

Children's Development Center - CDC



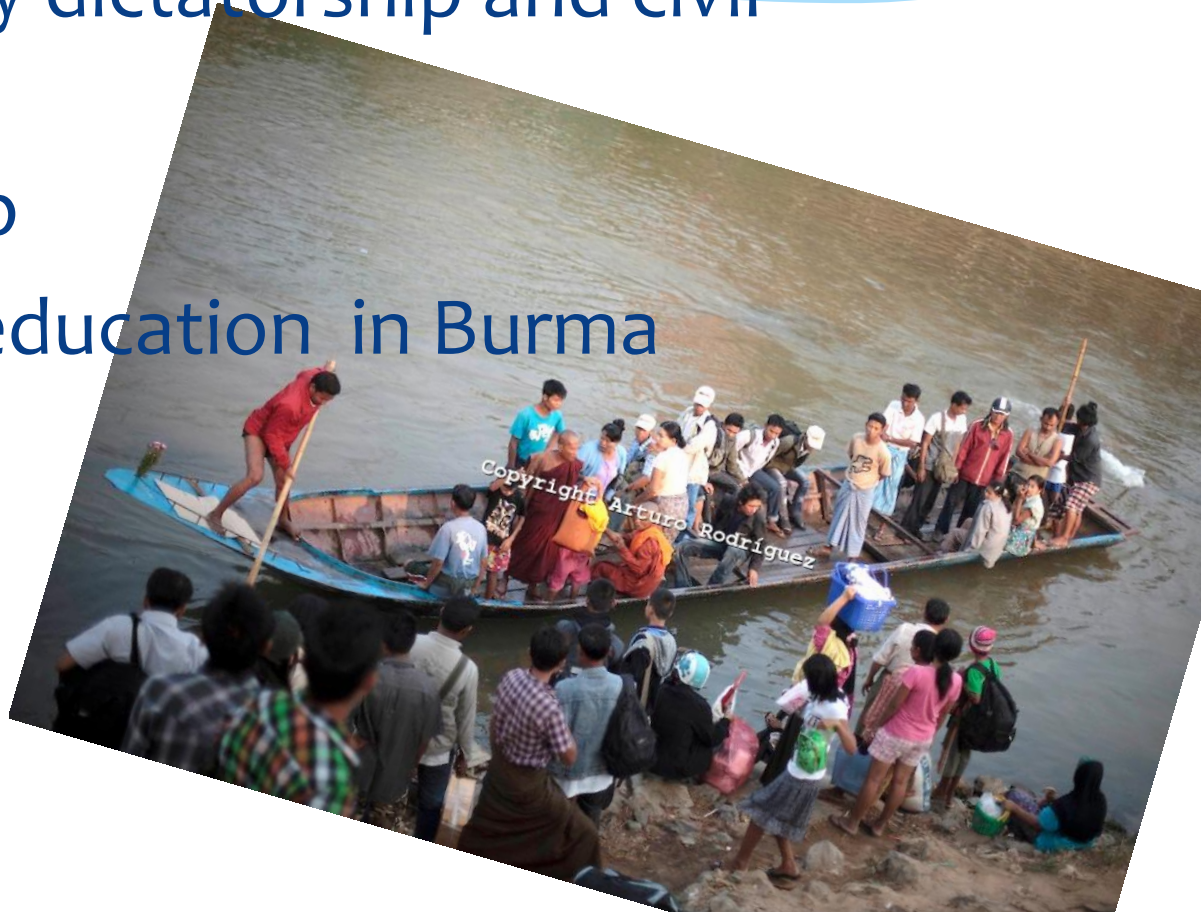
Embracing Diversity

Challenges and opportunities in
seeking multi-cultural values and
mutual understanding

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Migration Trends

- * Oppressive military dictatorship and civil war
- * Economic hardship
- * Lack of access to education in Burma border areas



MIGRANTS IN TAK PROVINCE

- * There is an estimated 260,000 migrant workers living in Tak province northwestern Thailand
- * Before August 2008 the Children of undocumented migrants were unable to have their births registered
- * Many of the migrant community have been displaced and are undocumented in Thailand

Migrant Education



Migrant Education in Tak Province

- * Migrant Learning Centers (MLC) provide vital education and opportunities to children from the migrant community
- * 2014 - there are over 13,000 students attending at 66 Migrant Learning Centers in Tak province
- * CDC is 1 of 9 post-10 schools in Tak Province

