

Voices OF HOPE

Thailand and Burma

DARE (Drug and Alcohol Recovery Education Network) is a Canadian NGO working along the Thai-Burmese border, where more than 160,000 people live in refugee settlements, having fled conflict and violence in Burma. DARE is working to reduce, treat and prevent substance abuse and associated social issues within these communities.

People living in refugee settlements are not permitted to work in Thailand and education opportunities do not exist. Drugs and alcohol are cheaply and readily available. Addiction is a family and community problem, with women holding families together. If their male partner has an addiction, women often suffer increased poverty, stress and domestic violence. Treatment is an essential service to protect the future of these families and communities. In 2023, PWRDF and DARE partnered on a project to grow and harvest Moringa seeds, turning them into a nutrient-rich and marketable dietary supplement powder.

DARE is the only organization providing community-based and culturally appropriate addiction prevention, education and treatment in five refugee camps and one migrant village. PWRDF has been in partnership with DARE since 2003, supporting those who live there with diverse programming.




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