Research Institute

Seminar Series - 10

Exploring Contemporary Issues in Myanmar

hosted by YRI-PNMD

Humanitarian Assistance and Livelihood Dynamics of Forced Displacement: Lessons from Karen and Mizoram

📅**Date: October 30, 2025 (Thursday)**

🕑**Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Myanmar Time/ GMT + 06:30)**

📍**Online: Join Zoom**

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📝 **Register here. (For Reminders and Calendar Invitation)**

Event Description

You are cordially invited to the YRI's 10th monthly research seminar in collaboration with TheHills Myanmar. The seminar focuses on the multifaceted crisis of forced displacement resulting from the 2021 military coup, analyzing both the immediate humanitarian challenges and the long-term struggle for economic stability.

We will draw on two research reports, one authored by TheHills Myanmar, which examines how refugees from Chin State navigate life in Mizoram, highlighting gender disparities in economic participation. The second report, by David Nyein, a PNMD researcher, explores the impact of the military crackdown on access to humanitarian assistance for those internally displaced in Karen state.

With these two studies with different thematic and area focuses, we hope to deepen our understanding of Myanmar's precarious displacement issue contributing to the larger discussion on the necessity of targeted, gender-sensitive interventions for stability and resilience across all displaced communities.

Researchers' Profiles

Dawt, originally from Falam in Chin State, is a refugee currently living in India. She is one of the Fellows under the project of Chin State Academic Research Network (CSARN) from TheHILLS Myanmar. Passionate about amplifying refugee voices and supporting displaced communities, Dawt aspires to continue her work as a freelance researcher, focusing on refugee issues and sharing their stories with the world.

David Nyein is a freelance researcher engaged in humanitarian and development research, local governance studies, and land rights research. As an activist, he speaks out against human rights violations in conflict-affected areas of Southeast Myanmar. Additionally, Nyein is a development and humanitarian aid practitioner with six years of experience in overseeing project implementation and daily operations.

Event Agenda

1:00 PM	Greetings and Introduction	Strategy and Communication Adviser
1:05 PM	Keynote Speech	Senior Research Adviser
1:10 PM	Introduction to the Researchers	Strategy and Communications Adviser
1:15 PM	Research Presentation (40 mins)	Researchers
1:55 PM	Break Time (5 minutes)	
2:00 PM	Discussion Session with moderated questions	Researchers moderated by SCA

2:30 PM	Plenary discussion with participants	Participants, led by SCA and researchers
2:50 PM	About YRI's upcoming activities & Evaluation	YRI

Research Papers

Building livelihoods: Income-generating activities of Myanmar refugees in Mizoram's Zyhno and Zokhawthar camps

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Lives During and After Intentional Attacks: Impacts of Issues Related to Military Crackdowns on Access to Humanitarian Aid for Internally Displaced People in the Northern Mountains of Karen State

David Nyein