



Australia Awards

# Australia Awards Global Tracer Facility

Tracer Survey  
Year 3 2018-19

Myanmar Country Report  
Alumni of 2011 to 2016



# Tracer Survey

## Outcomes Summary: Myanmar

This country report details the responses of alumni from **Myanmar** to the Australia Awards Global Tracer Facility **Tracer Survey** carried out in 2018-19. The Tracer Survey was conducted between November 2018 and February 2019 and targeted **alumni who completed their award between 2011 and 2016**.

Alumni were asked a range of questions via an online survey, focussed on exploring the long-term outcomes of the Australia Awards. In total 3,768 alumni in this cohort from more than 123 different countries participated in the survey. A 26 per cent response rate of the target cohort was achieved globally. This report focuses on the response data of alumni from Myanmar.

For Myanmar, there were 301 alumni included in the target population. Responses were received from 99, a **response rate of 33 per cent**. Among these respondents, 29 were scholarship alumni and 70 were fellowship alumni.

The survey data provide a valuable quantitative insight into alumni use of knowledge and skills, development of networks and contribution to cooperation with Australia. The responses also offer rich examples from alumni of the types of contributions they are making, the way in which they are using their award, and the things that help and hinder them in reaching their potential.

The data detailed here are reported based on the four long-term outcomes of the Australia Awards as articulated in the *Australia Awards Global Strategy: Investing in the next generation of global leaders for development 2016-2018* and the Australia Awards Global Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. In terms of responding to the **long-term outcomes** of the Australia Awards, the following summary offers findings based on the responses of alumni from Myanmar. Further outcomes are included in the infographic following this summary.

**Outcome 1:** *Alumni are using their skills, knowledge and networks to contribute to sustainable development.*

- Most alumni from Myanmar (99 per cent) indicated they have passed on their skills and knowledge to others in their country on return from their award.
- 99 per cent of alumni indicated they had introduced improved practices and innovations in their work on return from their award.

**Outcome 2:** *Alumni are contributing to cooperation between Australia and partner countries.*

- 30 per cent of alumni from Myanmar have maintained frequent contact with fellow alumni, while 28 per cent have frequent contact with friends in Australia and 20 per cent with Australian students/alumni.
- In terms of frequent contact with Australian organisations, 18 per cent of alumni have frequent contact with Australian institutions, 6 per cent of alumni have frequent contact with Australian businesses and 15 per cent with Australian Embassies, High Commissions or Consulates.

**Outcome 3:** *Effective, mutually advantageous partnerships between institutions and businesses in Australia and partner countries.*

- 46 per cent of alumni from Myanmar indicated having had a professional link with an Australian organisation at some time following award.
- These links were with Australian universities, the government sector, the private sector and non-government organisations.

**Outcome 4:** *Alumni view Australia, Australians and Australian expertise positively.*

- Most alumni from Myanmar (97 per cent) indicated their experience in Australia positively influenced their perception of Australia.
- Most alumni (93 per cent) have provided advice to people in Myanmar about pursuing opportunities in Australia.

The Tracer Survey represented the views of a range of alumni from Myanmar. Of those who responded, **63 per cent were women and 93 per cent came from an urban location**. The largest age group represented were alumni 40 to 49 years. Among all alumni, 86 per cent were employed full-time. Of those alumni employed, **78 per cent** indicated that they hold a **formal leadership role**.

In addition to this Outcomes Summary, this report includes an infographic as well as data tables including the detail of respondents from Myanmar to the Tracer Survey. The data tables correspond to each of the Australia Awards long-term outcomes and include benchmark data from the entire survey response population.

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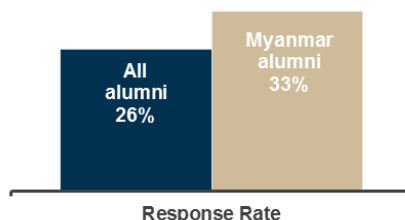
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## Tracer Survey 2018–2019 Myanmar Overview

### 99 Alumni from Myanmar

Alumni who completed a scholarship or fellowship between 2011 and 2016



### key outcomes

99%  
of alumni

Passed on skills and knowledge to others



46% of alumni

Developed professional links with Australia



99%  
of alumni

Introduced improved practices and innovations at work



97%  
of alumni

Say their awards experience positively influenced perception of Australian skills and expertise



Percentage of alumni who often have contact with:



Host institution  
18%

Friends in Australia



28%

Australian alumni  
20%



Other scholarship alumni  
30%

Australian Embassy or High Commission  
15%



### 😊 😊 alumni voices

*Social research was not my field of interest until I studied in Australia. The new interest on social research and qualitative research helped me to contribute to the research gap of the country and coach young researchers.*

*I introduced clinical Pharmacology and therapeutic drug monitoring practices in my country based on what I have seen in Australia.*

*We have a network with the Australia Awards Alumni in Myanmar for better communication among each other. We have regular meet ups and are actively involved in social works, knowledge sharing sessions and other community activities.*

*As a consultant, I've influenced my government and CSOs working on women's rights and gender equality in the implementation of a Women's Advancement Strategy in Myanmar.*

