



Minutes of Myanmar Language Information Management Network Meeting

27th August 2025, 2PM MMT, online via Zoom

The meeting was conducted in Myanmar language, and this is a translation of the original minutes.

Agenda

1. Presentation – A Generation in Motion (Understanding the Realities of Myanmar's Youth)
2. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives
3. AOB and other discussions

Attendance

Chair: Ei Ei Thein (MIMU)

Participants: Alliance, BS, Burnet, CBC, CESVI, ER Cluster, FAO, GNI, ICAP, ICRC, IRC, JOICFP, NAG, NRC, Nyein (Shalom), PPWT, PLAN, SARA, SWISS, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNODC, UNRCO, WHO, WVM
(27 participants from 24 organisations)

1. A Generation in Motion (Understanding the Realities of Myanmar's Youth) (MDO/UNDP)

The Myanmar Youth Survey (MYS) was conducted in 2024 and collected data on youth between 15 and 35 which is about one third of the total population. The aim of the survey is to assess the political, economic, and social situation and perceptions of the country by the youth. It involved reaching out to 7187 youth via a phone survey in both Myanmar and Thailand. It used a mixed method methodology where qualitative was used in focus group discussions (FGDs) and quantitative for the survey. Questionnaire preparation was based on input from other UN agencies, CSOs, and youth organizations. Findings from the MYS will be published into 4 separate reports.

- 1) A Generation on Hold: The State of Youth Employment and Education in Myanmar
- 2) A Generation in Uncertainty: Youth Safety and Well-Being in Myanmar
- 3) A Generation on Rising: Climate and Environmental Awareness and Action
- 4) A Generation on the Move: Youth Migration and Perceptions in Myanmar

“A Generation on Hold”

The theme is employment and education. Young people are facing many challenges when it comes to career opportunities, with 25% being unemployed. The situation is worse in Kayah and Rakhine States. Unemployment is more prevalent among women than men (34% compared to 16% for men). Notably, although the income of those who have finished advanced education is higher, their job opportunities are worse. There are many reasons why people cannot go out to work: taking care of the family (54%); security concerns (46% in Kayah, 20% in Rakhine, 19% in Chin); and, for young women, being prohibited by their husbands (20%). Youth have expressed the willingness to pursue vocational training to improve their career opportunities. Rural youth prefer vocational training. Those with high-school graduation and above prefer language and personal/soft-skills training.

“A Generation in Uncertainty”

The theme is the physical/mental security and mental health of youth. 40% of youth are afraid of going out at night, and this is most prevalent in Kayah, Kachin, and Yangon. Stress and anxiety about security are widespread among youth with disabilities and unemployed youth. Experiences of crime have increased from 3% in 2023 to 5% in 2025. Despite that, only 20% of youth would report the crime.

“A Generation on Rising”

It is about how aware and concerned youth are about climate and environmental changes, despite the challenging socio-economic-political situation. 50% of youth are aware of these changes, particularly floods, heatwaves, and droughts. 30% of youth are concerned about these deteriorations, and concern is most prevalent

in Kachin and Chin. More young women are concerned about climate and the environment than men (32% compared to 29%). 36% of Myanmar youth think that the climate and environment will get worse in the future.

“A Generation on the Move”

It covers migration and is the first report to be published in the series. It was released in August 2025 (International Youth Day). 40% of youth in Myanmar, given the opportunity, would consider leaving the country. Most respondents cited economic hardship, especially lack of employment and career opportunities as the main reason (75%), followed by conflict, lack of basic rights, education opportunities, and the conscription law, among others. While many prefer Japan as a destination, the country that many actually migrate to is Thailand. 53% of those who want to move abroad have finished advanced education. 50% of those who want to move do not have travel documents, which raises risks of irregular/undocumented migration and security issues for youth migrants. 90% of youth said they would return once conditions improve. Young people are generally optimistic about the country's situation in the next five years, with more women expressing this view. 68% believe peace can be established in the country. An interesting finding is that those currently living in Myanmar are more likely to believe the country will develop and prosper in the future. The majority of youth hope that democracy and the socio-economic situation in Myanmar will improve.

The “A Generation on the Move” report can be accessed via [this link](#). The remaining 3 reports will be published in the coming weeks. You may subscribe to the newsletter using the QR code below to be notified.



2. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives

UN-Habitat: IM Network members are invited to Myanmar Climate Action Week (15–20 September 2025). Local climate action planning was conducted in eight townships. Reports are available in English and Myanmar on the UN-Habitat website (<https://unhabitatmyanmar.org/publications/6838/>)

Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) training on adapting to climate risks is available online in both English and Myanmar. A certificate of completion will be provided.

Myanmar Version: <https://learn.unhabitat.org/course/view.php?id=134>

English Version: <https://learn.unhabitat.org/enrol/index.php?id=42>

MIMU: A new round of HDP Nexus 5W is in progress, with new products to be released in October. Key updates in this round include: adding the Early Recovery cluster (12 subsectors), a new question to indicate whether reported activities relate to earthquake response, and using organisation codes instead of names.

Training schedule: Basic Mapping and Power BI (September), Data Visualisation & Communication (October).

3. AOB and other discussions

The next meeting will be tentatively in the last week of November, 26th 2025.

Please contact ei.ei.thein@undp.org if you have anything to present or discuss.