day

Adolescent  
Reproductive  
Health Training  
at Mae Sai



**2008**



## Interns



## 5th Congress



## English Class for Chiang Mai Migrant Workers



2009



AJWS Volunteer Orientation



Peace Program of TOT Workshop



May Day event for Chiang Mai migrant workers



Interns Practice Using Computers





# Peace Projects



Building Trust



Participants Discuss in Small Groups



Group Presentation



Energizer Game



Team Building





Participant Presents Research and Presentation



Computer Class

## Women Empowering Education Training



Human and Women's Rights Session



Outing

# Adolescent Health Training to Migrants



English Class for  
Pattaya Migrant  
Worker

2010



# Advocacy



Meeting with Rights of Women



Meeting with John Bercow



Meeting with Keith Simpson



Advocacy Meeting



Advocacy Workshop

# Advocacy Trip, New York







## KWAT's 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary







KWAT Annual Meeting



Staff Meeting



Meeting with Amnesty International



Human Resource Training



Development Workshop with Mr. Frankie



Team Building Workshop



# Migrant Program



Sunday Computer Class



Sunday Computer Class



Sunday Computer Class



May Day event with Chiang Mai Migrant workers



May Day event with Chiang Mai Migrant workers



Monthly Migrant Exchange



Migrant Outreach



Worker Empowerment



# Volunteers of KWAT



AJWS Volunteer Orientation



Dorothy



Chloe



Beth Shyken



Hanna's English Class



Ester and Sub-Grant Interns



Shana and Interns



Jessica and Interns



WEAVE Philippines Interns





Human Rights Training

2011



# Kachin Women's Day



# Advocacy



International Federation for Human Rights  
Advocacy Trip



Brazil Advocacy Trip



China Advocacy Trip



Brazil Advocacy Trip



# Health Program

Ja Reng Yang Clinic





# International Women's Day



# Political Empowerment Program



Participants of Human Rights Training



Game with Participants



Human Rights Trainer La Ring



# Photos from the 6<sup>th</sup> Congress



Coordinators



Founders



Organizational Development



Organizational Development



Organizational Development



Party





## Doi Tau Trip After Congress







Fashion School



WLB Video Launch



Picture with MRGI



Office Staff



Staff Meeting



Deputy Coordinator Farewell Party



Management Team

2012





# KWAT's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary







On 5 June, around 40 people staged a protest at the Burmese Embassy in Bangkok to criticize the ongoing armed conflict and humanitarian crisis in Kachin State. The protesters, members of the Kachin community in Bangkok and representatives from the Overseas National Students of Burma, read out a statement and the text of the letter addressed to President Thein Sein calling for an end to the crisis situation. An official from the Embassy met the protesters and accepted the letter



7<sup>th</sup> Congress

Meet with The  
Commission on the  
Status of Women





# Intern Graduation Ceremony







Advocacy KWAT Book Launch



GlobeMed Dinner Party



Meet with WCC theology students



Meet with WCC theology students



# PEP Awareness Training



**2013**





# KWAT 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary







Meet with Daw Seng Raw



GlobeMed Students



Linda, Shirley, and Janet



Organizational Development Workshop



Volunteer Farewell Party Photo





Shirley and Jenet Meeting with Jenny



KWA with KWAT Staff



Organizational Development Meeting



20 Years Photo Laiza



KWAT Annual Meeting



Moon Nay Li Meeting with Media





Mother and Child Care



Basic Health Education



Nursery School Teacher Training

## Health Program



School Health



School Health



# PEP Activities



Women Forum at Mai Ja Yang



Political Empowerment



Rising Up



# PEP Activities



## Womens Forum at Mai Ja Yang







Lana Zupja Camp Awareness Training



Pa Kahtwang IDP Camp



Nutrition to IDPs

## Internally Displaced Peoples Program



Hpunlum Yang Camp Awareness Training



Je Yang Camp Awareness Training





Consultation with Camps



VAW Day in Man Wing



Outreach in Alen Bum School

## Anti-Trafficking



Monitoring Evaluation Lana Zup Ja Camp



Monitoring Evaluation Lana Zup Ja Camp

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## Partner Exchange in Mai Ja Yang



Consultation with  
Former Participants



# Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development visiting to KWAT