*Based on knowledge learnt from the scholarship program, I am trying to change the diabetes care for patients like the development of a diabetes clinic in my hospital.*

**Table 1: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Myanmar and All alumni - Respondent characteristics**

		Alumni from Myanmar							
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Myanmar		All Alumni	
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
Age at time of survey	Under 20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	20 to 29 years	-	-	1	1.4%	1	1.0%	111	3.0%
	30 to 39 years	22	75.9%	14	20.0%	36	36.4%	2134	56.8%
	40 to 49 years	7	24.1%	41	58.6%	48	48.5%	1144	30.4%
	50 to 59 years	-	-	11	15.7%	11	11.1%	310	8.3%
	60 to 69 years	-	-	3	4.3%	3	3.0%	52	1.4%
	70 and older	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	0.2%
Year of graduation from award	2011	-	-	1	1.4%	1	1.0%	382	10.1%
	2012	3	10.3%	4	5.7%	7	7.1%	546	14.5%
	2013	1	3.4%	21	30.0%	22	22.2%	631	16.7%
	2014	4	13.8%	20	28.6%	24	24.2%	657	17.4%
	2015	12	41.4%	24	34.3%	36	36.4%	881	23.4%
	2016	9	31.0%	-	-	9	9.1%	671	17.8%
Have you received any other awards?	Yes	4	13.8%	17	24.3%	21	21.2%	956	25.4%
	No	25	86.2%	53	75.7%	78	78.8%	2779	73.9%
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	0.7%
What is your current employment status?	Employed full-time	22	75.9%	63	90.0%	85	85.9%	3297	87.7%
	Employed part-time	4	13.8%	1	1.4%	5	5.1%	155	4.1%
	Not employed	-	-	2	2.9%	2	2.0%	113	3.0%
	Retired	-	-	3	4.3%	3	3.0%	15	0.4%
	Studying	1	3.4%	1	1.4%	2	2.0%	135	3.6%
	Other (specify)	2	6.9%	-	-	2	2.0%	46	1.2%
Level of leadership in relation to current job	Formal leadership role	21	80.8%	52	77.6%	73	78.5%	2080	61.9%
	Informal leadership role	5	19.2%	13	19.4%	18	19.4%	1019	30.3%
	Do not have a leadership role	-	-	1	1.5%	1	1.1%	203	6.0%
	Don't know/prefer not to say	-	-	1	1.5%	1	1.1%	56	1.7%

**Table 2: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Myanmar and All alumni - Outcome 1**

		Alumni from Myanmar							
Q: To what extent do you agree with each of these statements: I have...		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Myanmar		All Alumni	
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
Passed on new skills and knowledge to others	Strongly agree	19	65.5%	43	61.4%	62	62.6%	2298	61.1%
	Agree	10	34.5%	26	37.1%	36	36.4%	1367	36.4%
	Disagree	-	-	1	1.4%	1	1.0%	44	1.2%
	Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	0.3%
	Don't Know	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	1.0%
Introduced improved practices and innovations through my work	Strongly agree	13	44.8%	34	48.6%	47	47.5%	2023	53.9%
	Agree	16	55.2%	35	50.0%	51	51.5%	1571	41.8%
	Disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	1.8%
	Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	0.3%
	Don't Know	-	-	1	1.4%	1	1.0%	81	2.2%
Built networks with Australians or Australian organisations	Strongly agree	5	17.2%	7	10.0%	12	12.1%	848	22.6%
	Agree	20	69.0%	45	64.3%	65	65.7%	1892	50.4%
	Disagree	3	10.3%	8	11.4%	11	11.1%	719	19.2%
	Strongly disagree	-	-	2	2.9%	2	2.0%	68	1.8%
	Don't know	1	3.4%	8	11.4%	9	9.1%	226	6.0%
Built networks with other awardees	Strongly agree	14	48.3%	12	17.1%	26	26.3%	1683	44.9%
	Agree	15	51.7%	39	55.7%	54	54.5%	1730	46.1%
	Disagree	-	-	13	18.6%	13	13.1%	251	6.7%
	Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	0.6%
	Don't know	-	-	6	8.6%	6	6.1%	66	1.8%

