

MADE in Myanmar – Women's Centres Programme



Advancing Skills, Health and Economic Empowerment for Women Workers

Implemented through three partner centres:

- ◆ **Pyi Gyi Khin – Khint Mate Swe Women's Centre**
- ◆ **ONOW Women's Centre**
- ◆ **Future Light Centre**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- ◆ **Implementation period**
January 2023 – December 2025
- ◆ **Funding**
Co-funded by the European Union and international retailers participating in the MADE Project.
- ◆ **Geographic coverage**
Yangon • Bago • Patheingyi

The **MADE Women's Centres Programme** is a flagship worker empowerment initiative under the EU-funded **MADE in Myanmar – SMART Factories Programme**, implemented with local civil society partners.

Through three women's centres, the programme delivers integrated skills development, health services and peer learning platforms for women workers from Myanmar's garment sector.

The programme supports responsible sourcing by strengthening employability, improving health and wellbeing, and promoting sustainable workplace inclusion.

PROGRAMME DESIGN

Across the three centres, the programme provides:

- ◆ Vocational sewing and certified skills training
- ◆ Digital literacy and administrative skills
- ◆ Integrated medical, nutritional and psychosocial counselling
- ◆ Peer learning and leadership development
- ◆ Safe learning spaces for women workers



The Khint Mate Swe Women's Centre (Pyi Gyi Khin) operates with solar-powered infrastructure to ensure service continuity.

IMPACT & OUTCOMES (2023–2025)

Since launch, the Women's Centres Programme has delivered measurable outcomes:

Skills & Employability

- ◆ **303** women trained in sewing, computer, cooking and administrative skills to strengthen job readiness.

Health & Preventive Care

- ◆ **490** women received reproductive and primary healthcare counselling
- ◆ **341** women accessed nutritional support
- ◆ **314** women received private counselling on HIV/AIDS prevention and psychosocial wellbeing
- ◆ **60** women received prescription eyeglasses after eye checks
- ◆ **105** children received education support, including school supplies and essential items

Peer Learning, Awareness, and Social Inclusion

- ◆ **839** participants joined peer learning, focus groups and awareness sessions on cervical cancer, safe migration, gender-based violence, working conditions and human trafficking.

These interventions strengthen employability, wellbeing and workforce resilience.

Why This Matters

The Women's Centres Programme addresses key drivers of worker vulnerability by integrating skills development, preventive healthcare and peer learning.

For international retail partners, the programme contributes to:

- ◆ Vocational sewing and certified skills training
- ◆ Reduced absenteeism
- ◆ Stronger worker wellbeing
- ◆ Enhanced social compliance
- ◆ More resilient supply chains



This integrated model supports responsible sourcing by stabilising labour supply and reducing social risk.

Infrastructure & Sustainability

The Women's Centres operate training rooms, counselling spaces and vocational units.

The Khint Mate Swe Women's Centre is equipped with a solar photovoltaic system to ensure service continuity despite power outages, while reducing environmental impact.

Local civil society partnerships ensure cost-efficient and responsive service delivery.

Scalability

For international retail partners, the programme contributes to:

- ◆ Standardised training curricula
- ◆ Local partner delivery
- ◆ Shared monitoring frameworks

This enables cost-efficient scale-up while maintaining quality.

Strategic Partnerships and Programme Support

The Women's Centres Programme is co-funded by the European Union and implemented through a public-private partnership model involving international retailers participating in the MADE in Myanmar project, local civil society organisations and industry stakeholders.

This partnership approach supports coordinated investment in women's skills development, health services and workplace inclusion.



About MADE in Myanmar

The **MADE in Myanmar – SMART Factories Programme** is implemented by sequa gGmbH in partnership with EuroCham Myanmar. The programme strengthens social and environmental performance across Myanmar's garment sector by building factory capacities and supporting responsible sourcing.

To learn more about the **MADE**, visit: www.madeinmyanmar.eu

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