



*We women realize social change together*

### **Who are the women?**

These women are accomplished, determined and resilient. Faced by internal armed conflicts, political oppression, forced labour, and a disastrous state of the economy, they have fled Burma and are living in Thailand, but do not have the rights and benefits of being recognized as a refugee. However, they have the ambition and drive to pursue higher education in diplomacy, education and public health. Most importantly, these women are involved with local grassroots organisations that provide support to undocumented women living in Thailand. Each individual in our program is fully committed to using their education to empower and help re-build their communities.

### **What do they need to succeed?**

Many people make the error of assuming that higher education in Asia is relatively inexpensive. In many Asian countries, only the wealthy elite are able to attend institutions of higher education. Government scholarships are scarce, and our students would not qualify for these due to their lack of status. It costs approximately \$7,700 for each student to complete a degree. This amount includes food and housing. In Asia, salaries are low and a Burmese woman is unlikely to find employment to support herself and allow for study.

In 2013, we women hopes to create 5 new scholarships to add to the 10 it already offers.



### **Where will your money go?**

- \$340 – Monthly rent and utilities for classroom and office space
- \$330 – Monthly living expenses for scholarship students
- \$310 – Tuition fees for one student to attend university for one month
- \$45 – Training workshop for 15 students
- \$25 – TOEFL preparation books for one student

### **Why We women?**

We understand that there are many NGOs out there, but *We women* is unique for several reasons. First, the *We women* foundation only works with unrecognized refugees, whom large aid organizations cannot reach out to. Second, we focus on women: a group which often has fewer opportunities in life because of traditionally determined roles. Third, the *We women* from Burma project focuses on higher education. Many organizations have projects that focus on primary education, but *We women* believes that higher education is extremely important in order for grassroots leaders to emerge. Finally, *We women* is a small-scale organization. Because of our small size, we can give these women the personal attention they need to fulfill their potential and make a big impact within their communities.

### **What does We women do?**

Growth and development happen in stages. *We women's* programs are designed to accompany women in the course of their learning achievements.

**Step 1: The Pre-university Program** assists women (20 participants per year) in achieving the necessary qualifications to be admitted to the university. The curriculum of this program consists of English classes for TOEFEL preparation and examination, Coaching and career counseling, and Academic workshops and training.

**Step 2: The Scholarship Grant Program** (15 scholarships) selection process not only looks at the background and capabilities of the women, but also at their ambition to work for improvements in the lives of the people in Burma. After the selection, this program is aimed primarily at obtaining admission to university for these students, by, for example, ensuring that the necessary documents are available (study visa, references, diplomas and certificates, etc.).

**Step 3: The In-university Program** provides scholarship students with mentoring, coaching, counseling, academic supervision and access to online academic resources.

**Step 4: The Internship Program** is designed for graduate students to undertake a six month internship in a leading organisation in the Asia-Pacific Region.

**Step 5: The Alumni Program** is the final step of the project. It aims at getting the women we supported into positions within influential organizations in their respective fields.

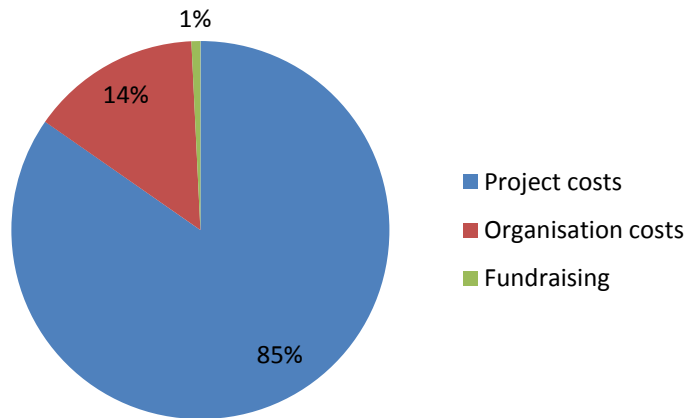
The **Research Program** informs the implementation and development of services provided to the community by *We Women* Foundation. As a result of on-going research, a gender program was designed for 2013. Also in 2013, the research on needs and possibilities for *We Women* to start activities in Burma will be completed.

### **Your Support**

Whether donor support is directed towards our scholarship grants, pre-university preparation program, research, or other activities, we want to see every contribution go as far as possible for our students. We are pleased to say this year we spent 83% of all donations directly on program costs. Donations do not come easy for our small organization, and we strive to operate as efficiently as possible. The chart below shows the annual cost of (specific) programs of the 2013 *We women from Burma Project*:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Pre-university Program	\$15,875
Scholarship Program (funds 10 scholarships)	\$76,200
In-university Program	\$9,525
Internship Program	\$38,100
Alumni Program	\$9,525
Gender Program	\$9,525
Research Program	\$6,350
Organization costs	\$29,845
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>

## 2013 budget



### Corporate Benefits

Companies that are involved in charitable organizations may experience additional benefits. Depending on the level of support, *We women* can offer visibility of corporate contributions on various external communications and provide good public relations opportunities. We are happy to work with our corporate supporters to develop a partnership that is mutually beneficial.

*We women* is a registered charity in the Netherlands, so while our presence in Chiang Mai might provide a good partnership opportunity within the local community, financial contributions are tax-deductible in the EU.

*The We women foundation would not be possible without donor support. Please join our cause and help us empower students who have the potential to become great leaders in their communities. Thank you in advance for your generous consideration.*

*If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at*

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