

2025

Year ended 31 March 2025

Community lending amid continuing conflict

Circuit's report describes Seed Banks as the backbone of its work in north-eastern Myanmar. Shared, low-interest borrowing aims to give farming communities more security and a stronger basis for making their own decisions.

Reported activity

3,254 people assisted, as reported

1,084 acres planted

18 village tracts

167 local volunteers

Reported allocation of funds

Field programmes	59%
Held in reserve for field programmes	32%
Promotion & fundraising	4%
Administration	5%

Figures reproduced from the source. Reserves are for future work; rounding can affect totals.

Shared responsibility, local ownership

Communities borrow together and share repayment responsibility. Interest accumulates towards the longer-term goal of communities running their own Seed Banks. The report describes stronger unity and improvements observed through monitoring.

Relationships through disruption

The executive summary describes ongoing conflict, continued visits and advice on development strategies. It places trust, mutual respect and local voices at the centre of the work.

People supporting the programmes

The report records two full-time Myanmar staff and ten monitoring and evaluation volunteers, alongside New Zealand support. These roles are reported separately from the 167 local volunteers; they should not be summed without knowing whether they overlap.

Reading the record

The figures are reported programme outputs, not verified counts of people permanently leaving poverty or avoiding trafficking. The comparison column does not match the document supplied as 2024, so no annual growth rate is calculated. This is a historical account of the year ended March 2025, not a statement that lending remains open today.

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