Background of CDC

- * Established in 1995 with a Nursery school to respond the education need for CBOs children
- * School expanded year on year –CDC now teaches Nursery- Grade 12
- * In the Academic year 2014/15 CDC has 864 enrolled in the school



Diversity in CDC

Multicultural Activities in CDC

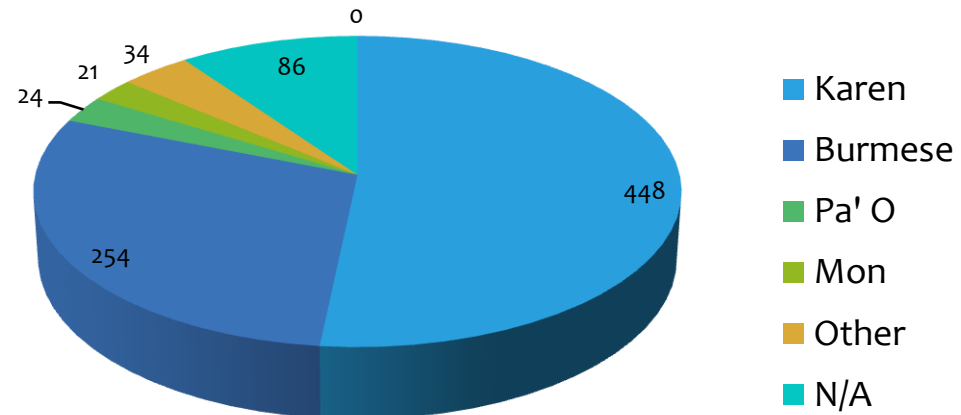
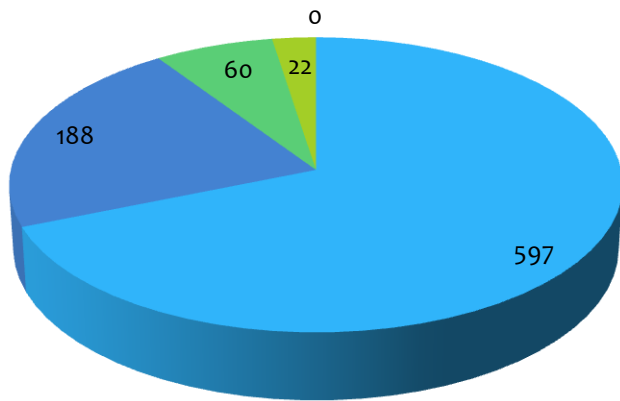
- * School Partnership program
- * ASEAN culture
- * Myanmar Ethnic culture
- * Thai Culture /Traditional Dance
- * Music Exchange
- * Culture show in Thai communities

Ethnic diversity



Religion & Ethnicity

- Buddhism
- Christain
- Islam
- Others



Challenges

Internal

- * Large student turn over/dropout (over 13yrs)
- * Curriculum content
- * Language barriers

External

- * Community perceptions of migrants
- * Grassroots understanding of ASEAN

Opportunities

Internal

- * CDC involved in the development and implementation of a standardized Civil and Citizen Education curriculum for all MLCs
- * Improved and more participatory Teaching methods have made students more aware of their social and cultural environment outside of the curriculum
- * Student performance calculated through continuous assessment program
- * Building mutual understanding with local Thai Community has led to acknowledgement, recognition and increased collaboration with Thai education and health authorities
- * Vocational education program provides student with practical work skills
- * Preserving students cultural identity through extra-curricular activities at school

Opportunities

External

The 'Education for all Policy' in Thailand (2005) aimed to create opportunities for migrant students

- School Within School program
- MoE provide Thai teachers to some of the MLCs
- NFE program

Introducing the ASEAN In Curriculum

Teaching students about the concepts of ASEAN to

- * Middle school level in 2007
- * High school level in 2010
- * Primary level in 2012



Building Bridges

- * Advocate for student accreditation in Thailand and Burma
- * Promote better community consultation on education curriculum
- * Support children to embrace and feel proud of their diverse cultures and identities through education
- * Recognition within ASEAN on the barriers that documentation pose on access to education



Myanmar Traditional dance



Karen Done dance



Drum and bugle corps team



Thai Traditional dance



Many thanks for your attention

We now invite your questions

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