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U.S. Embassy Landmine Stabilization Small Grants Award Ceremony in Loikaw, Kayah State

On Thursday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m., the U.S. Embassy, in cooperation with the Kayah State government, will host an award ceremony at the Kayah State Town Hall in Loikaw for recipients of six new U.S.-funded grants, totaling nearly \$110,000. The event will launch a grassroots mine action network in Kayah State to raise landmine awareness and victim advocacy. The grant recipients will undertake projects to promote mine risk education, leadership training, and livelihood support. The mine action network includes representatives of groups and townships across the state who will work together to reduce the danger posed by landmines. Future mine awareness activities will build off of the organizations' specialized areas of focus, such as education and health.

The Kayah State Chief Minister will be the keynote speaker at the award ceremony, and will be joined by a representative of the U.S. Embassy. The grantees will deliver presentations about their activities. The award ceremony will include a performance by ToLoSo, a local band from Kayah State.

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