

## Imagining a world without poverty

Magic Bus is an international NGO working towards a world in which children break out of the cycle of poverty, leading fulfilling lives and contributing positively to their communities. By using a Childhood to Livelihood approach and delivering programmes based on an activity-based curriculum, Magic Bus aims to ensure that children complete secondary education and are equipped with the life skills and knowledge they need to eventually transition to employment.



## Magic Bus in Myanmar

Magic Bus has been active in Myanmar since 2017 and has successfully expanded across Thanlyin and Hlaing Thar Yar townships in Yangon. Youth Mentors conduct 47 weekly sessions targeted at 11 to 14-year olds, providing a range of activities to develop five core life skills: communication, teamwork, problem-solving, managing self and learning to learn.



## Reflecting on a successful 2018

- **Increase of 475 registered Magic Bus children** during the year (from 880 children in Q1 to 1,355 children in Q4)
- **100% of registered children progressed to higher grades** at the start of the new academic year in June
- **Over 750 sessions conducted** with children across communities and monastic schools since June
- **Over 40 parent meetings held** during the year to engage families and discuss the impact of the programme
- **Successful Games & Fun Day organised** in early 2018 to celebrate the work of Magic Bus with over 850 participants
- **Total of 375 tree saplings planted in communities and monastic schools** to celebrate International Youth Day
- Community cleanup events carried out resulting in the **collection of 200 bags of litter** in public areas
- **Five-day internal training course completed** by the Magic Bus team to ensure the continued delivery of a high quality programme



## Proceeds from the British Ball 2018

Magic Bus is grateful for the generous contributions from the Yangon community in May, which raised a total of \$16,500 towards the programme. These funds will be used in 2019 to sponsor approximately 200 children across Thanlyin and Hlaing Thar Yar townships for a full year. Thank you again to all attendees of the event, which was organised by the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar and Dulwich College Yangon.

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## Looking ahead

Throughout 2019 and 2020, the Magic Bus team will be working to achieve a target of 5,000 registered children. The focus will be on engaging government schools to reach as many children as possible.