ACTED has created a 3Zero Platform in Myanmar gathering like-minded actors who wish to move forward the 3Zero agenda. Gathering NGOs, CSOs, but also start-ups, private companies, research institutions, and many other actors; the 3Zero Platform aims to act at the local and national level to advocate for change and promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). ACTED Myanmar’s local 3Zero Platform acts locally within the frame of the Global 3Zero Alliance.
WHAT IS THE 3ZERO?

Zero Exclusion because society is enriched when it can benefit from all its members; and the vulnerability of marginalized populations can be reduced by promoting citizenship, inclusive institutions, vibrant civil society, and accountable governance mechanisms, policies and actions.

Zero Carbon because we want to pass on social, political and economic systems that respect and protect natural balances, flourishing life on land and healthy oceans and seas.

Zero Poverty because poverty is an intolerable entrapment of people who could otherwise contribute to positive change, it is our collective responsibility to ensure systems that promote protection of the most vulnerable and offer opportunities.

THE 3ZERO GLOBAL ALLIANCE

A global movement that brings together those who believe in a Zero Exclusion, Zero Carbon and Zero Poverty World.

A global coalition of civil society partners seeking to make lasting connections to create positive change and together educate and lobby to shape solutions & multisector partnerships that save and improve millions of lives.

A global platform that addresses the most pressing issues the world faces today by sharing knowledge and learning about initiatives, actions, and policies that drive positive change.
The Myanmar 3Zero Platform will aim to replicate and build upon the knowledge and expertise of the Global Alliance to drive country-level innovation, resulting in sharing of best practices, increased advocacy from a grassroots level, and building networks and connections among stakeholders in all sectors for the promotion of the SDGs.

All members of the 3Zero Platform are required to commit to a set of common principles of action that are design to ensure that the platform across different countries, all work for the same goal and only consist of actors who are truly interested in achieve sustainable change. The principles of action are at the core of the 3Zero platform and guides all action and initiatives. It is important that all interested CSO’s and development actors are familiar with the principles before joining the platform.
COMMON PRINCIPLES OF ACTION

1. We work together for present and future generations, in line with the 17 SDGs

2. We believe that everyone’s responsibility lies in empowering everyone

3. We encourage positive actions and work for concrete solutions

4. We believe in partnerships between all actors and cooperation beyond our differences

5. We use and develop innovation and new technologies to serve the common good

6. We aim at promoting inclusive approaches to poverty reduction and sustainable development, fostering the empowerment of all individuals and organisations

7. We work to ensure that everyone has the means to act locally and globally

8. We encourage responsible and sustainable consumption and production

9. We act to preserve and protect the planet, our common home
JOIN THE 3ZERO PLATFORM IN MYANMAR AND HELP ACHIEVE A MORE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD

The 3Zero Platform was established in Myanmar in 2017 and consists currently of 26 active CSO members, participating in 3 Working Groups which are all an essential part of achieving the 3Zero goal. The groups meet bi-monthly to share knowledge and best practices, build each others’ capacities, and develop ideas for advocacy campaigns and events. At each meeting, a member gets the opportunity to share their work, approaches and results as well as get inputs from the remaining members on faced challenges.

The 3Zero Platform provides its members with the required skills, knowledge and linkages to create positive change and, together, educate and advocate to shape solutions and multisector partnerships that can save and improve millions of lives both in Myanmar and globally. ACTED strongly believes that sustainable solutions to exclusion, climate change and poverty, will only succeed if the civil society stand together to influence decision-makers at regional or national level to act now. As such the 3Zero Platform welcome and encourage all development actors to join one or several of the working groups and through knowledge sharing and collaborative initiatives help empower citizens individually and collectively to strengthen their voices and together advocate for a 3Zero world.

