

Month Activities Report for September

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Village: Hto Do Lay Kho village

Township: Phar Saung Township

Country: Myanmar

Maw Chi mines, Phar Saung township, Kayah State is one of the most popular places for the heaving mining areas. We can say in Maw Chi has different kind of people from different places are migrated here for their livelihood. Because most of the local people and outsiders from state or Chinese people are staying in those areas and depending on mining business. The mining business and location has expending every year due to the population growths and working there some are from big Lead mining company and some are from that company's friends. Mostly the mining share owns by Chinese company, military, cronies and armed groups however the local people own very few of mining areas in the Maw Chi. Due to the reason no one can say that in the Maw Chi surrounding areas might have more lead, mines and other natural resources.

In the Hto Do Lay Kho village has more than 30 household are living. The villagers had suffering so many troubles during the military dictatorship. During that time, because of the unsafety conditions most of the villagers have to ran to the jungle or other village for hiding.

For their livelihood, they have to do hillside farming and doing the cardamom plant cultivation. Some of the youth move to the mining areas to do lead mining for their livelihood. They can use bike transportation during the summer and winter session, however during the raining session they have to walk because the roads situation is in very bad.

For the Education, the education department has open one school and border for the villagers and nearest villages people came together and learning there too. For the teacher, the youth from the Maw Chi, those who finished studies in the Sae Thae Training Center youths has send to the Hto Do Lay Kho village in helping for teaching. Some middle school students are move to the Maw Chi to receive the education from the government school.

For the health issue, the health department has taken care of the villagers and medical checkup for the people in every month. If they have the serious patient then the medical officer are giving treatment and taking care of them. If they have serious disease, they send the patient to the Maw Chi hospital to get the treatment. However, mostly they do not have serious disease in their village yet.

This village is less of development due to the various political conflict. After 2012, the villagers got better telecommunication. Some of the Hto Do Lay kho villagers migrated to the Maw Chi areas because the villagers from Hto Do Lay Kho got the religious land by put to the vote from the religious leader. The development workers or INGOs cannot reach to that village because of the political situation.

Since 2017-2018, the KEG start meeting with the community people and help in making the village map, community forestry and marked the areas of wild beast free zone for the Hto Do Lay Kho. Community people said, before they do have the community forest areas however they do not have the committee, rule and regulation and the leader of the forest due to that they could not make it affectively.

Some villagers expend the hill side cultivation and logging the pine trees nears the water spring. Before we don't not have the leaders and faced a lot of difficulties because some villagers are doing the business on the logging and exported to the other places. However, we do have the committee and rule and regulation for the forest due to the cooperation of the township administrator and KEG. We do have the protected forest protection areas and have to block forest fires activities every year especially on the winter to summer transition period. Currently, for the fire wood and materials to building a house for the community people they have sharing systematically for all the households. Moreover, they have the fellowship service in every year on the Thaw Thi Kho mountain or Nat Taung with the cooperation of the Hto Do Lay Kho village and near all the neighboring villages.

