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Shan Women's Action Network

Statement in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary

March 28, 2019

Taunggyi, Shan State

Today we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Shan Women's Action Network which was established to work for gender equality and justice for all, alongside the movement for social and political change in our homeland.

Prior to our 20th anniversary, SWAN held its Shan Women's Get Together on March 25-26, 2019. More than 130 women from all over the country and Thailand participated in our event, where we reviewed and discussed our vision, mission and program activities. In addition, we discussed the escalating armed conflicts in Shan State that have produced increasing numbers of internally displaced people; the stagnant peace process, and the political, economic and social situation that is directly affecting the security and quality of life of women and children.

Even though we have made a positive impact on the lives of many, SWAN is saddened to see that the security of women and children in our homeland remains fragile, with little improvement in their lives.

Women are half the strength of the nation and children are our future: therefore SWAN believes that any effort to ensure security and to improve the lives of women and children will bring development and progress to our country. SWAN is proud to announce that we will maintain our commitment to peace and development and will continue working to improve the lives of women and children.

SWAN believes that the parties involved in the increasing armed conflict in Shan State as well as those who are encouraging the parties to engage in armed conflict should be responsible for ending the fighting. At a time when all ethnic armed organizations are negotiating an end to the conflict with Burma's Army, fighting between ethnic armed organizations is an obstacle to people's hopes and dreams for peace and stability in our homeland.

Therefore, SWAN strongly urges all parties engaged in armed conflict to resolve their differences through political means without delay.

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