

About the Project

BAGO - THANATPIN TOWNSHIP

ABOUT BAGO

Bago, which is about 3 hours by car from Yangon City, is currently the only accredited site for hosting GV volunteers in Myanmar. It is located between Yangon and Mandalay regions. The project area covers underdeveloped rural villages of Thanatpin Township.

- About 81% of housing units in Bago are wood, bamboo and hut. Typically, houses need repairs every three years or so.
- Open defecation is widely practiced in rural Bago. About 11% of households in the region do not have a toilet.
- Some 24% of households get their drinking water from unprotected well or spring; pool, pond or lake; river, stream or canal; and waterfall or rainwater.

THE PROJECT

The project, aims to increase resiliency of the target communities in Thanatpin Township through improved access to water and sanitation facilities, improved hygiene and sanitation knowledge and practices as well as identification and use of best practices for disaster risk reduction. By June 2019, the project has delivered 95 flood-resilient bamboo houses, 60 of which have rainwater collection system, 350 household toilets, improved latrines for boys and girls in 5 public schools, a public toilet, renovated community ponds, and 2 pilot social enterprise on clean water that use reverse osmosis system. All these activities involve working with township officials, village committees, and school committees.



VOLUNTEER TASKS:

Volunteers will build a house using sustainable construction material--bamboo! A build will typically last 5 days with volunteers working alongside local skilled workers, Habitat Myanmar staff and the home partner to construct one housing unit.

Volunteers may be given these tasks:

- Setting up and fixing the Bamboo post, Bamboo beam and joists
- Producing / weaving bamboo floor desk and walling mat
- Installing and fixing bamboo joists and floor desk
- Installing timber and bamboo flooring
- Building and fixing wall vertical struts, horizontal struts and walling mat
- Installing the door and window frame and leaf
- Fixing stair and handrail walls
- Assisting with installing roofing with CGI sheets
- Carrying and collecting bamboo and other construction materials
- Site cleaning and cleaning tools after build