



THE FUTURE IS LOCAL

Building Resilient
Cities From the
Ground Up



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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

THIS REPORT TELLS STORIES OF PEOPLE AND THEIR COMMUNITIES WHO HELD UP THEIR STREETS, REBUILT WHAT WAS BROKEN, AND SHOWED THAT THE STRENGTH OF A CITY LIES IN ITS PEOPLE.

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MESSAGE FROM THE



MEANINGFUL CHANGE STARTS LOCAL. IT GROWS WHEN NEIGHBOURS SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, WHEN LOCAL CAPABILITY STRENGTHENS, AND WHEN SMALL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT RESTORE HOPE.

FOUNDER

2025 again laid bare the weight of pressures communities in Myanmar carry – conflict, displacement, the absence of public systems, natural disasters and climate stress, and shrinking resources. Yet in every neighbourhood and city we worked in, we saw energy, creativity, solidarity, and a deep desire for dignity. Our focus remained on enabling and strengthening this resilience – building, together with communities, the places and systems they need to thrive.

At Doh Eain, our work is rooted in people and place, guided by approaches that are human-centred, grounded in care, and anchored in practical action. We have long believed that meaningful change starts local, and this year reaffirmed that truth: it emerges when neighbours support one another, when capability grows, and when small improvements to the everyday built environment reduce risk and restore hope.

Through our Neighbourhood Networks, we expanded mental health and psychosocial support for communities affected by conflict and disaster. We continued to build connections, learning opportunities, and funding pathways for grassroots organisations, and supported youth through Young City Shapers – especially those eager to contribute but unsure where to begin. We remain committed to heritage not as nostalgia, but as a living resource for identity, livelihood, and wellbeing. What shifted this year was our ability to operationalise these ideas at scale: training more women in construction and maintenance, supporting more communities to prepare for disasters, and deepening our restoration and placemaking practice.

A significant step forward was strengthening how we assess our impact. We made real progress moving beyond tracking immediate outputs to systematically capturing mid-term outcomes – giving us a clearer understanding of what truly supports people in improving their places. We also strengthened our team: recruiting new talent, enabling staff to attend conferences and trainings, and running an array of sessions on ethics, leadership, data, and technical expertise.

In 2027, we will continue to channel our creativity, partnerships, and enterprise model toward supporting the people who steward Myanmar's cities.

To everyone who worked with us this year – communities, partners, funders, and our team – thank you. Your trust makes this work possible and keeps us moving forward.

EMILIE
FOUNDER & DIRECTOR





VISION

Vibrant, inclusive, sustainable and resilient cities to live and work in and enjoy.



MISSION

To inspire and enable people to shape their cities while retaining cultural heritage.



HOW CHANGE TAKES ROOT

Turning local
initiative
into lasting
foundations



OUR WORK IN ACTION

AN ECOSYSTEM OF PROTECTION, DESIGN, AND RENEWAL.

We work closely with communities to support locally driven initiatives that care for shared spaces, strengthen relationships and enable people to play an active role in shaping their neighbourhoods.



OUR PROGRAMMES



Supports the care and continued life of historic homes by working alongside owners and communities to keep heritage meaningful and well-maintained.



Enhances everyday spaces by partnering with communities to create places that are welcoming, practical and responsive to their surroundings.



Builds stronger neighbourhoods by connecting grassroots groups to solve challenges and shape the priorities of the places they care about.



Empowers young people to shape more inclusive and liveable cities through hands-on learning, collaboration and action.

OUR INITIATIVES



FOCUS AREAS

- Disaster-Resilient Building Practices
- Climate-Adaptive Construction & Design
- Participatory Rebuilding Processes

- Community-Led Adaptation Actions
- Grassroots Climate Advocacy
- Local Climate Leadership

- Youth-Led Inclusive Disaster Planning
- Gender-Sensitive Response Training
- Emergency Preparedness Education

- Rapid Community Outreach & Coordination
- Immediate Relief Assistance
- Recovery & Rebuilding Support

