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Remote Villages in Myanmar to Benefit from Clean Water

ABM has launched its 2016 tax appeal which will directly benefit 774 people in remote villages in Myanmar.

Deep within remote areas of Myanmar, local villages are unable to acquire clean water for drinking and domestic use.

The villages of Shwe Lei Vum and Lat Pan Kaing, located in Paletwa Township in Sittwe Diocese, are no exception.

The current water system is fed from local streams which no longer provide fresh water from February to May each year. As a result, villagers often suffer from water-borne diseases such as cholera and diarrhoea.

As most locals rely on casual labour to make a living, many cannot afford to pay for medicine or treatment. This also creates a problem because if left untreated, they are unable to work and provide for their family.

ABM is currently working to assist with water and sanitation infrastructure with plans to improve this system so that locals will have access to clean water and better health.

The water source is from a mountain about 1.5km away and will be carried into the villages via plastic piping. Both villages will have three cisterns each which will distribute water to six communities in Shwe Lei Vum village and seven communities in Lat Pan Kaing village.

The labour will be supplied by the villagers themselves, working with committees managing the process in each village. The committees have already bought some piping and other materials. Some trenches have been dug to lay the pipes and concrete tanks will be built for water collection.

Your donation to this project will give clean water to local communities in Myanmar and assist hundreds of people.

Please give before June 30 at www.abmission.org.

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