Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business







Myanmar moves up in Doing Good Index 2020

In the newly launched <u>Doing Good Index 2020</u> <u>Report</u>, (DGI2020), Myanmar has moved up from 'Not Doing Enough' in 2018 to 'Doing OK' by improving registration and oversight efficiency for not-for-profits. DGI2020 looks at the enabling environments for philanthropy and private social investment across 18 Asian countries, including Myanmar. MCRB partnered with <u>CAPS</u> on research for the Myanmar chapter of the report conducting a comprehensive online survey with 105 Myanmar not-for-profit 'social delivery organisations' (SDOs) as well as in person meetings with government officials and experts.

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After one year of internet shutdown, legal reform is needed

MCRB hosted an <u>online multi-stakeholder</u> <u>discussion</u> on May 21 to discuss how Article 77 of the 2013 Telecommunications Law should be reformed to include human rights safeguards. Article 77 gives government power to require companies to suspend telecommunication services and block websites. MCRB with Myanmar Digital Rights Forum Partners is seeking to build collective action by companies and others to update the Law. MCRB and other civil society organisations issued <u>a statement on</u> <u>21 June</u> as it is a year since around a million people had their mobile data cut off.

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Enhancing Regulation for Private Security Companies in Myanmar

MCRB is undertaking a baseline study of Private Security Companies in Myanmar to provide more information on the sector, with the aim of enhancing protection and respect for human rights. <u>The study</u>, which is being assisted by expert consultant Niels Huby, is supported by the Voluntary Principles Association. MCRB is Secretariat to the <u>in-country Voluntary Principles</u> for Security and Human Rights (VPSHR) Steering <u>Committee.</u>



New bilingual handbook on LGBT+ Equality in the Workplace

Together with <u>Colors Rainbow</u> and the <u>Business</u> <u>Coalition for Gender Equality</u> (BCGE), MCRB cohosted a <u>webinar</u> on 20 May to launch the publication of <u>LGBT+ Equality in the Workplace:</u> <u>A Bilingual Resource Guide</u>'. MCRB has recently signed <u>new strategic partnerships</u> with BCGE and Colors Rainbow.

Click here to read the Guide



Catch up with our webinars on environment, disability and more

Recent webinars which MCRB has co-sponsored and team members have spoken include <u>Disability Inclusion in Crisis Response</u> (with sign language interpretation), with <u>BCGE</u>, and guest speaker U Myat Thu Winn, President of <u>Shwe Min</u> <u>Tha Foundation</u>; <u>Reconstructing Better Air</u> <u>Quality after COVID-19</u> with <u>Air Quality Yangon</u>; a discussion with <u>Myanmar Environmental</u> <u>Assessment Association</u> on what 'CSR' means for the EIA process, and <u>how investments should</u> <u>address community development</u> and a <u>panel</u> <u>discussion for World Environment Day</u>. Win Min presented on responsible travel and climate change at <u>Yangon Climate Talk on 22 June</u> and will moderate an <u>online discussion Green Politics</u> <u>in Myanmar on 25 Jun</u>, organised by the French Institute in Myanmar.

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Business Integrity Survey

The OECD are conducting an Anti-Corruption and Responsible Business Conduct Survey in South-East Asia and would welcome input from companies in Myanmar. The <u>survey</u> asks about risk management and responsible business policies that your company has in place.

Also, look out for the launch of MCRB's handbook on Business Integrity for Myanmar Businesses (in English and Burmese) – coming soon!

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