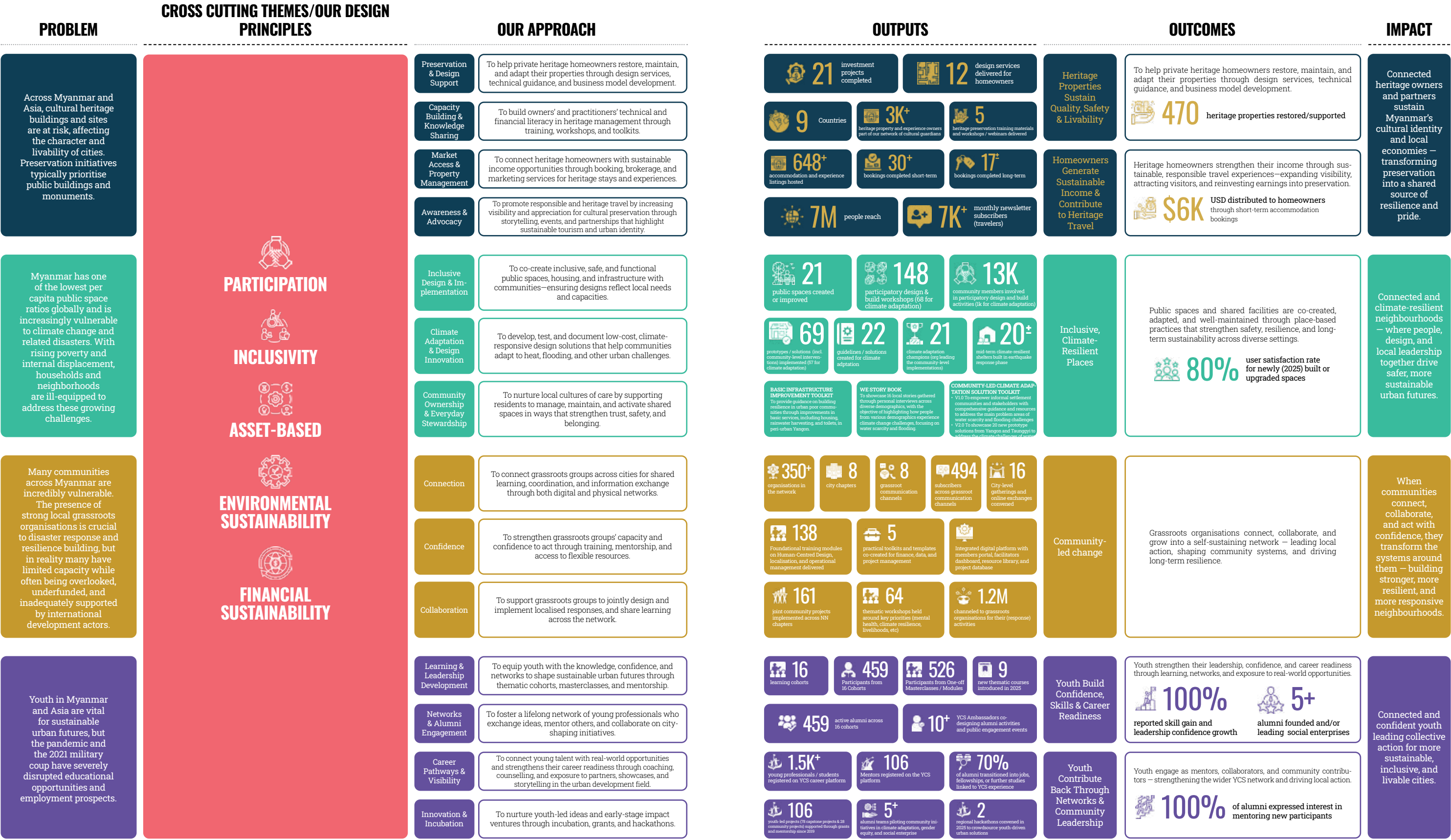
- Heritage Preservation & Adaptive Restoration
- Women's Empowerment in Construction
- Safe & Inclusive Community Space Creation

- Strengthening Grassroots Networks
- Youth Engagement & Capacity Building
- Participatory Design & Engagement

- Gender-Inclusive Industry Advocacy
- Technical Construction Skills
- Mentorship & Leadership Development

- Gender-Inclusive Operational Practices
- Women's Facility & Site Maintenance Skills
- Workforce Capacity Building for Women

THEORY OF CHANGE



YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT

From participants to
community leaders



WHEN YOUTH LEAD THE WAY

HUB OF MANDALAY EMPOWERMENT (HOME)

When the earthquake struck Mandalay, HOME's young members were among those most affected - their homes damaged and their plans wiped out overnight. "We had nowhere to stay and nothing to eat," said Yoon, one of HOME's founders. "But instead of waiting for help, we acted with what we had."

HOME is a fully youth-led group in Mandalay. Even with limited internet, they wrote proposals, called for support, and mobilised through peer networks. Within hours, they connected with the Neighbourhood Network and began delivering relief. What began as a small youth circle focused on providing educational support to young people quickly became a frontline response team during the earthquake.



For Hsu Pan, one of HOME's team leads, the shift was immediate. "We planned everything the night of the earthquake," she said. "Our biggest youth event was supposed to happen two days later - all of it was gone. From then on, every hour went into relief work."

Together with NN, HOME delivered emergency packages for immediate relief, conducted shelter needs assessments in affected areas, and carried out psychosocial support activities to help communities regain a sense of stability and wellbeing. "Youth in Myanmar want to help - really help. If manpower is needed, there's no need to worry. So many want to give their all," Hsu Pan said. "When the earthquake struck, we were eager to support, but we needed the strategy and guidance to respond effectively."

Their partnership with NN strengthened their ability to do so. "We learned a lot from being part of NN," Yoon said. "It helped us work more systematically and respond more effectively. NN lis-



.. THROUGH THE EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE AND WITH NN'S SUPPORT, WE BECAME STRONGER TOGETHER.

HSU PAN
• HOME's team member

tens to the people on the ground - those leading the efforts first-hand."

And through it all, HOME found its strength. "HOME was still a young organisation, and our team wasn't very strong yet," Hsu Pan reflected. "But through the earthquake response, we became stronger together."





WHEN EDUCATORS BECOME FIRST RESPONDERS

YAY CHAN SIN

When the earthquake struck in March 2025, Yay Chan Sin - a youth organisation providing education to street children and waste pickers in Yangon - felt the impact in unexpected ways. Although Yangon did not experience the same level of physical damage as Mandalay and Sagaing, the ripple effects hit the most vulnerable communities the hardest.

Seeing this need, the group launched a relief initiative to support families facing displacement and starvation, decisively stepping beyond their usual educational role.

