

**THE IMPACTS OF SOCIAL SUPPORT TO
ORPHANS IN YANGON CITY**

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ABSTRACT

This thesis title is "The Impacts of Social Support to Orphans in Yangon City". The aim of this thesis is to explore how the social supports provide for orphans in Social Welfare Organizations. The study focus on the children's impact by providing the supports to those residing social welfare organizations within Yangon city. The study areas are Ratana Metta social welfare organization and Thukha Yeikmyon social support organization. Data was collected from two social welfare organizations by using descriptive study design involving qualitative method such as Focus Group Discussion (FGD), Key Informant Interview (KII), observation and participant observation. The study has been made perfect to a certain extent by adding up the compilation of the fact about the background history of social welfare organizations, the functions of these organizations at present day and the impact of orphan children. In Myanmar, there are a lot of people who encounter many disasters. Generally, the current social, cultural and economic situation in Myanmar has greatly impacted on the well-being of children in various ways. Government recognizes the difficulties faced by orphans as they grow up and the need for them to receive the love, care and education requisite for growing into responsible adults and productive members of the society. In order to solve this problem, social welfare organizations take the vital role. Moreover, many domestic NGOs are emerging in our country in different forms and types as foundations, federations, associations, civil society organizations or group for specific activities especially for aged and children that need their help. Non-government organizations (NGOs) are involving in a wide range of fields from health and education to development work and relief and reconstruction. Besides, they perform social support for various ways particularly orphans children. Social Support is one of the priority issues in the development of the society and therefore everybody should understand and conduct the nature of social support. By doing the social welfare activities, the children will receive security not only physically but also mentally and then children can grow up with fair and square mind-sets and become the good persons or good leaders one day.

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