



CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights¹

Name of Organisation: Smile Education and Development Foundation (SEDF)

Informative website:

<https://www.insightonconflict.org/conflicts/myanmar/peacebuilding-organisations/sedf/>

Facebook of Organisation:

<https://www.facebook.com/SmileEducationAndDevelopmentFoundationYangon/>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes

Smile Education and Development Foundation (SEDF) is dedicated to eliminating poverty and unjust living conditions through quality education in critical thinking, dialogue and skill building. SEDF equips young people, women, and community leaders with the knowledge and skills to serve as effective and positive social change-makers in their communities.

Smile's vision is a society free of poverty in which all people live with dignity, peace and justice, who are empowered to be self-reliant, active citizens. Its goals include supporting sustainable peacebuilding in Myanmar to combat discrimination based on sex, gender, religion, and ethnicity. Smile empowers women in a cultural, political, economic, religious, and environmental context, to understand and act upon their rights and responsibilities as citizens of Myanmar.

SEDF has trained nearly 1500 young people from different religions and ethnic backgrounds. SEDF's language team provides free English classes for disadvantaged youth and children. Language classes are taught in partnership with Educasia. Through these partnerships and youth leadership programs, they have been able to successfully reach out to the community to provide basic needs.

Smile Education was started by Mr Myo Win in July 2008. A DTP alumnus who is also a prominent member of the Yangon education community through his leadership and facilitation of significant community pursuits, he is the team leader of the Interfaith Council of Myanmar and recipient of Chevening Fellowship of the British Government to study conflict resolution at the University of York. Mr Myo Win has successfully presented papers on peace and conflict resolution at several international conferences.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, It has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote human rights more broadly.