**Table 3: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Myanmar and All alumni - Outcome 2**

		Alumni from Myanmar							
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Myanmar		All Alumni	
Q: How frequently are you in contact with the following groups:		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
Host Institution	Always	2	8.7%	-	-	2	2.2%	168	5.0%
	Often	6	26.1%	8	12.1%	14	15.7%	568	16.8%
	Sometimes	7	30.4%	20	30.3%	27	30.3%	1279	37.8%
	Rarely	7	30.4%	27	40.9%	34	38.2%	973	28.7%
	Never	1	4.3%	10	15.2%	11	12.4%	364	10.8%
	Don't know	-	-	1	1.5%	1	1.1%	34	1.0%
Fellow Australian Students	Always	2	8.7%	2	3.0%	4	4.5%	278	8.2%
	Often	9	39.1%	5	7.6%	14	15.7%	850	25.1%
	Sometimes	10	43.5%	25	37.9%	35	39.3%	1270	37.6%
	Rarely	1	4.3%	12	18.2%	13	14.6%	611	18.1%
	Never	1	4.3%	21	31.8%	22	24.7%	341	10.1%
	Don't know	-	-	1	1.5%	1	1.1%	32	0.9%
Fellow Award recipients	Always	8	34.8%	3	4.5%	11	12.4%	488	14.4%
	Often	9	39.1%	7	10.6%	16	18.0%	1219	36.1%
	Sometimes	5	21.7%	28	42.4%	33	37.1%	1151	34.1%
	Rarely	1	4.3%	18	27.3%	19	21.3%	389	11.5%
	Never	-	-	9	13.6%	9	10.1%	115	3.4%
	Don't know	-	-	1	1.5%	1	1.1%	17	0.5%
Professional associations or Australian businesses operating in Australia/your home country	Always	1	4.3%	-	-	1	1.1%	104	3.1%
	Often	2	8.7%	2	3.0%	4	4.5%	359	10.6%
	Sometimes	5	21.7%	9	13.6%	14	15.7%	834	24.7%
	Rarely	12	52.2%	20	30.3%	32	36.0%	989	29.3%
	Never	2	8.7%	30	45.5%	32	36.0%	984	29.2%
	Don't know	1	4.3%	5	7.6%	6	6.7%	105	3.1%
Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate	Always	3	13.0%	-	-	3	3.4%	85	2.5%
	Often	7	30.4%	3	4.5%	10	11.2%	251	7.4%
	Sometimes	9	39.1%	3	4.5%	12	13.5%	775	23.0%
	Rarely	2	8.7%	26	39.4%	28	31.5%	1119	33.2%
	Never	2	8.7%	32	48.5%	34	38.2%	1092	32.4%
	Don't know	-	-	2	3.0%	2	2.2%	50	1.5%
Friends in Australia	Always	1	4.3%	1	1.5%	2	2.2%	426	12.6%
	Often	10	43.5%	13	19.7%	23	25.8%	921	27.3%
	Sometimes	6	26.1%	27	40.9%	33	37.1%	1232	36.6%
	Rarely	4	17.4%	15	22.7%	19	21.3%	551	16.4%
	Never	2	8.7%	9	13.6%	11	12.4%	219	6.5%
	Don't know	-	-	1	1.5%	1	1.1%	21	0.6%

**Table 4: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Myanmar and All alumni - Outcome 3**

Q: As a result of your Australia Award, have you developed professional links with Australian organisations?		Alumni from Myanmar				Alumni from Myanmar		All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %				
Professional links	Developed professional links	14	58.3%	27	40.9%	41	45.6%	1513	44.2%
	Did not develop professional links	8	33.3%	30	45.5%	38	42.2%	1583	46.2%
	Don't Know	2	8.3%	9	13.6%	11	12.2%	330	9.6%
Types of professional links with Australian organisations*	Public sector	4	30.8%	3	11.1%	7	17.5%	336	22.4%
	Private Sector	-	-	1	3.7%	1	2.5%	150	10.0%
	Universities	6	46.2%	16	59.3%	22	55.0%	740	49.3%
	Non-Government Organisations	3	23.1%	5	18.5%	8	20.0%	137	9.1%
	Australian High Commission or Consulates	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	2.0%
	Other or don't know	-	-	2	7.4%	2	5.0%	108	7.2%

\*Note these counts and proportions only include alumni who indicated that they had developed a professional link as well as providing information about their current employment in the survey.



		Alumni from Myanmar							
Q: To what extent did your experience during your award influence your perception of the following:		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Myanmar		All Alumni	
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
Australia as a country	Much more positive	19	82.6%	49	74.2%	68	76.4%	2825	84.6%
	Slightly more positive	1	4.3%	17	25.8%	18	20.2%	406	12.2%
	No change	3	13.0%	-	-	3	3.4%	84	2.5%
	Slightly more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	0.4%
	Much more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	0.4%
Australian people	Much more positive	14	60.9%	48	72.7%	62	69.7%	2497	74.8%
	Slightly more positive	6	26.1%	16	24.2%	22	24.7%	626	18.7%
	No change	2	8.7%	2	3.0%	4	4.5%	152	4.6%
	Slightly more negative	1	4.3%	-	-	1	1.1%	37	1.1%
	Much more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0%
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	0.8%
The knowledge skills and expertise of Australians	Much more positive	13	56.5%	50	75.8%	63	70.8%	2532	75.9%
	Slightly more positive	7	30.4%	16	24.2%	23	25.8%	642	19.2%
	No change	2	8.7%	-	-	2	2.2%	118	3.5%
	Slightly more negative	1	4.3%	-	-	1	1.1%	19	0.6%
	Much more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.1%
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	0.7%
Have provided advice to people from home country in relation to pursuing opportunities in Australia	Yes	23	100.0%	60	90.9%	83	93.3%	3245	97.3%
	No	-	-	6	9.1%	6	6.7%	74	2.2%
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	0.5%