However, in a crisis, the will to act is often bottlenecked by a lack of resources. This is where Yay Chan Sin's



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KO PHYO

• Yay Chan Sin Founder

SUM of Amount in MMK

1,000,000

Youth Grant Volunteer Fund

connection to the Neighbourhood Network proved critical. Through the network, Ko Phyo, the organisation's founder, accessed the Emergency Fund. "If we had relied solely on public donations, it would have taken a long time before we could move," Ko Phyo notes. Instead, the grant was processed within just two days, allowing the team to bypass the slow accumulation of crowdfunding and travel immediately to the hardest-hit areas.

With this support, they provided essential rations to between 200 and 300 households and delivered critical aid to young nuns living in deteriorating conditions. Yay Chan Sin's story shows that with the right network and resources, young people can expand their impact instantly to rebuild hope where it is needed most.

FROM UPCYCLING TO RAPID RESPONSE

PURPLE

Within 48 hours of the earthquake in Mandalay, the team at Purple had already mobilised to support relief efforts, despite not being a disaster response team. Although their work is primarily rooted in upcycling waste, they launched a fundraising campaign immediately, navigating severe logistical blockages and high transportation costs.

Purple's ability to act during the crisis wasn't accidental - it was a result of training. Phyu Sin, a Purple member, credits the "Young City Shapers" (YCS) program for equipping them

with the project management foundations needed to respond. "The capstone project experience taught us how to create a project from scratch," Phyu Sin explains. This training allowed them to handle procurement and complex logistics systematically rather than reactively.

Their connection to the Neighbourhood Network further enabled this response. Having already established trust in the community through their "Women Transformed Waste" project, they were able to plug directly into wider relief channels and volunteer effectively

on the ground.

And while Purple began as a youth upcycling initiative, the crisis accelerated their evolution. Utilising the Youth Volunteer Fund, they recently piloted a "Nature Therapy" retreat to provide youth with a space for mental healing, demonstrating their capacity to test new models and address community trauma. Their journey - from upcycling waste to managing crisis logistics and community healing - proves that when youth are equipped with the right skills and systems, they don't just show up in recovery - they shape what it becomes.

US\$
1,000
Emergency Fund



BUILDING WITH HER HANDS

Restoring the city,
one brick at a time.

CONSTRUCTING OPPORTUNITY

RESTORING HERITAGE, REBUILDING LIVES.

FROM WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM TO WOMEN MAINTENANCE TEAM TO THANLYIN HERITAGE CENTRE, THIS JOURNEY MAPS A GROWING ECOSYSTEM OF WOMEN BUILDERS — LEARNING, WORKING, AND LEADING TOGETHER. WHAT BEGAN AS VOCATIONAL TRAINING HAS BECOME A MOVEMENT, PROVING THAT WHEN WOMEN BUILT, THEY DON'T JUST RESTORE STRUCTURES — THEY STORE POSSIBILITY.

FROM LEARNING TO LEADING

It began with a question: What if women could build?



In a country where very few women work in construction, the Women in Construction (WIC) programme opened the door to a different kind of opportunity — one built on skill, dignity, and solidarity. Across five cohorts, more than 90 women trained in masonry, carpentry, and restoration. Many arrived feeling unsure about heavy tools or public spaces; they left confident, proud, and ready to support others.

WIC became more than a training ground. It became proof that courage can be learned by hand.



TURNING SKILLS INTO WORK

Formed by graduates of the Women in Construction programme, the Women Maintenance Team (WMT) is Myanmar's first all-women repair and restoration crew. The team provides a range of services, including painting, carpentry, small installations, electrical fixture repairs, and general home maintenance.

Built on the skills developed through WIC, the team delivers reliable, thoughtful work while gently shifting expectations of who can take up space in construction and maintenance.

If you would like to learn more about their services, get in touch at wmt@doheain.com.



RESTORING HERITAGE, REBUILDING CONFIDENCE

Our latest project restores a 100-year-old heritage house in Thanlyin and transforms it into a community and career space for women and girls. The work is being carried out by WIC trainees, the Women Maintenance Team, and Doh Eain's restoration specialists — bringing learning, practice, and leadership together on one site.

Once at risk of demolition, the site will reopen as the Thanlyin Heritage Centre, a career and community space for women and girls. Every brick laid here carries a story of persistence: of women who entered a male-dominated field and made it their own.



DEFYING EXPECTATIONS

KIT KIT: BUILDING HER OWN PLACE IN THE CITY.

Kit Kit has always pushed back against expectations placed on women. "I don't like how people say women should just stay home and do housework," she said. "Seeing those kinds of discrimination frustrates me."

When she heard about the Women in Construction program, she did her own research, and what she discovered resonated deeply. "I found out they were creating opportunities for women in construction. I was also interested in Doh Eain's work. After exploring their projects on social media, I admired it even more. I loved that they are making the space inclusive for bisexuals like me."

The program opened a new path. She found herself drawn to electrical work - precise, technical, and challenging. "I didn't want to just learn and leave it behind," she said. "I wanted to keep going."

That drive led her to the Women Maintenance Team. Working on real sites pushed her to grow and taught her teamwork. "I've learned to understand others better. My social skills improved a lot," she said.

Among her proudest moments was working on a heritage building restoration. "People think only famous landmarks are heritage," she said. "But homes are heritage too. I learned how important it is to preserve them."

At first, her brothers teased her - asking if women in construction meant "carrying bricks or mixing cement." She didn't listen to those. "Once they saw me fix things myself, they started respecting my skills," she said with a smile.

Today, Kit Kit hopes more women can access opportunities like she did. "Don't listen too much to negative voices," she said. "Walk the path you want with confidence."

PEOPLE THINK ONLY FAMOUS LANDMARKS ARE HERITAGE. BUT HOMES ARE HERITAGE TOO. I LEARNED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRESERVE THEM.