2014



## Annual Meeting



## Intern Opening Ceremony



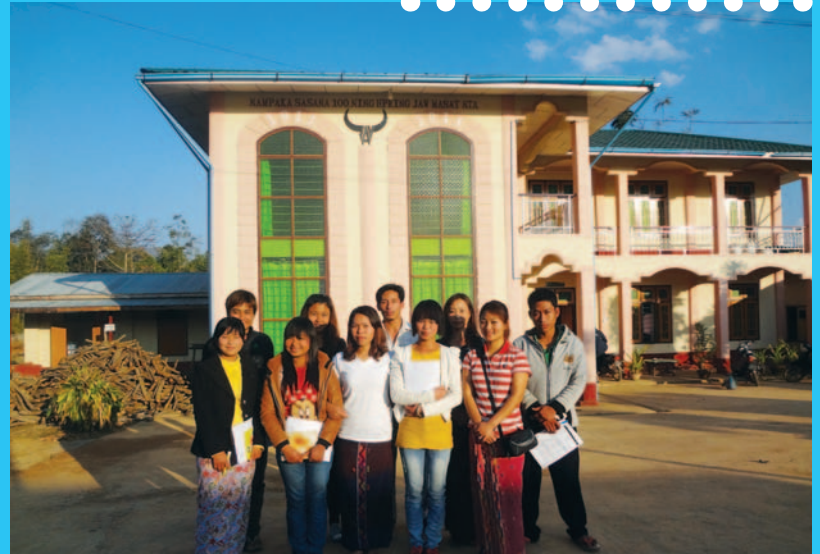
# International Women's Day







General Human Rights Violation Documentation Collection



Nampaka Church

## Documentation and Human Rights



NPK Training



Training at the Documentation Center of Cambodia



# Health Program



Health Campaign



Health Campaign



Health Campaign



Out Patient Department



# Political Empowerment Program



Discussion PEP Sumla



Namtu Village



PEP Intern Opening Ceremony



Na Mun village



Bang Wa Village



Group Photo PEP Sumla



# Advocacy

## London Trip



With Deputy Foreign Minister U Thant Kyaw



Women from Burma Delegation at British Parliament



Meeting with Burmese Activists

## World Bank Annual Meeting





# Advocacy



Meeting in Mai Ja Yang



With Survivor's Family in Hkalum



Nutrition to IDPs



Workshop in Mitikyina, Kachin State



With Survivor's Family in Namgut





KWAT Staff with KBC Development Group



World Social Forum in Tunisia



KWAT Staff with KBC Youth



Meeting with GlobeMed Students



Meeting with AJWS



Meeting with Sr. Hkaw Sau



**2015**



Danai 3-Day Training



Monthly Youth Exchange in Nam Um



3-Day Training in Mam Ping



3-Day Political Awareness Training at Kanla



Kachin Martyr Day



3-Day Training in Bum Htoi Yang



3-Day Training in Bum Htoi Yang



3-Day Training in Bum Htoi Yang

# Political Empowerment



# Advocacy



Consultation Meeting for Promoting Human Rights



Consultation Meeting for Promoting Human Rights



Presentation to WCC about the Murder Case



Women and Peace Forum Researcher Interview



Seng Zin Meets with UK Parliament in Bangkok



# Capacity Building



14<sup>th</sup> Youth Capacity Building and Empowerment Internship





Meeting with Japanese Guest



Meeting with Journalist



Meeting with Erin



Meeting with Leena



Meeting with USCB





Normal Work Day at Clinic



School Health at Lana Zup Ja Camp



Prenatal Care at Clinic



Severe Anemia Case



OPD at Loiye Camp



School Health



Family Planning Survey

## Health Program



**2016**



3-Day Political Awareness Training in Namyá Seik



3-Day Political Awareness Training in Mangpang

## Political Empowerment



Women's Rights Training



Monthly Political Youth Exchange in Mytikina





Meeting with Myanmar Human Rights  
Special Reporter



Side Event on Justice and Accountability



IWPG Group Photo



Meeting with Myusha Zinglum Member

**2017**





KWAT Christmas



Meeting with Kachin Education Department



First Executive Committee Meeting

**2018**





Working Team Meeting



Chinese Interns



Advocacy Meeting



Advocacy Meeting



# Advocacy



At Parliament in Japan



Korean Trip HPWL



Praying Service for New Office



Meeting with Kachin Baptist Convention



Advocacy Workshop



Discussion US Trip



Country Representatives US Trip





10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting



8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting



Meeting with Kachin Women Culture Department



Meeting with Redress



Annual Meeting Photos



Kachin Community Thailand Meeting





IWPG Peace Movies Campaign



Attending Women Peace Forum at Yangon

Political  
Empowerment  
and Peace  
Campaign



Women Peace Forum



**2019**

# 8<sup>TH</sup> Year Commemoration of the Resumption of War



Advocacy Future Plans Workshop



IWPG Group Photo







KWAT's 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Executive Committee Evaluation



