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Date of Birth: 6th December, 1959

EDUCATION

Honorary Doctorate in Medicine, Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand 2013

Medical Doctor Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Institute of Medicine II, Yangon
1985

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder and Director, Mae Tao Clinic, Mae Sot, Thailand

1989 - Present

- Founder and director of 140-bed primary health care facility
- Coordinates with local CBOs and NGOs to develop and implement programs for health, training, health system strengthening in Eastern Burma, and child protection along the Thai-Burma border;
- Oversees 80-million-baht budget from 30 large donors and other small grants;
- Develops and monitors services with 7 deputy directors and 16 managers;
- Works with technical consultants and 9 board members; and
- Oversees HR policy and supervision system for 400 staff

Chair of Board, Burma Medical Association, Mae Sot, Thailand

1992 - Present

- Collaboratively supports over 40 clinics community health center in ethnic areas of Burma;
- Oversees health worker training programs conducted by CBOs and EHOs. Maternal Child Health, Certificate of Public Health, Emergency Obstetric and Health System Management
- Establishes and provides supervision for ongoing strengthening Health Information System for eastern Burma; and
- Facilitates Health System Strengthening project and Health Policy Development in ethnic states in Burma

Chair of Board, Back Pack Health Worker Team, Mae Sot, Thailand

1998 - Present

- Oversees 100 mobile Back Pack Health Workers Teams accessing over 200,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Burma/Myanmar;
- Sets up Community oriented Primary Health Care services among the IDPs;
- Strengthens the network of Multiethnic Health organization across conflict affected ethnic areas; and
- Advocates Health as Human Right issues and Impact of Human Right violations of Health

Medical Doctor, Private Clinic, Eaim Du Village, Kayin State, Burma

1987 – 1988

Medical Doctor, Private Maternity Clinic, Bassein, Irrawaddy Division, Burma

1986 – 1987

Assistant Surgeon/Clinical intern, Moulmein General Hospital, Mon State, Burma

AWARDS

2020: Ockenden International Prize, UK

2018: Honorable Award for Person who dedicated their lives for the promotion and protection of Human Rights, the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

2018: N-Peace Sward "Untold stories, Myanmar", Southeast Asia Region,

2018: Roux Prize Award "Humanitarian of the Year", The Institute for health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), University of Washington, USA

2017: The 2017 Baptist World Alliance Denton and Janice Lotz Human Rights Award, USA

2016: The Humanitarian Hero Award 2016 by AidEx, an international platform for professionals in aid and development, International

2015: Ilga Award "Public Service", Ilga Foundation, Seoul, South Korea

2013: Sydney Peace Prize Award", Center for Peace and Conflict Study", Sydney University, Australia

2013: The One Award, Rotary International, Hong Kong

2012: National Endowment for Democracy's Award, National Endowment for Democracy, USA

2011: Free to Create Award, Freedom to Create Foundation, Singapore

2009: Khon Khon Khon Award "Inspirational Model", TV Burapha, Thailand

2008: Tan Khun Phandin Award "76 Awards Good Earth Behalf", Nation Group, Thailand

2008: Catalonia International Prize, Catalonia Government, Spain

2007: Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Taiwan

2007: World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child Honorary Award, Sweden

2007: Shining World Leadership Award, Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association, USA

2005: 1,000 Women Nobel Peace Prize Nomination (Global), The organization Peace Women Across the Globe, Switzerland

2005: Unsung Heroes of Compassion Award, Dalai Lama and Wisdom in Action, USA

2005: The Eighth Global Concern for Human Life Award, Chou – Ta Kuan Foundation, Taiwan

2005: Global Health Hero (1 of 18), Time Magazine

2002: Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership, Ramon Magsaysay Foundation, Philippines

2001: Foundation for Human Rights in Asia Special Award, Japan Foundation for Human Rights and Democracy, Japan

2001: Van Heuven Goehart Award, Netherland Refugee Foundation, the Netherlands

1999: Jonathan Mann Health and Human Rights Award, Global Health Concil and Doctor's of the World, USA

1999: American Women's Medical Association President's Award, USA

1999: John Humphrey Freedom Award, The Canadian organization Rights & Democracy, Canada

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Serves as the leader for strengthening the community health systems in Eastern Burma;
- Steering committee member of the following projects:

2012 - 2017

1. Partnership for basic maternal and neonatal health care (Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation Project)
2. Malaria Elimination Task Force (Global Fund)
3. Project for Local Empowerment