KYAWT THIRI MIN @ KIT KIT

- Women Maintenance Team Member
- Women in Construction Program, Cohort 2 Graduate

A MOTHER'S HANDS

THAN THAN SOE: PROVING THAT SKILL HAS NO GENDER.

She never imagined construction would become part of her life. She was simply a mother accompanying her son's tuition class when she overheard a teacher talk about the Women in Construction program. Curious, and tired of days spent entirely on housework - she signed up, not knowing what to expect.

"I thought they'd make me carry bricks," she joked. "I didn't realise I'd learn real technical skills."

The first lessons changed everything. Measuring, mixing, operating machines - skills she once believed were "only for men" slowly became familiar. She found herself enjoying the precision and care each task required, even on days when the work left her exhausted. Working alongside men could be discouraging at times, but she pushed through it.

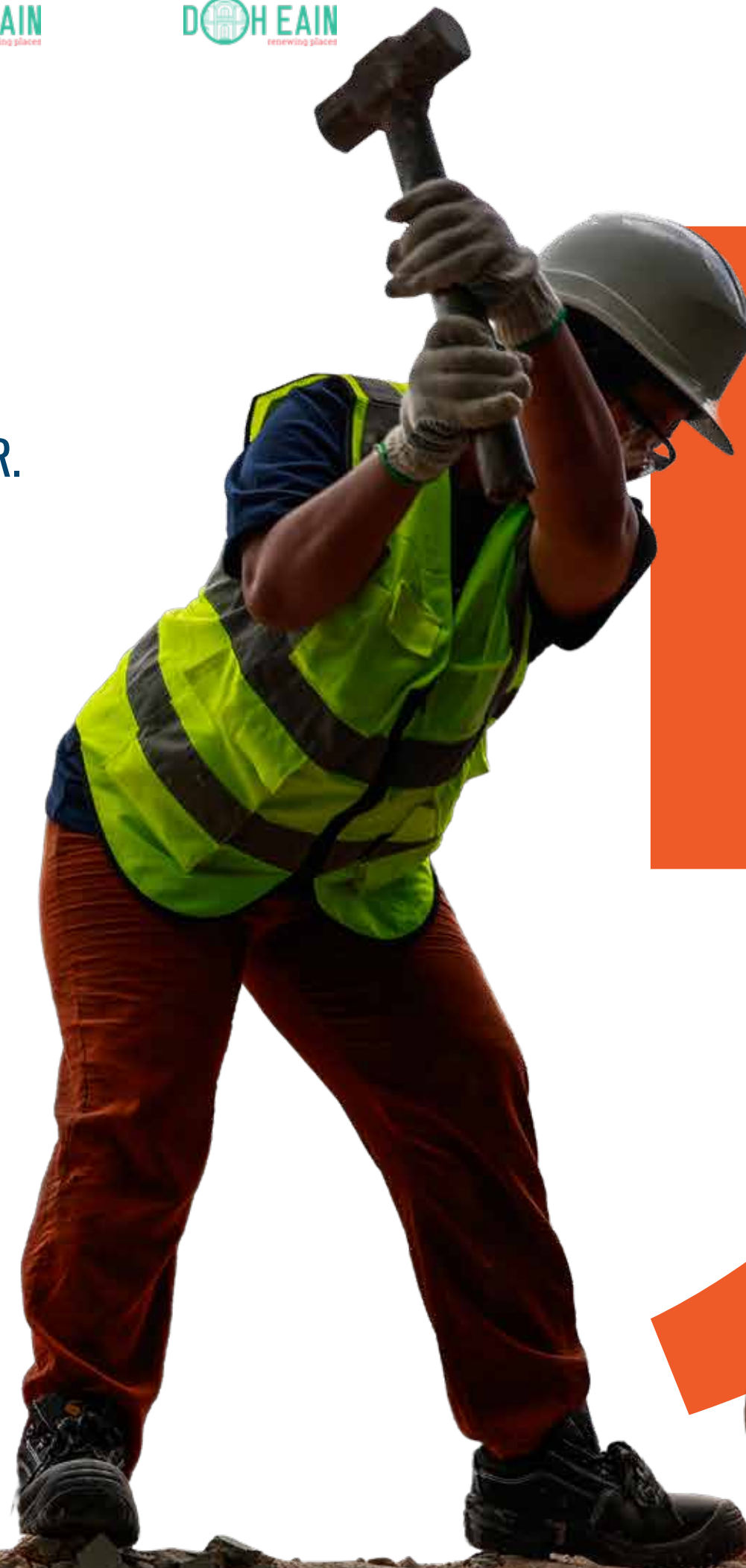
"Even strong men say construction is tiring," she said. "But we women are meticulous and have an eye for detail. When we pair our innate strengths with diligence, we can get the job done."

Her graduation opened the door to the Women Maintenance Team, where she joined the team restoring a heritage



building in Thanlyin. Preserving an old building required a different kind of strength - patience, problem-solving, and respect for what already stood. The work felt meaningful in ways she hadn't expected.

Soon, the restored building will become a centre for women and girls. "I hope my son walks through it someday," she said, "and knows her mother's hands helped protect its history."



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IT SOMEDAY,
AND KNOWS HER
MOTHER'S HANDS
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ITS HISTORY.

THAN THAN SOE

- Women Maintenance Team Member
- Women in Construction Program, Cohort 2 Graduate

BUILDING CHANGE FROM THE GROUND UP

Discover how community networks are scaling local ingenuity into systems that hold entire cities together.