IMPACT OF THE WORKING GROUPS

- Identifying key cross-sector issues and themes within Myanmar that relate to the targeted SDG
- Defining awareness-raising activities around the SDGs and the 3Zero
- Developing messages, charters and other collaborative outcomes on the SDGs and the 3Zero that will be shared on all 3Zero social media and media networks within the 3Zero Platform
- Advocating for and follow up on governmental efforts relating to the SDGs and key 3Zero issues and themes

- Deciding the topic for future capacity development trainings and initiatives
- Having an active role in the development and direction of the SDGs and their implementation across Myanmar
- Participating in networking activities and discussions with stakeholders from different sectors working in Myanmar, and developing synergies between ongoing and future initiatives
- Increasing linkages, connections, and networks between and among civil society stakeholders throughout Myanmar
The Education Working Group responds to the current gaps and challenges in Myanmar’s educational system, as obtaining a quality education is the foundation for creating sustainable development. In Myanmar, only 23% of students in Grades 2 and 48% in Grade 3 meet expectations for functional reading levels, which is lower than most countries in Southeast Asia. For quality education to be provided to all children in Myanmar, investment is needed in teacher training workshops, school building and improvement of access to water and electricity in schools. The Education Working Group shares lesson learnt and best practices amongst members in order to create advocacy affords and raise awareness around the issue.

The Environmental Working Group addresses the environmental challenges that Myanmar faces and will soon face due to climate change. An increase in the intensity and frequency of climatic events would dramatically affect Myanmar, which is already one of the countries most vulnerable to extreme weather events.

While there are positive steps in terms of awareness on climate change and the development of civil society and grassroots initiatives, far more ambitious plans and accelerated action are needed on mitigation and adaptation at local, regional, and national levels. As such, the Environmental Working Group shares ideas and develops innovative solutions on how to encourage relevant stakeholders to act.

The Labour Rights Working Group advocates for decent work conditions for everyone in Myanmar with specific focus on fair income, equal opportunities for men and women, security in the workplace, social protection, better prospects for personal development, and social integration.

A continued lack of decent work opportunities, insufficient investments, and under-consumption in Myanmar have hindered the country’s capacity to achieve the SDGs. As such the Labour Rights Working Group raises awareness on such issues to encourage the development of sustainable solutions.
The 3Zero Platform offers a unique chance for CSOs to add their voices to a movement of over 200 active actors from all over the world, already standing together around the common 3Zero ambition and principles of action. Join the platform today and become a frontrunner towards a shared global vision of a 3Zero world, a world with “Zero carbon, Zero exclusion and Zero poverty”.

**EXPECTATIONS FOR 3ZERO MEMBERS**

- Signing up and committing to the **3Zero Charter**
- Joining one or more of the **working groups**
- **No financial contribution** is required only allocation of time and personnel for the working groups meetings and other 3Zero related event

**BENEFITS FOR THE 3ZERO PLATFORM MEMBERS**

- Access to a venue for development actors to share best practices, challenges, and innovative approaches
- Capacity development trainings facilitated by ACTED or external consultants based on requests from the members both in relation to advocacy related subjects and internal organisational mechanism and tools. Previous trainings have focused on evidence based research, advocacy, monitoring and evaluation and strategic planning to support the members in organizing advocacy events.
- Increased awareness and promotion of the member organisations and achieved results, through the dedicated 3Zero Facebook page, that regularly publishes membership portraits of the 3Zero members and news of the platform to a network of +2000 members.
- Registration on the 3Zero Global Alliance specific Partner’s website, together with the members organization’s logo and web link.
- Utilisation of the dedicated 3Zero logo on website to brand for specific activities that contribute to the 3Zero world and the SDGs.
WHY JOIN THE 3ZERO PLATFORM?

In summary, there are **3 main reasons for becoming a member of the 3Zero Platform**:

- To support the development of the civil society space in Myanmar;
- To exchange with committed experts across a range of different fields working towards common goals;
- To take a position on key development themes by contributing to social media campaigns, newsletter and visibility distributions, and participating in 3Zero Platform events.

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![Presentation by a member of the Labour Rights Working Group](image)

![Advocacy training for all 3Zero members](image)

![Capacity building training facilitated by ACTED](image)

![Teambuilding exercise at the Environmental Working Group](image)