

# HOW ARE BURMA'S/MYANMAR'S CHILDREN?

Burma/Myanmar has ratified (pledged to follow) the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This means that Burma/Myanmar must respect the rights of the child and listen to what children have to say. Are the rights of the child respected in Burma/Myanmar? You and other children are the experts.



## 17.8 MILLION CHILDREN

52.8 million people live in Burma/Myanmar. Almost 17.8 million are children, and 4.5 million of the children are under five years old.



## NAME AND NATIONALITY

From the day you are born you have the right to have a name and to be registered as a citizen in your country. 944,000 children are born every year in Burma/Myanmar. 2 out of 10 of them are never registered. There is no documented proof that they exist!



## SURVIVE AND GROW

You have the right to life. Burma/Myanmar must do all it can to allow children to survive and develop. 1 out of 19 children in Burma/Myanmar (48,000 every year) dies

before the age of 5, usually due to causes that could have been prevented.



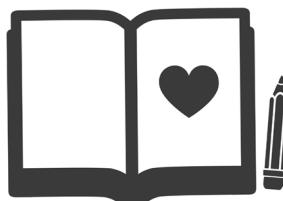
## HEALTH

You have the right to food, clean water, medical care and to privacy when consulting an adult about any health problem. 7 out of 10 children in Burma/Myanmar use basic sanitation services, and 7 out of 10 use basic drinking water services.



## A HOME, CLOTHING, FOOD AND SECURITY

You have the right to a home, food, clothing, education, health care and security. Many children in Burma/Myanmar live in extreme poverty with less than 1.90 US-dollar (2,865 Myanmar Kyat) a day to live on.



## EDUCATION

You have the right to go to school. Primary and secondary schools should be free for everyone. More than 9 out of 10 children in Burma/Myanmar go to school, but many of them leave school too early.



## PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE

You have the right to protection against all forms of violence, including neglect, maltreatment and abuse. Only 58 countries have forbidden all forms of corporal punishment for children. Burma/Myanmar has not. Many schools still allow caning.



## HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR

You have the right to be protected against both economic exploitation and work that is hazardous to your health or which prevents you from going to school. All work is prohibited for children under 12. Some children are forced into the worst forms of child labour, such as being debt slaves, child soldiers or used for commercial sexual exploitation. Many children in Burma/Myanmar have to work.



## YOUR VOICE MUST BE HEARD

You have the right to say what you think about any issue that affects you. The adults should listen to the child's opinion before they make decisions, which must always be made in the best interest of the child!

