MIMU has produced two Monastic Education Infographics over the period 2012/2017 based on data shared by the Ministry of Religious Affairs. These show, for each separate year:

- The relative concentration of Monastic schools by State/Region and by Township (where there are more/less)
- The number and type of schools (primary, post-primary, middle or high schools)
- The number and type of students (novices, nuns, or other boys and girls)

Using this data we can identify some key trends over this five-year period – these are noted below and would benefit from further sectoral analysis to explore the implications of the changing situation:

- **303,061 students attended registered monastic schools across Myanmar in 2016.** 12% were young novices and nuns, and 88% were boys and girls who are not part of the monastic order. There are marginally more boys than girls (51:49), and many more novices than nuns (65:35). The vast majority of children in monastic education are in the primary school levels between grades 1-4 (72%). Yangon and Mandalay account for 44% of the total number of children in monastic education as reported to the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

- **There has been a 22% increase in the number of children recorded as enrolled in monastic education over the period 2012 to 2017 (53,823 more children).** This increase has been mainly in Shan (East) (283% - from 475 children reportedly enrolled in 2012 to 1,817 in 2016), followed by Shan (South) (77%) and Rakhine (61%).

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1 Based on data from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, 2012-2013 and 2016-2017
Based on this data, the number of children in monastic education has decreased in 4 states/regions, most in Mon and Chin States (10% in each), followed by Tanintharyi (8%) and Sagaing Regions (1%).

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![Total Number of Monastic School Students (2016-2017 vs 2012-2013)](image)

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No. of Schools and Students in Monastic Education in Myanmar (Township Level) 2016-2017

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Legend
- **Capital**: Black
- **State/Region Capital**: Green
- **Shore and Stream**: Blue
- **Township Boundary**: Dark Gray
- **State/Region Boundary**: Yellow
- **International Boundary**: Red

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No. of High Schools = 2 and No. of Students in High Schools = 6,144 in Mandalay Region.