FROM TRAINING SITES TO COMMUNITY SPACES

HOW EVERYDAY ACTION GROWS INTO CITY-WIDE RESILIENCE

T rue stability does not arrive from the outside. It expands from within. Across Myanmar, small community groups are proving that what begins as local care can evolve into long-term systems of inclusion and recovery.

The Neighbourhood Network connects these vital forces. Youth, parents, caregivers, and volunteers are turning local knowledge into collective strength. Their work often starts with a single act, such as supporting a family, creating jobs, or advocating for access. Yet through shared tools, mentorship, and trust, these impacts grow until they shape how entire cities care for one another.

In the following pages, we spotlight two members of this growing ecosystem:



MYANMAR DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (MDSA) is expanding from care work into inclusive emergency response and advocacy.



YANGON KAYIN BAPTIST WOMEN ASSOCIATION (YKBWA) is weaving women's leadership into community stability and livelihood recovery.

TOGETHER, THEY REVEAL HOW THE FUTURE IS BEING BUILT LOCALLY. IT HAPPENS ONE RELATIONSHIP, ONE REPAIR, AND ONE REIMAGINED SYSTEM AT A TIME.





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INCLUSION IS STRENGTH

MYANMAR DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (MDSA)

3

emergency cases resolved
with sustained follow-up

2K+

children and individuals
supported through the programs

US\$
13K+

through cash, digital transfers
and/or microgrant(s)



When flash floods hit Yangon last year, Daw Phyu and her neighbours did not wait for outside help. Parents from the Myanmar Down Syndrome Association (MDSA) quickly organised to check on families of children with disabilities. They shared transport, food, and contacts with emergency responders. What began as care within one small network soon linked dozens of households across the city.



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WE USED TO WAIT
FOR OTHERS TO
MAKE SPACE FOR
US. NOW, WE
HELP MAKE THE
SYSTEM ITSELF
MORE INCLUSIVE.



For MDSA, inclusion means more than awareness. It is about ensuring that children with Down syndrome and their families are part of every layer of response and recovery. With support from the Neighbourhood Network, the group expanded its community mapping and peer-support system into a city-wide coordination effort.

Parents trained in emergency communication, data collection, and mutual aid now act as trusted connectors between families and township authorities.

From these efforts, MDSA has grown into a model for how disability inclusion strengthens security for everyone. By embedding care into the design of systems, they show that inclusive communities are not just compassionate. They are better prepared.



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FROM SURVIVAL TO STRATEGY

TURNING DAILY CARE INTO COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP.

When food prices soared and income dried up in Hlaing Tharyar, Daw Hnin and a small group of women from the Yangon Kayin Baptist Women Association (YKBWA) began pooling what little they had. They cooked together, shared rations, and checked on elderly neighbours living alone. What started as survival quickly became a shared practice of care – one that inspired other women in the area to do the same.

With guidance from the Neighbourhood Network, YKBWA turned these informal circles into organised community hubs. Women trained in leadership and basic counselling began coordinating with local authorities to identify vulnerable households and support livelihood recovery. Their work grew to include small-scale income generation, youth mentoring, and awareness sessions on health and gender-based violence.

Through these efforts, YKBWA has shown how women's leadership is not an afterthought in recovery – it's the foundation. Their networks reach where institutions often cannot, bridging trust and action in the spaces between.

IMPACT (THROUGH NN) TO DATE

4400
no of individuals reached through
the program

US\$
58,300
disbursed for the program



WHEN THE CITY MOVES THROUGH ITS PEOPLE



How everyday decisions,
skills and acts of care bring
our theory of change to life.

OUR THEORY IN MOTION

WHERE OUR WORK MEETS
THE PEOPLE WHO CARRY IT
FORWARD.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE IS MORE THAN A FRAMEWORK. IT IS
THE REALITY THAT UNFOLDS WHEN PEOPLE ACT WITH PURPOSE
AND CONNECTION. EACH STORY IN THIS REPORT OFFERS A
GLIMPSE OF THAT THEORY IN MOTION.



When disaster strikes, youth trained through our programmes are already prepared. They know how to organise and assess needs. Through the Neighbourhood Network, they access the funding and partners required to act, transforming readiness into real relief.



For the women we train, the theory lives in every repaired wall. Skills gained in the classroom became steady income through the Women Maintenance Team. In time, this led to the restoration of a heritage building that is now reborn as a community space. It is a journey from personal empowerment to community strength.

For grassroots groups like MDSA, local action matures into systems change. An initial emergency fund evolved into a model for disability inclusion that now shapes how neighbourhoods respond to crisis.

**THIS IS OUR THEORY OF CHANGE MADE VISIBLE. IT IS
PEOPLE EQUIPPED WITH TOOLS, NETWORKS, AND TRUST,
DOING THEIR PART TO HOLD THE CITY TOGETHER.**

OUR 2025 LOOKING BACK

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During the preparation of WIC documentary, one of the participants shared her experience before and after joining the WIC training. She mentioned that she identifies as LGBT and was initially concerned about facing discrimination while working alongside men. However, after the training, she now feels confident that she can work just as well as men on the construction site.

SOE LWIN



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Seeing how Doh Eain was able to respond quickly to the earthquake-affected communities, and hearing directly from them about how our contributions benefited their recovery, really reminded me why we do this work. It motivates me to keep investing myself in our community development efforts and continue making positive impacts through our organization.

