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Discontinuation of the Project Food Mosaic Program, Yangon

In March 2015, GWM received some disappointing news which affects the funding for the Project Food Mosaic program and training centre in Yangon. This has an immediate impact on GWM's ability to continue the training course beyond April 2015.

We started the training project in 2012 with an original plan to run the training program for three years. This has enabled us to train two groups of young disadvantaged Myanmar people, including the current intake due to graduate on 10 April 2015. During the 11 month course, our 13 trainees received free accommodation, English, computing and personal development tuition and a chance to build their skills and their confidence through our traditional market tours and cooking classes for tourists.

You are one of our many valued supporters to show generosity through dedicating your interest, time, professional skills and services, collaboration and support in countless ways. Whether you are a volunteer who has taught our students, a customer of one of our market tours, a social enterprise or learning organisation, from our Facebook community or a research institution, GWM would like to thank you for being part of Project Food Mosaic.

We have already witnessed the benefits of a dedicated, culturally-sensitive training course that taps into the potential of young people in Myanmar who would otherwise have limited options to pursue their dreams, or simply secure meaningful employment. We are proud of our GWM Ambassadors as they forge independent lives.

We envisage the pilot program will not simply be a legacy, but rather an instructive experience for vocational training projects in Myanmar in future, where resources are shared and the benefits multiplied. For now, however, we are closing the centre so that we can plan the best way forward.

GWM continues to run its successful Community Development Education program in Myanmar and welcomes your feedback and interest to info@graceworksmyanmar.org.au or www.graceworksmyanmar.org.au and also via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/graceworksmyanmar>. We will continue to update you via the website and social media.