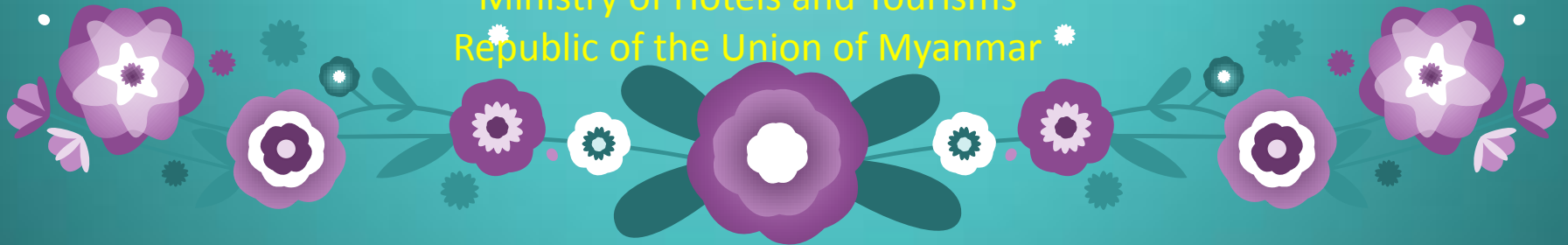




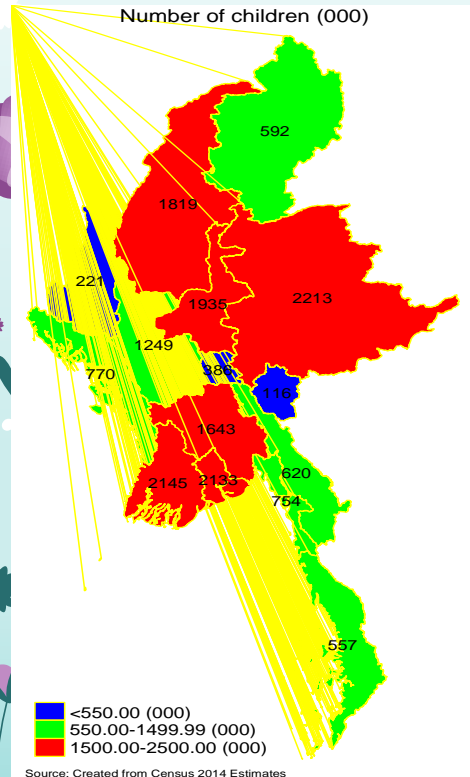
# Child Safe Tourism in Myanmar

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# Key facts about children in Myanmar



- National population – 51.4 million (Myanmar's 2014 Census Report)
- More than 17 million children – 34.2% of the population



# Existing child protection concerns

- Myanmar became a signatory country to the Convention on the Rights of The Child (CRC) in 1991
- Child Law was developed in 1993 followed by Rules & Regulations in 2001

Key child protection issues:

- Sexual exploitation
- Child Labor (under 15)
- Child trafficking
- Child Solider
- Children deprived of parental care (children in institutions)



# Existing Protection Measures

DSW Child Protection Case Management System in place to respond to child protection issues

- ☐ Ensure coordination among different Departments
- ☐ Address individual cases (with focus more on statutory cases and non-statutory cases with NGO partners)
- ☐ Establish referral mechanism (Police, Health, Education, Judiciary)

# Help Line and Hot Line in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw



Hot Line in Emergency Operation Center (Nay Pyi Taw)