AUNT PHONE THAR



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it is about one of the beneficiaries, where not only that particular GBV survivor managed to get herself out of the domestic violence from her ex-husband, by collaborating our sub IP, but she is now contributing to the GBV awareness trainings to her fellow housewives, together with the Neighbourhood Network member organisation.

YE ZAW KHANT



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Our projects are diverse - from supporting vulnerable communities to promoting gender inclusion, and each one plays a role in shaping better communities, better cities. I want our audience to see the real impact behind our work, and feel inspired, and moved to support in whatever way they can.

NYEIN ZAR THWE



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The US\$1.1 million disbursed to local organisations through Neighbourhood Networks since 2020. That number isn't flashy in the global funding world, but it represents real traction—relationships built, responses delivered, systems strengthened. It reflects a lot of patient work from the team.

KAY NYEIN



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Started a journey at Doh Eain as a new year gift of 2025, I found some paths that I was searching for quite few years. The paths that make me feel like me and route me to knowns of the unknowns.

Look back, I shared the paths ... We made it.

PYAE PHYO KHIN @ RAE



OUR 2026 LOOKING FORWARD

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The Mandalay Earthquake of 2025 once again revealed the extraordinary strength of grassroots community groups and young people, who stood as the first and fastest responders in times of crisis. Their courage, compassion, and deep local and spatial knowledge continue to shape our vision for community-led resilience. With renewed determination, strengthened by the trust and support of our partners, we are deepening our commitment to these remarkable local champions through the Neighbourhood Network and Young City Shapers. We remain steadfast in our belief that true and lasting resilience is built from the ground up, through the power of localisation.

THUREIN AUNG

• Director of
Community
Engagement,
Public Outreach
and Education

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In 2026, my vision for Doh Eain is to strengthen our role in heritage conservation by restoring significant historic buildings and safeguarding the cultural identity of our cities. We will advance placemaking initiatives rooted in climate-resilient and sustainable design. We will also play a pivotal role in earthquake reconstruction, delivering safe, sustainable, and community-centered approaches. Continuing to empower women through the Women in Construction programme and related initiatives, we will also champion inclusivity across the construction sector. By building strong partnerships and engaging communities, we aim to create safer, greener, and more vibrant neighborhoods; preserve tangible and intangible heritage, foster equity, and enhance urban livelihoods.

TUN YE WAI

• Director of
Property & Design

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In 2026, I am looking forward to strengthening our operational systems so our teams can work with greater clarity, balance, and consistency. With the launch of the Doh Eain Capacity Planning App, we will finally have a unified, organisation-wide view of how our time, capacity, and project demands align across restoration, placemaking, programme delivery, community engagement, operations, and donor reporting. This will help us improve quality control, and make project planning more predictable and efficient for everyone. My focus next year is to launch this app organisation-wide and ensure teams actively use it so that we can allocate resources more efficiently, make faster operational decisions, manage workloads with greater clarity.

KHINE HMI HMI WIN

• Chief Operating
Officer

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• Position

WHERE LOCAL STRENGTH BECOMES LASTING CHANGE

TOGETHER, WE CAN
HELP ENSURE EVERY
ACT OF CARE BECOMES
PART OF A LASTING
SYSTEM OF CHANGE.

The stories in this year's report show what becomes possible when local communities have the tools, trust and support they need. You have read how vocational training for women like Kit Kit evolved into a heritage restoration movement. You have seen how the HOME youth network transformed into a frontline disaster response team within hours. **These are the silent strengths that hold Myanmar together.**

These are not isolated acts. **They are proof of a scalable theory of change where resilience expands from within.** Local action grows when partners believe in it. It thrives when resources reach those closest to the challenges. When communities are recognised not just as participants but as leaders of change, they do more than survive crises. **They rebuild the systems around them.**

If you want to support locally led action, strengthen community networks, or explore collaboration with any of our programmes, we would love to connect. **Your partnership allows us to shift from short-term relief to long-term urban resilience.**



Email us at:
partnerships@doheain.com



Visit:
doheain.com/connect for partnership enquiries, programme information and collaboration opportunities.



PARTNERS WHO WALKED WITH US

SUSTAINING LOCAL LEADERSHIP THROUGH TRUST, TIME AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Real change takes time. It grows through trust, shared learning and the willingness to stay when progress is slow or uncertain.

Over the years, Doh Eain has been fortunate to work with partners who believe in locally led change not as a concept, but as a commitment. These partners have supported communities to lead, adapt and respond on their own terms.

PARTNERS AT THE CORE OF THIS WORK

This page recognises those who have stood alongside communities through long-term partnerships, enabling ideas to take root and systems to grow stronger over time.



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CORE PROGRAMME PARTNERS

Alongside our anchoring partners, the following organisations played key roles in advancing programme delivery, capacity building and shared learning across 2025.

- ACTED
- Adaptive Research Alliance
- Asia Preparedness Partnership
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
- British Council
- Circle Fund
- Coca-Cola Pinya Beverages Myanmar
- Concordian International School
- Danish Church Aid
- Delta Capital
- Embassy of Australia
- Embassy of Denmark
- Embassy of France
- Embassy of Germany
- Embassy of the Netherlands
- Embassy of Spain
- Embassy of Switzerland
- Eravati Hotel
- Finnish Refugee Council
- FourFold Foundation
- Goudappel Coffeng
- Grab
- Heineken
- International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
- Joint Peace Fund
- KBZ
- Life Foundation
- Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT)
- Nexus Response Mechanism
- PH International
- Save the Children
- The British School Yangon
- The Italian Embassy
- UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development
- UN-Habitat
- UNOPS
- USAID
- Vitol Foundation
- Wave Money
- YWCA

THE WIDER COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

This work is also supported by a wider network of partners, collaborators and institutions who contributed at different moments throughout the year. Each partnership, regardless of scale, helped strengthen local efforts and shared responsibility.

