

## The Giving is Easy

Many ethnic people of Myanmar are exposed to drugs they have never seen before. Villages inside Myanmar are anecdotally said to have addiction rates as high as 80%. For the drug lords profits are everything.

International Aid dependence often brings with it a power imbalance. Big agencies regularly ignore indigenous ways and knowledge and impose western ideologies onto their beneficiaries. To help break free of this dynamic, DARE Network runs an Income Generation project called MoringAid.

DARE Network is a local Community Based Organization dedicated to help prevent and treat addiction among its own people. DARE Network has provided non-medical, cuturally appropriate programs in the refugee camps and villages on both sides of the Thai/Myanmar border for more than 20 years, always dependent on donors for food for their treatment centres and prevention programs.

In the Refugee Camps and in Karen State, Myanmar, one of the many ways we help our clients to heal is to use organic agriculture at our DARE Treatment Centres. MoringAid project will help our program to sustain itself for the future, as the program can grow and sell its own food.

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## **Our Vision**

DARE Network (Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education) is a grassroots organization that provides culturally appropriate treatment and prevention education to build the capacity of the local people to address substance abuse issues and build the strength and resilience of communities.

DARE Network prevents and reduces substance abuse and associated social and personal harms.

## **Our Mission**

DARE Network is passionate. It works to ensure adequate treatment and prevention services to the people of Myanmar. We look for new ways to expand our programs based on analysis of the current environment.

While the big issue, namely supply of drugs and alcohol is out of our hands, we offer the resources available to us to assist those affected by the trade.