

Together we're creating lasting change

As a valued partner of *Empowering Lives* you've joined Jesuit Mission in creating tangible, sustainable change for the most vulnerable members of our global family.

We are now entering the second year of our five-year plan. With people like you by our side, we remain steadfast in our aim to invest a total of \$25 million across our community development and emergency relief programs in 10+ countries to meet the growing needs of our most marginalised sisters and brothers.

On this journey together, we take pause to express our gratitude for your partnership and reflect on the direct, positive impact you have already had.

Education

In the last year, investments into *Empowering Lives through Education* have directly contributed to programs that help vulnerable young people break free from poverty and injustice.

- **163 scholarships** to Battambang Education Project for young people from disadvantaged families in remote areas of Cambodia;
- **94 scholarships** at Xavier Jesuit School Cambodia for primary and high school students from vulnerable families;
- **2,159 students** in Myanmar received tertiary education towards becoming teachers, social workers and leaders;
- **600+ young adult students** empowered with technical and life-skills training at 16 Community Colleges in Myanmar.



Your impact


EDUCATION

 **4 education projects** serving **3,691 children** & young people

REFUGEES & DISPLACED PEOPLE

 **4 key programs** across Indonesia and Thailand serving **6,877 people** in long-term refugee situations

EMERGENCY RELIEF

 Funds bolstered our Emergency Action Fund, serving **171,000+ people** affected by crises in Syria, Myanmar and Ukraine.

“Xavier Jesuit School has helped me discover the meaning of my life and given me the opportunity to continue my education. I want to become a doctor to help families and our society.”

– Chea (14) a student from a disadvantaged family whose scholarship, funded by *Empowering Lives*, has given her the opportunity to stay in school and open a pathway to a better life for herself and her family.

Refugees & Displaced People

Through generous investments into *Empowering Lives of Refugees & Displaced People*, Jesuit Mission is working with local partners across four programs in Indonesia and Thailand, serving 6,877 people in 2024 – many of whom are living in limbo in their country of refuge.

Funds from *Empowering Lives* contributed to programs like 'Journey with Refugees' in Indonesia which supported 1,000 refugees in 2024 with vital services including:

- **Tailored support** & social work for families and individuals;
- Emergency **medical, shelter and food** assistance;
- **Legal advice** for protection and refugee status;
- **Livelihood skills training**.

“Before I got assistance from Jesuit Refugee Service, I was homeless and had no money. Now, the most significant change is seeing my kids happy and I am happy too.”

– Zubaida (26), a single mother of two who fled to Indonesia from conflict in Sudan, faced extreme poverty and uncertainty until programs funded by *Empowering Lives* provided lifesaving support.



Emergency Relief



“Despite the risks from military patrols and intense conflict, this work has been incredibly moving and rewarding. Seeing the resilience and gratitude of the people we’ve helped is humbling.”

– A Jesuit working in Shan State where established community networks allow them to deliver essential aid to people living in remote areas.

Investments in *Empowering Lives through Emergency Relief* bolster our Emergency Action Fund, allowing us to act quickly and decisively to respond to the needs of affected communities when crises strike.

In 2024, funds contributed to the Myanmar Emergency Response which included:

- **Support for over 39,000 people**, many of whom have been forced to leave their homes due to conflict and persecution;
- **Provision of essentials** including clothing, shelter, food, water and medicine;
- **Continuing education** for 8,000+ children living in makeshift camps after fleeing military strikes.

Jesuit Mission's overall progress in 2024



550,000+
vulnerable people
targeted through
our programs



12 countries
working with local
Jesuit partners



Creating transformative change
through education, health services, water
and sanitation programs, livelihood
support and shelter.

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