Organizational Learning and Future Development Plan Workshop



Organizational Learning and Future Development Plan Workshop



Meeting with a European Union Delegate



Meeting with UNESCO



Meeting with a Member of the Swedish Embassy



Meeting with GlobeMed Volunteers



Progressive Voice Launch Photo



# Treating to Kum Gau Villagers



# Publications



Shayishanan  
Newsletter

Report book  
by KWAT



# Statement

Statement on the 10th Congress of the Kachin Women's Association Thailand. March 10, 2019

Undermining Trust Building: Human Rights Situation During the Northern Ceasefire (January 1 to April 30, 2019) July 26, 2019

Myanmar: Human trafficking on China border can only be addressed by ending Burma Army offensives and war crimes. (September 13, 2018)

Burma Army commits war crimes against Kachin IDPs: blocking access to refuge, using as human shields and minesweepers, indiscriminate shelling, looting May 15, 2018

YOU CANNOT IGNORE US: Victims of human rights violations in Burma October 16, 2018

Myanmar: UN Security Council must act to end ongoing crimes against humanity in northern Burma May 4, 2018

Statement from the Ninth Congress of the Kachin Women's Association Thailand February 24, 2017

Appeal for the immediate release of Kachin farmer Nlam Bawk Naw, arbitrarily arrested on the Ledo Road by the Burma Army on June 20, 2017 August 8, 2017

Myanmar: Drop Criminal Defamation Charges Against Kachin Activist November 14, 2017

Recent defamation case in Phakant highlights urgent need to bring the Burma Army under civilian control September 8, 2017

Latest Burma Army war crimes in Kachin State highlight urgent need to end military-to-military ties with Burma August 21, 2017

KWAT's 17th anniversary denouncing escalating Burma Army offensives to seize control of Kachin State's natural resources September 9, 2016

New report exposes systematic cover-up of Myanmar Army involvement in Kachin rape-murder case January 19, 2016

The Second Consultation Meeting of Border-Based Democracy Activist and Ethnic Civil Society Organizations Regarding Their Role and Work in Burma During the Transition May 11, 2016

Kachin women expose ongoing Burma Army abuses under NLD government November 15, 2016

The 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the renewal of war in Kachin areas June 9, 2015

“As a grassroots women’s organization, we are so glad serving our community through various activities in the past 20 years. And very happy to see that many more women are actively engaged in women empowerment and community development works nowadays. But still remain challenges for women to be in decision making levels. Therefore, we still need to put great effort to continue our work to empower women. Lastly, we also have a lot more to do to help establish genuine federalism in our country.”

- Mrs. San Htoi, Joint General Secretary -



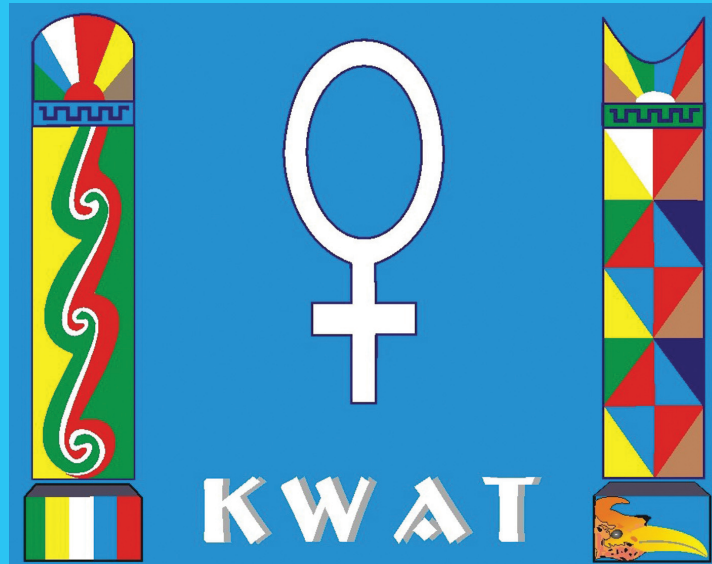
# Conclusion

We sincerely hope that this memorial photo book gives our viewers a greater knowledge and understanding of KWAT's activities. This photo book reflects the efforts and works we have done from 1999 to 2019.

We are committed to continue our works for the development of our community and the continual contributions and supports from local, national, and international communities are immensely necessitated in order to reach our goals for having a just and peaceful society.







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