



SHANTA
FOUNDATION

YEAR IN REVIEW 2017

PARTNERING TO BUILD A
PATH OUT OF POVERTY



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Shanta Foundation reached some important milestones in 2017 and we are tremendously excited to share them with you. We are proud to send you our first Annual Report so you can share in our enthusiasm for all that we have accomplished together.

- Established a partnership with Vibrant Village Foundation to launch a second region of work in Pauk Township, Magway Division, Myanmar. Hired Mi Mi Kyaw, our new regional manager, and began work this past May.
- Hired our first Country Director, Seinne Lai, in July 2017 and she has been doing a great job professionalizing our work in the Southern Shan State with the Pa-O ethnic minorities as well as launching our work in Pauk.
- We initiated a search and transition plan for a new Executive Director to replace me in 2018. J. Cornish started his position this past April.

And, lastly, I hope you enjoy reading about all the valuable projects we achieved and the people we helped.

- Mike Karpfen
Co-Founder, Advisor, & Executive Director 2006-2018



“Previously, we were left behind and didn’t have a voice at public meetings. But during our time working with Shanta, we were encouraged and shown that we can have a voice like the men and should be involved in the decision-making. Since our partnership with Shanta we are so grateful for the positive changes in women’s health, education and social status in the village.” -Nang Kham Mu, female member of VDT

OUR INNOVATIVE MODEL

CREATES LASTING CHANGE

Listen → Partner & Plan → Activate & Engage → Act & Learn → Celebrate & Transition

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1 COUNTRY

15 VILLAGES

17 PROGRAMS

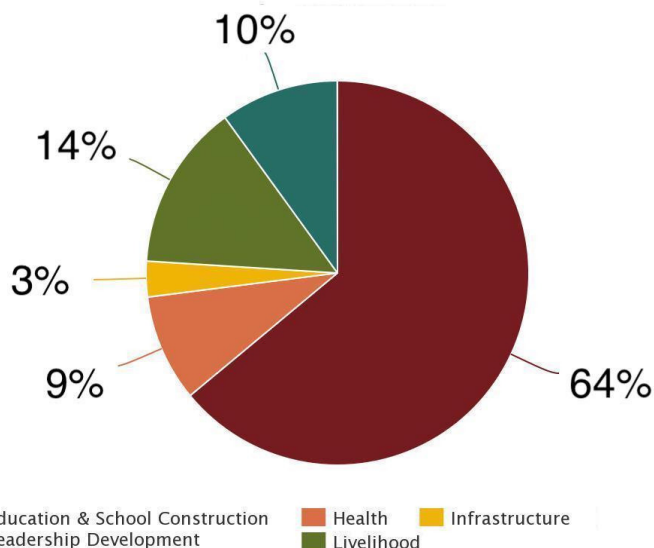
5,961 PEOPLE

\$ 335K INVESTED

Shanta's model is innovative, replicable, sustainable and cost-effective. Alleviating poverty is not a simple goal. Rather than develop a model based on theory and then trying to implement it, our model has grown directly from our experience partnering and working with villages to build sustainable futures.

Shanta's ability to help begins with our belief in the existing agency of villagers; that they have the potential to identify and solve their own problems. And our innovative model works effectively at the grassroots level with an entire village to build a path out of poverty.

SHANTA PROGRAM FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS



EDUCATION: 1044 students benefited

DAYCARE CENTER
Expanding early learning opportunities

SCHOOL LIBRARIES
Motivating and inspiring literacy for all

SUMMER SCHOOL
English language teachers and materials

BOARDING SCHOOL
Progressive education for middle and high school

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Making school accessible

TEACHERS HOUSING
Stable housing creates teacher retention



COMMUNITY HEALTH: 1535 villagers served

DENTAL CLINIC
Examinations cleanings, and treatment

SAFE MOTHERHOOD
Ensuring healthy mothers and infants

CONTRACEPTIVES AND VITAMINS
Family planning and increased health



LIVELIHOOD: 455 households transformed

PIG FARMS
Doubling or tripling income for families

COFFEE FARMS
Innovative income generation

COMMUNITY LOAN FUNDS
Low interest loans for village members



Infrastructure: 897 people benefited

CLEAN WATER
Better health, saving time



Leadership Development: 322 participants

LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Expanding the capacity of individuals to lead

A photograph of a woman, Nang Boa, smiling and standing in front of a pig farm. She is wearing a green and white plaid shirt. In the background, several black pigs are visible in a wooden enclosure.

MEET NANG BOA

"Because of the pig farm that Shanta helped me start, my family has more opportunities, we feel better, and we now have hope for a better future for our children."

THE POWER OF MONTHLY GIVING

- \$ 10 a month purchases a pig for a family
- \$ 20 a month sends six students to Summer English language school
- \$ 50 a month provides scholarships to three high school students
- \$ 100 a month trains an auxiliary nurse midwife

Why are we asking for month-by-month gifts instead of a one-time donation? The work of fostering a sustainable society requires long-term commitment. At Shanta Foundation, we're in it for the long haul. Monthly gifts provide us with the day-to-day support we need, in a way that's more convenient for you, secure, and cost-effective for us. That means your contribution works harder changing lives.

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