

CIRCUIT INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED

Statement of Service Performance

"What did we do?", When did we do it?"

For the year ended
31 March 2017

Description of the Entity's Outcomes*:

Through business and sustainable development, we seek to reduce the extreme poverty of communities in Myanmar. Through our **Grainsaver Bag Storage programme and our Seed Bank Programme**, we seek to give subsistence farming families ways to make a living wage, so that they won't need to sell their children as child brides to China, or into prostitution in Thailand. Through our **Coffee for Opium Replacement programme**, we seek to give communities which are farming and addicted to opium an alternative way to make a living. Through our **Cash Cows programmes**, we seek to provide for elderly people who have no family left to care for them, and we also seek to provide for drug addicts in rehabilitation. Through our **Special Needs Learning Centre** we seek to give special needs children equal opportunity to learn, and to be valued in their community.

	Actual*	Budget	Actual*
Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs:*	This Year	This Year	Last Year
How Donations Were Spent: Field Programmes - 37.73% Promotion & Fundraising - 2.28% Administration - 5.27% Retained for Future Programme Expansion after 31 March 2017 - 54.73% Total Expenditure - \$296,579 Less than 6% admin!!! Over 92% going to field programmes!!			n/a as this was our first year operating as Circuit
New Heaven Learning Centre: comprising 7 special needs students and 3 teachers. This programme indirectly benefits 61 people, which includes students and their families. An awareness raising project recording songs performed by famous musicians and the students was undertaken this year. (see Annual Report for further details). An income-generating project selling soap to hotels was also begun involving the students and their families. (see Annual Report for more details.)	\$15,139		
New Hope Seed Banks: a community seed bank for subsistence farmers, loaning seed at low-interest for the growing season. This programme initially helped 100 families in the Man Khat village tract, but when the maize mill leadership saw the benefit to the community they immediately doubled the size of the programme by adding their own funds. The loan enabled 152 acres to be planted out, without the farmers going into debt. After one year, the community was also able to pay back the loan, with enough interest, that it was then used to set up a seed bank in a neighbouring community the following season.	\$6,246		
Coffee for Opium: a substitution crop programme. It is still in its research phase, with two trips by our field programmes leader - firstly to our partner organisation Yunnan Coffee Traders in southern China who will be conducting our feasibility study, and secondly - to Special Area 7 in Shan State where the leadership have requested an opium replacement programme for up to 50,000 acres.	\$929		
Cash Cows: two income generating projects: firstly at Loi Lem, comprising three dairy cows and two calves, making an income to support elderly people who have no family to look after them, and secondly at Muse, comprising two dairy cows and two calves making an income to support a drug rehabilitation centre, which supports 8 ex-drug addicts and 2 staff members. This programme directly benefits 8 people, and 50 of their extended family. It has also positively affected others in the region: up to 18,000 local people (mainly Baptist church members) have donated additional money to the project. This has created a large support base of stakeholders.	\$20,987		

Grainsaver Bags: A storage programme running in conjunction with the seed bank programme. Initially 50 tonnes of maize was stored as a trial. After 4 months it was sold for twice the price it was bought for. Because of the success of this trial, local leadership now want to make use of all 60 grain saver bags this coming harvest season, and store up to 2000 tonnes for farmers who are also part of the seed bank programme.	\$107,843		
	Purchase of Machinery & Bags		

Additional Output Measures:
 We have three staff working fulltime in New Zealand. Two staff members (Executive Director and Field Programmes Leader) are sponsored/supported by local churches so they don't need to take a salary from the charity, and more funds can go to the field programmes. The accountant is a fulltime volunteer. Four staff work part time and have agreed to be paid at charity rates so that more funds can go to the field. The comms strategist works 8 hours a week, the webmaster, the graphic designer and the videographer work on average two hours a week. We also have two paid staff working fulltime in Myanmar who have agreed to be paid a local wage, not a high salary like some other INGOs pay their staff, so that more funds can be used for the programmes. Along with them, we have dozens of local volunteers, including the individual programme managers who happily volunteer their time, especially at the busiest times of planting and harvesting.

Additional Information:
 For more information on the outcomes and outputs of our programmes go to: <https://www.circuitinternational.org/seed-banks/>
<https://www.circuitinternational.org/grain-saver-bags/> <https://www.circuitinternational.org/cash-cows/>
<https://www.circuitinternational.org/new-heaven/> <https://www.circuitinternational.org/coffee-for-opium/>