- A Bank
- AICS (Italian Cooperation)
- Alliance Myanmar
- Anthem Asia
- Asia Foundation
- Australia ASEAN Art Council
- Australian Volunteers International
- City Mart
- Building Markets
- Counseling Corner
- Cuso International
- Deloitte Touche
- GA Circular
- Goethe Institute
- IMC Engineering
- Institut français de Birmanie
- IUCN
- Linkage Restaurant
- LuXDev
- Max+
- Multiverse Agency
- Network International School
- Singapore Tourism Board
- Spatial Co
- SPRING Accelerator
- Office UNESCO

TO ALL OUR PARTNERS, THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING THAT LASTING CHANGE GROWS WHEN COMMUNITIES ARE TRUSTED TO LEAD.

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Swisscontact's Vocational Skills Development Programme values its strategic partnership with Doh Eain for advancing inclusive urban development and economic empowerment. Through initiatives such as the Women in Construction programme, Doh Eain has demonstrated a strong ability to design and deliver community-driven projects that create real opportunities for women, women-led enterprises and local construction entrepreneurs. Doh Eain's integrated approach, combining heritage preservation, skills development and sustainable practices, aligns closely with our mission to support equitable growth and resilient local economies. We are proud to support work that strengthens local ownership and delivers lasting impact.

THAN HTIKE AUNG

- Head of Skills Development, Capitalization, and MSMEs Coordination
- Vocational Skills Development Program (VSDP)



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Since 2022, our continued partnership with Doh Eain has redefined how we engage with communities and youth. Their unique strategy of working with ultra-local neighborhood networks and empowering them with micro-grants allows for agile, community-derived solutions that large-scale interventions often miss. Furthermore, the Young City Shapers project provides a critical platform for the next generation to demonstrate innovation through real-world capstone projects and become active citizens. We are immensely proud of this collaboration, which continues to drive authentic, ground-level impact in line with our shared vision."

SRIDEVI SRINIVASAN

- Programme Manager - Women and Girls First Programme, UNFPA Myanmar





The European Union's partnership with Doh Eain supports inclusive, sustainable and locally led urban development. Through this cooperation, communities have been better equipped to organise, coordinate and respond to the changing challenges of urban life, while strengthening the local systems that support them.

Doh Eain's place-based approach highlights the value of investing in neighbourhood networks, youth leadership and participatory ways of working. These efforts help build social cohesion, develop skills and improve access to services in ways that are shaped by local needs and experience. By linking community action with shared learning and coordination, the work supports both immediate priorities and longer-term development.

The European Union values Doh Eain's ability to turn locally driven initiatives into approaches that can be sustained and adapted over time, strengthening local ownership and contributing to more resilient and inclusive cities.

ERMES FRIGERIO

- Programme Manager NRM and MTBA
- Cooperation Section
- Delegation of the European Union to Myanmar



CONNECTING PEOPLE, RENEWING PLACES



Four Brands, One Commitment: Revitalising Heritage, Strengthening Communities, and Shaping Better Cities



FROM PRESERVATION TO SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Heritage preservation is often viewed as the preservation of old buildings. We see it as saving local economies and identities. By equipping homeowners with technical guidance and connecting them to a global audience, we turn vulnerable properties into sustainable assets. This year, we moved beyond restoration to building a robust ecosystem where the past breathes new life into a sustainable future.

THE THEORY IN ACTION

Preservation & Design: Providing technical guidance to restore safety and architectural character.

Market Access: Connecting owners to sustainable income opportunities through heritage stays and experiences.

Awareness & Advocacy: Championing responsible heritage travel through storytelling and partnerships that highlight sustainable tourism and urban identity.

OUTCOMES

21



Investment Projects Completed

12



Design Services Delivered

654



Accommodation & Experience Listings Hosted

3,000+



Registered Home & Business Owners Engaged

9



Countries Reached

470



Heritage Properties Supported/Restored

7M



People Reached through Campaigns



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FROM PUBLIC SPACES TO CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Public spaces are more than playgrounds, they are the frontlines of urban resilience. In 2025, our Placemaking work focused heavily on climate adaptation, transforming neglected areas into green, flood-resilient infrastructures that communities design, build, and maintain themselves.

THE THEORY IN ACTION

Inclusive Design: Co-creating spaces that reflect local needs and capacities.

Climate Adaptation: Low-cost solutions for heat and flood mitigation.

Community Activation: Ensuring spaces remain safe and active long after construction.

OUTCOMES

21 

Public Spaces & Infrastructure Projects

1,000+ 

People Engaged in Design Processes

12 

Climate-Responsive Design Solutions Developed

80% 

User Satisfaction Rate for Newly Upgraded Spaces

400+ 

Community Members Trained in Maintenance



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FROM LOCAL AID TO SYSTEMIC RESPONSE

Resilience cannot be imported. It must be grown. The Neighbourhood Network proves that when grassroots groups are connected and funded, they become the city's most effective safety net. This year, Neighbourhood Network moved from coordinating local care to driving city-wide crisis response systems.

THE THEORY IN ACTION

Connection: Linking grassroots groups for shared learning and resource exchange.

Capacity: Strengthening local confidence through training and mentorship.