- Project leader: Health System Strengthening Project in Ethnic States, 2013 - Present
- Project leader: Eastern Burma retrospective mortality Survey, 2004, 2008, 2013, 2019
- Investigator: Reproductive Health Quality of care, M&E project, 2002, 2004
- Project Leader: Post Abortion care Quality improvement research, 2003-2005
- Project Leader: Averting Maternal Death and Disability project, 2003 – 2005

- Project Leader: MOM project, 2005 -2011
- Project Leader: RAISE project, 2008
- Project Leader: Improving access to HIV prevention, care and support services among Burmese Migrant population, 2003 – 2006

CONFERENCE PAPERS/ PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- **International conference on Myanmar/Burma Studies**, Chaing Mai, 24th - 26th July 2015
Presentation: *"Roundtable: "Migrant, Disease, and Ecology: Policy Engagements for Transnational Sustainability"*
Discussant: *"Health Challenges in Burma/Myanmar within a Shifting Political Context"*
- **On the move: critical migration themes in ASEAN**, Asian Research Centre for Migration, Bangkok, December 2014
Presentation: *"Community health systems for access to healthcare across Borders"*
- **The second International Congress on Women's Health and Unsafe Abortion**; 22nd -25th January 2013, Bangkok
Presentation *"Comprehensive Post Abortion Care at Mae Tao Clinic in Reducing the Negative Health Consequences of Unsafe Abortions for Marginalized Women Along The Thai – Burma Border"*
- **Forced Migration Conference**, 5- 6th January 2003, Chiangmai
Presentation *"Promoting and Protection Human Rights: Reproductive Health Perspective"*
- **The ICOWHI 19th International Conference on Women Health**, 13th November 2012
Presented *"Strategies to Reduce Maternal Mortality among Migrants from Burma along the Thai – Burma Border in Tak Province, Thailand"*
- **Global Health Council Conference**, May 2003
Using Evidence to Improve Quality along the Thailand – Burma Border, Washington D.C
- **Human Security Conference; "International Public Symposium on Challenges to Human Security in a Borderless World"**, 12th December 2002
Presentation *"Health Security among Forcibly Displaced People"*
- **5th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP)**, 23-27th October 1999
AIDS Advocacy: The Perspective of the refugee population, Kuala Lumpur

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- Belton S; Maung C. "Fertility and abortion: Burmese women's health on the Thai-Burma border." Forced Migration Review. 2004 Jan; (19):36-37.
- Belton, S., and C. Maung. "Burmese women's health on Thai-Burma border: Fertility and Abortion." Health Care Women International 28.4 (2007): 419-33.
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- Low, Sharon, Kyaw Thura Tun, Naw Pue Pue Mhote, Saw Nay Htoo, Cynthia Maung, Saw Win Kyaw, Saw Eh Kalu Shwe Oo and Nicola Suyin Pocock. Human resources for health: task shifting to promote basic health service delivery among internally displaced people in ethnic health program service areas in eastern Burma/Myanmar. *Global Health Action*, [S.l.], v. 7, sep. 2014. ISSN 1654-9880. Available at: doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3402/gha.v7.24937>.
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- Luke C Mullany, Catherine I Lee, Palae Paw, Eh Kalu Shwe Oo, Cynthia Maung, Heather Kuiper, Nicole Mansenior, Chris Beyrer, Thomas J Lee, The MOM Project: Delivering Maternal Health Services among Internally Displaced Populations in Eastern Burma, *Reproductive Health Matters*, Volume 16, Issue 31, May 2008, Pages 44-56, ISSN 0968-8080, [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0968-8080\(08\)31341-X](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0968-8080(08)31341-X).
- M. Mahn , C. Maung , E.K. Shwe Oo , L. Smith , C.I. Lee , E. Whichard , C. Neumann , A.K. Richards , L.C. Mullany , H. Kuiper , T.J. Lee. "Multi-level partnerships to promote health services among internally displaced in eastern Burma." *Global Public Health*, Vol. 3, Iss. 2, 2008
- Mullany LC, Lee TJ, Yone L, Lee CI, Teela KC, Palae Paw, Eh Kalu Shwe Oo, Cynthia Maung, Heather Kuiper, Nicole F. Masenior, Chris Beyrer. (2010) Impact of Community-Based Maternal Health Workers on Coverage of Essential Maternal Health Interventions among Internally Displaced Communities in Eastern Burma: The MOM Project. *PLoS Med* 7(8): e1000317. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000317
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