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Looking Back on 2025

*Burma's Political Crisis and Key Highlights from
the Women's League of Burma and Its Member Organizations*

The Women's League of Burma (WLB) is launching a report entitled "Looking Back on 2025," which highlights the impact of ongoing armed conflict and the deepening political, economic, and humanitarian crisis in Burma/Myanmar on women. The report sheds light on the challenges faced by WLB's member organizations working on the ground despite extreme security, financial, and operational constraints. It also presents **key data from their work** through infographics and some highlights of both WLB member organizations and WLB as an umbrella organization in 2025.

In 2025, WLB member organizations documented **209 cases of sexual and gender-based violence**. They provided support to internally displaced persons (IDPs), Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) members, women human rights defenders (WHRDs), and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV), as well as emergency assistance to those affected by the March 2025 earthquake.

- At least **54,311 IDPs (Female 31,382+ + and Male 22,929+)** in Bago, Sagaing, Tanintharyi regions, Karen, Karenni (Kayah) Mon and Shan states, Manipur State on India Border and Thailand -Burma/Myanmar border area.
- **108** women CDMs in Kachin, Karenni (Kayah) states and Manipur State on Indian Border, **310** women's human rights defenders in Sagaing and Tanintharyi regions, Karenni (Kayah) and Shan states, and Manipur State on Indian Border;
- **1,212** women survivors in Bago, Sagaing, Tanintharyi regions, Chin, Kachin, Karen, Karenni (Kayah), Mon and Shan states, and Thailand -Burma/Myanmar border area.
- **10,202** people affected by the earthquake in March 2025.

"Through this sham election, the junta will 'legitimate' itself and continue its military offensives across the country, committing war crimes against the people. So, we have to work harder to continue what we have been doing for decades," said Mye Ngei.

The report, "Looking Back on 2025," reiterates WLB's calls to the international community to reject the military junta's sham electoral process, pursue accountability through international justice mechanisms, implement a global arms embargo, protect and resource women's rights defenders, ensure meaningful political space for women-led organizations, and end impunity for violence against women and girls.

"Without decisive international action and sustained support for local actors, the humanitarian and human rights crisis in Burma/Myanmar will continue to deepen, with devastating consequences for millions of civilians," said Poe Dah.

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