Action: Providing flexible funding for locally led emergency and development initiatives.

OUTCOMES

\$1.1M 

Disbursed to Local Organisations (since 2020)

350+ 

Grassroots Groups Connected

75 

Training Modules Delivered (Estimated from ToC/Narrative)

2,000+ 

Vulnerable Individuals Supported via Partners like MDSA

100% 

of Partners Reported Stronger Organisational Capacity



Discover more at
neighbourhood-network.org

Young City Shapers

FROM PARTICIPANTS TO COMMUNITY LEADERS

Youth are often treated as the beneficiaries of development. We treat them as the architects. This year, the Young City Shapers programme demonstrated that with the right skills and networks, young people are the first to respond to crises and the most energetic drivers of urban innovation.

THE THEORY IN ACTION

Learning & Leadership: Equipping youth with confidence and civic design skills.

Incubation: Nurturing youth-led ideas into sustainable social ventures.

Alumni Engagement: A lifelong network for mentoring and collaboration.

OUTCOMES

526



Youth Trained

16



Cohorts Completed

70%



Reported Skill Gain

100%



Leadership Confidence Growth

5+



Alumni Leading Social Enterprises

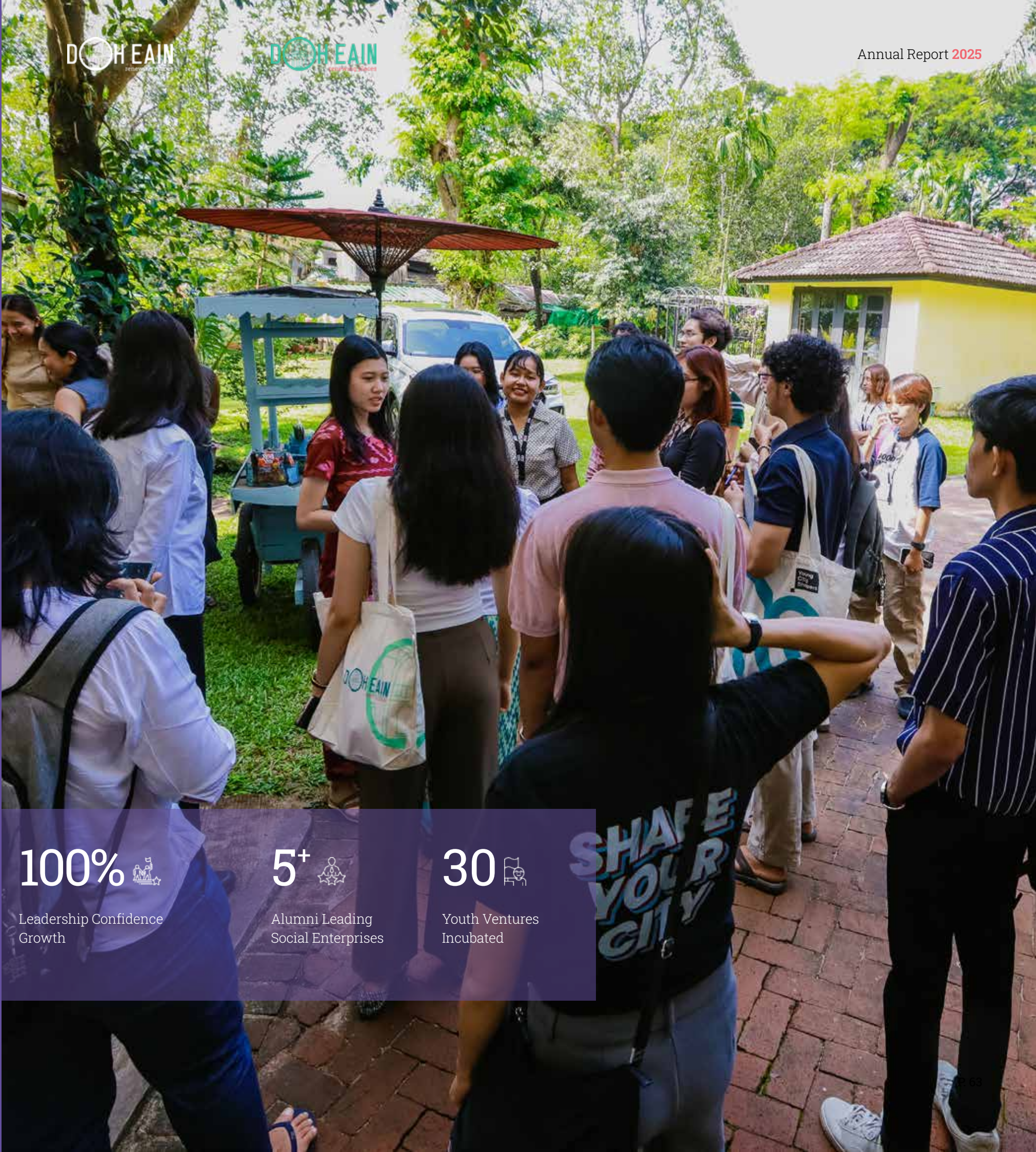
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Youth Ventures Incubated



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OUR TEAM

Doh Eain's work is carried by a team of more than 103 people who bring care, commitment and shared responsibility to the communities we serve. Most are based in Yangon, working closely with neighbourhoods, while others contribute from Singapore and across South and Southeast Asia. United by trust, long-term relationships and mutual support, and guided by our Board and Advisory Board, we work together to shape cities that are resilient, dignified and grounded in everyday life.





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