



Livelihoods and Food Security Fund



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### Key highlights

LIFT launched its [new website](#) to continue sharing information about the important work that the fund and its partners do with support from its donors, working on the ground to strengthen the resilience and livelihoods of poor households in Myanmar.

LIFT launched its first of a series of 'Community of Practice' workshops to discuss adaptive management that will ensure efficiency during COVID-19. During its skills training programme for internally displaced people, LIFT partners discussed strategies, replication and upscaling.

LIFT and its microfinance partners discuss options for financial services in conflict-affected areas during the COVID-19 pandemic to serve as an emergency 'safety net' for beneficiaries through loan disbursements and savings promotions.

The Grand Bargain report profiled LIFT's good practice in promoting localisation due to its focus on capacity strengthening of civil society organisations, which are key to improving the food and livelihood security of vulnerable households. Read the report [here](#).

LIFT signs contracts for a cash payment programme for internally displaced people with a plan to reach nearly 65,000 households in Kachin, northern Shan, Kayin, Rakhine and Chin States. It will consist of a one-time payment aimed to build resilience to COVID-19.

The Government reported that LIFT's support for cash transfers of social pensions to mothers played a 'proof of concept' role. There are plans to expand social cash transfer systems as they serve as an important emergency social protection tool for beneficiaries.

### Insights



**LIFT releases COVID-19 Response Six-Month Report**

As COVID-19 struck, LIFT moved in step with the context, adapting and adjusting to the needs of vulnerable people in Myanmar. This report reviews six months of LIFT's response, reflects on our learning and looks forward to a recovery for Myanmar.

Read more [here](#).



**LIFT announces call for concept notes under Rakhine Programme**

LIFT's programme in Rakhine aims to strengthen the resilience and livelihoods of vulnerable groups in Myanmar through improved nutrition, increased income and assets, reduced vulnerability, and gender equality.

Read more [here](#).



**Study reveals shocking increase in poverty during COVID-19**

A new study from IFPRI exposes a shocking increase in poverty in urban Yangon and the rural dry zone. The report's simulation analysis projects further misery in 2021 and a need to scale up social protection.

Read more [here](#).



**No one left behind: LIFT's COVID-19 migration response**

LIFT has provided the largest programmatic response to the COVID-19 crisis for migrants in Myanmar, engaging ten partners in crucial humanitarian assistance, information, and livelihood support.

Read more [here](#).

### In focus: LIFT support



**LIFT and Golden Pearl Help Ko Htet Htet Hein become a role model for people with disabilities**

Support from the LIFT-funded Golden Pearl project helped visually-impaired Htet Htet Hein break new ground. He has acquired an arts profession, supports his family, rides a motorbike, and voted during the elections.

Read more [here](#).



**Nang Kyuu's long road home from Thailand**

27-year old Nang Kyuu recalls her long journey home from Thailand and the critical support received from a civil society organisation. IOM and Parami Development Network, with funding from LIFT, support the safe return of migrants and the reestablishment of livelihoods in their home communities.

Read more [here](#).

### Videos



**Season's greetings**

During the pandemic, LIFT has demonstrated unity, solidarity, professionalism, and commitment through strong support and collaboration in its work in Myanmar.

See the video [here](#).



**Raising awareness of child labour**

LIFT and partners boost awareness of child labour in Myanmar through a partnership with celebrities. Follow actress Aye Myat Thu as she interacts with 11-year old Ma Thandar Aung who earns a living collecting rubbish on the streets of Yangon. Video produced by Sin Sar Bar with LIFT's support.

See the video [here](#).

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