

Khint Mate Swe Women's Centre

Quick facts

Address and telephone

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Funded by...

European Union funded.
Co-financed by retailers such as H&M, adidas, Bestseller and others.

Current operations plan

September, 2023 - December 2025

Centre managed by...



Key targets

- Nutritional tele-counseling and in-person counseling with **500** women workers from the textile, clothing and footwear industries.
- **400** women receive career advancement training, such as alternative skills courses, vocational sewing training and computer and business administrative skills.
- **1,400** individuals participate in peer group sessions, mostly Saturday and Sunday gatherings.
- Approx. **900** women receive counseling by the Centre's doctors on reproductive health, HIV/STI prevention and treatment, tuberculosis and primary care advice.

Khint Mate Swe opened in Sept., 2023. The Centre is implemented by local civil society organisation Pyi Gyi Khin and features classrooms for computer and business skills training, peer group sessions, cooking, nutritional counseling, a mini-library and a dedicated sewing training building. With a 3kW photovoltaic solar rooftop system and a lithium ion power back-up, the Centre is resilient to frequent power cuts and minimizes its environmental impact.

The Centre builds on the model of earlier garment women's centres implemented by the EU's MADE and SMART Factories projects between 2016 and 2023 and seeks to re-establish a **safe space for civil society** and, especially, a **knowledge hub and gathering space for women from the textile, clothing and footwear factories** to access new skills and share in learning.



Cooking courses are popular as one alternative skills course for unemployed garment workers.



Peer group sessions for women working in the factories are regularly held on Sundays.



Sewing training courses are taught to increase skills, employability and earning potential.

Women's Centre plans for 2024...

- The centre re-launches the SMART Factories vocational sewing training programme within a dedicated building, teaching two classes of students per month, 10 days per class,
- At least 14 batches of computer and administrative skills courses are conducted focused on re-skilling unemployed women and matching them with new jobs.
- Medical and nutritional counseling is available to women working in the textile, clothing and footwear industries and direct outreach and cooperation is made to enhance capacities of in-factory medical clinics.
- The Centre's new mini-library is fully set-up and utilized by visitors.
- Cooking classes and cosmetics/beautician courses are piloted to explore potential for alternative skilling.
- The project's nutritionist studies medium term impacts of in-factory interventions to offer free fortified rice and healthy snacks to workers.
- Breastfeeding rooms and child care facilities are promoted to empower women and ease re-entry into the workforce after maternity leave.



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The **MADE in Myanmar** project, known locally for its SMART Factories Programme, is implemented by sequa gGmbH with partner EuroCham Myanmar. MADE builds capacities for social and environmental performance improvements across the Myanmar textile, clothing and footwear industries and assist member retailers in monitoring and improving working conditions within their supply chain.

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