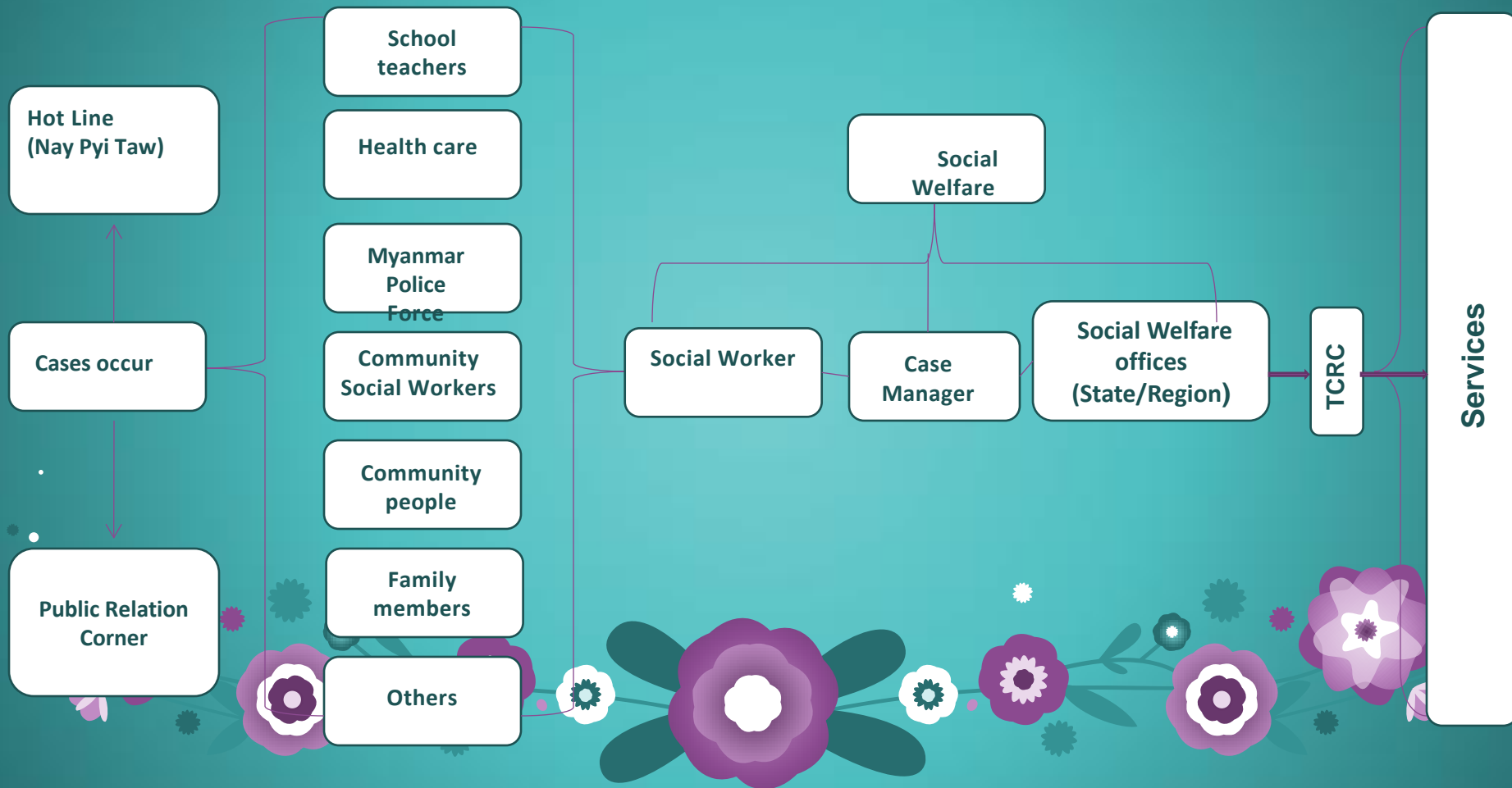
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# Partnership

1. Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
2. UNICEF
3. The Code (Thailand)
4. Myanmar Responsible Tourism Institute
5. Child Fund
6. The Foundation Terre des Homes
7. Japan Heart
8. Save the Children
9. World Vision
10. Plan International



# Initiatives on Child Safe Tourism



□ In 2013: Responsible Tourism Policy adopted with focus on protection and prevention of orphanage and child sex tourism

□ In 2013: Myanmar Tourism Master Plan published-raising awareness of the prevention of sex tourism and human exploitation in the tourism industry

□ In 2014: National Forum on prevention of family separation was held to promote awareness on child safe tourism







# Initiatives on child safe tourism

- Since 2015: Advocacy and awareness raising sessions organized in collaboration with UNICEF and partners. For example, MOHT and partners distributed 10,000 pamphlets on orphanage tourism.
- Trainings were conducted at national and regional level on child protection, orphanage and child sex tourism for regional/national licensed tour guides, hotel staff and members of Myanmar Tour Guide Association as well as private sector.





# DOS&DON'Ts FOR TOURISTS



HOW YOU CAN VISIT MYANMAR RESPONSIBLY





Since 2014: Public awareness raising on. “Children are not tourist attractions” pamphlets were developed and distributed to tourists. Articles for national airlines’ inflight magazines.



# What's next?

- To continue advocating key stakeholders for better understanding on the impact of tourism on children, the need for responsible and child safe tourism in Myanmar
- To strengthen law enforcement to monitor the movement of child sex offenders – both local and foreigners - by collaborating and sharing information with relevant authorities from respective countries
- To generate more data and evidence for developing evidence based policies and programs: (i) situation of children in travel, tourism and online; (ii) survey on current situation of orphanage tourism in tourist hot spot areas
- To continue disseminating pamphlet on orphanage tourism with seven more languages: Japanese, German, Thai, Korean, French, Chinese, Bahasa/Malaysian
- To ensure all business, particularly T & T sectors meet their responsibility to respect children's rights and commit to supporting the rights of children in Myanmar
- To focus on environment and economic returns on investment including potential social consequences with particular focus on local families and children





# Thank You

