

Bettina-Kattermann-Stiftung

Personal Introduction of Dr. Chit Ye Zaw

My Vision

(1) To serve the poor and needy people (the last, the lost and the least) in Myanmar, one of the least developed country in the world where health and education is much needed.

(2) From my personal development, to support national and global development especially in the field of health.



My name is Chit Ye Zaw. I was born to two Burmese parents U Maung Maung Tin Win and Daw Than Than Sint. My native town is Hinthada Township, Ayeyarwaddy Region, Myanmar.

My education

I passed the matriculation examination with five distinctions from No. (1), Basic Education High School, Hinthada. I attended University of Medicine (Magway) in Magway Township, Magway Region, Myanmar. I served as House Surgeon internship at teaching hospitals in Magway, Minbu and at Pathein General Hospital in 2011. I graduated M.B., B.S degree from University of Medicine (Magway) in 2012. I have got Certificate in Traditional Medicine in 2012 and Certificate in Clinical Management of HIV (Online Course) from Washington University in 2014.

My work as Doctor ...

I worked as General Practitioner Doctor in villages in my hometown in 2012. There are many GP doctors and specialists in my hometown. Therefore, I opened my clinic in villages near my hometown. People from villages are very poor even to contribute fees for medicines. I had to treat many people free of charges from my pocket money. So, I could not withstand to continue to open the clinic. I served my community as a Medical Doctor with free of charges in free clinics opened at monasteries in my hometown where medicines and medical materials are donated by many donors.

... in the Rakhine State

My cousin was working as community worker in Maungdaw Township, Northern Rakhine State of Western Myanmar. I wanted experiences and to work as a GP doctor or community worker in NGOs in that area. So, I went there during June 2012. Violence between Rakhine and Rohingya community occurred on 8th June 2012 in Maungdaw Township and spread to most townships in Rakhine State. We faced life threatening conditions and had to go back to Yangon. Also all community workers from NGOs had to come back for their security. Maungdaw Township is the border area between Myanmar and Bangladesh where about 95% are Rohingya Muslims. I found that people in that area is very poor and low educated. I found the vacancy announcement in a journal that Arakan Saving Committee was calling medical doctors urgently during conflict times in that area. I applied this post and went second time to Maungdaw. I had to go through the villages and relief camps in the whole district for civilians' health are with the help of local and government authorities and Township Medical Officer. I worked there from June to August 2012 because this is the temporary job they assigned.

My current occupation

I worked as Area Manager at <u>MERLIN</u> in Thantlang Township, Chin State, Myanmar. MERLIN is a UK based international non-profit NGO. I had to participate in implementing Primary Health Care, Malaria prevention and treatment and Behavior Change Communications in that area from January to June 2013. I resigned this job because my mother health condition is not good and it is very far and transportation is very difficult to return to my mother.

I have been working as Project Manager (Health and HIV/AIDS) at <u>Karuna Myanmar</u> <u>Social Services</u> (KMSS) – Caritas Myanmar at National Office in Yangon from June 2013 to present. I applied Bettina-Kattermann-Foundation's scholarship from Germany with the help of my colleagues from KMSS.

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