



## THE SALWEEN INSTITUTE

### **Vision & Mission**

Our vision is to help shape a better future for the peoples of Burma/Myanmar. Towards this vision, SI has two key objectives:

- Inform citizens of key policy issues impacting Burma/Myanmar through independent, objective analyses and public seminars/lectures.
- Empower individuals and civil society organizations across the country through trainings and technical assistance so that they can participate in the shaping of public policies.

### **We believe**

- That equality and right to self-determination for all ethnic nationalities are fundamental to build a peaceful and prosperous Burma/Myanmar.
- That cultivating a strong intellectual foundation is crucial to fostering much-needed social cohesion among pluralistic societies of Burma/Myanmar.

### **About SI**

**Shared Values** - Founding members of Salween Institute have come together out of a shared concern and desire to develop practical policy options to tackle complex socio-economic and political challenges affecting the peoples of our country. We draw our strength from our unique sets of skills and rich experiences, including seven different languages, cultural heritage, technical trainings, international experience and most importantly, strong relationships with our respective communities on the ground.

**A Wealth of Experience** - Over the last 10-20 years, each of us has been actively and deeply engaged in various grassroots empowerment activities rooted in the diverse communities of Burma/Myanmar. We have worked in North America, along the Thai-Burmese border and inside Burma including conflict-affected areas.

**The Time is Now** - Burma/Myanmar is undergoing a series of unprecedented changes and challenges. We at the Salween Institute believe that public policies should serve the public and that achieving this depends on informed debate, constructive dialogue and community empowerment. Salween Institute aims to equip communities in Burma/Myanmar with the information and tools to constructively participate in public policymaking impacting their lives.

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