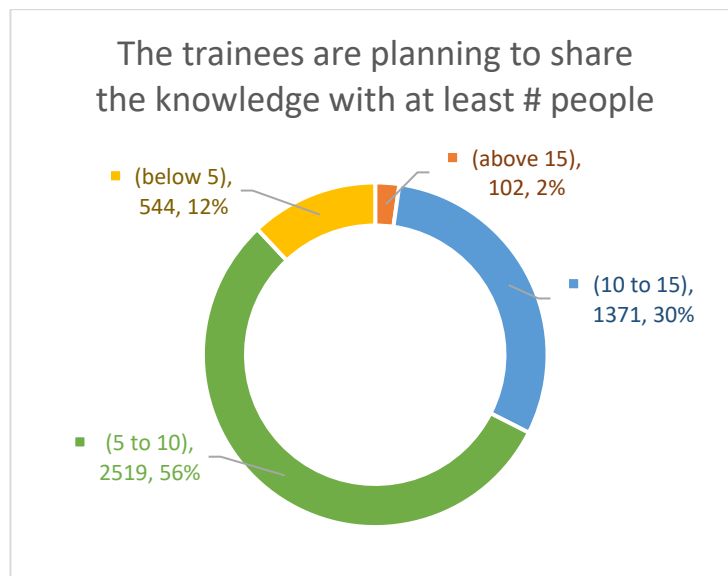
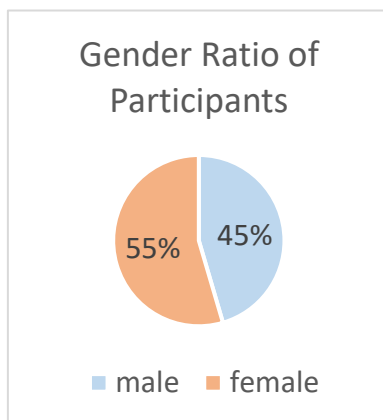
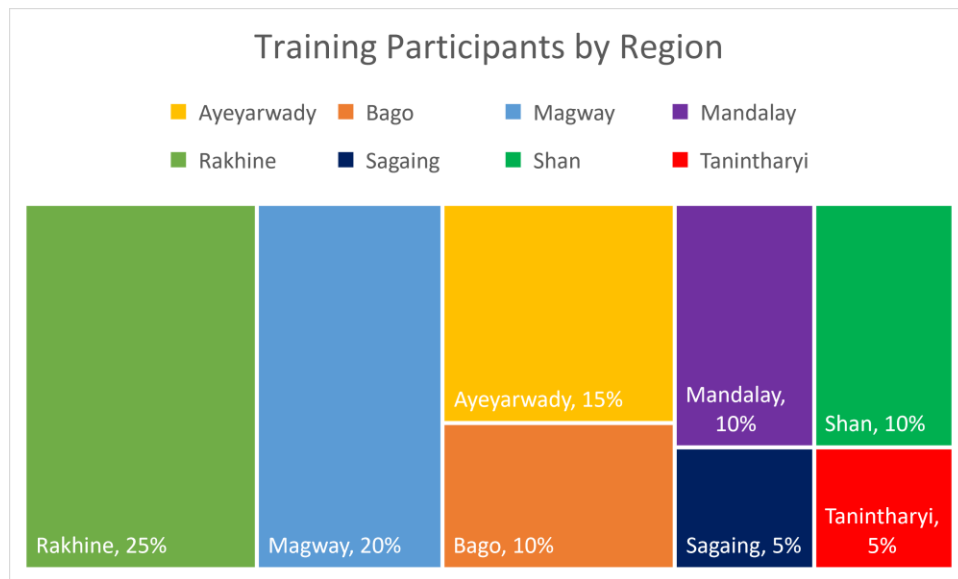


MIL Trainings

Training Participants

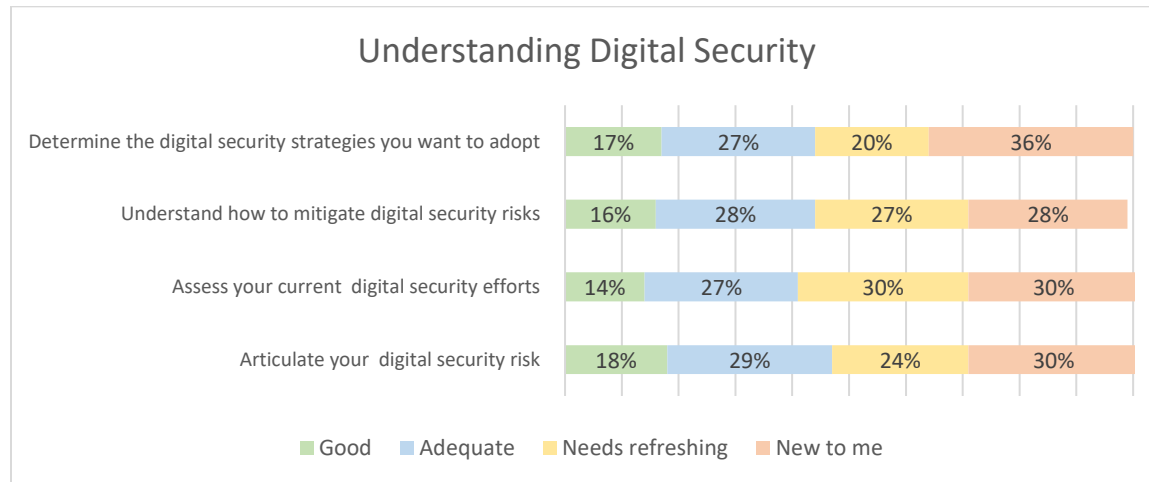
40 librarians from 20 libraries were trained as master trainers in February and March 2022. Then, cascade training were rolled out to in their respective libraries from March 2022 to January 2023 reaching to 4,536 people from 20 townships in 8 different regions. Each library had to train an average of 20 participants a month for 10 months. MBAPF supported for first 5 months from March to July 2022 and community supported from August 2022 to January 2023. Training progress was monitored monthly by MBAPF as libraries have to report to us concisely every month. **Every trainee has also stated that they are going to share the knowledge with other people in their community.**



Assessments and Findings

Pre-training Assessment

From qualitative questions, we have learned that all participants are eager to gain knowledge on digital literacy and security especially because most of them have no prior knowledge of policies and regulations. Some of the participants even mentioned that they have had negative online experiences because they didn't possess enough expertise on digital literacy. Quantitative survey in the pre-training assessment has a session where we focus on digital security components due to current situations in the country; details are as below.



Post-training Assessment

The post training assessment focuses on the improvement of participants in 4 main areas.

Basic ICT skills

The most essential knowledge and skills to keep our devices safe in both physical and digital environments. A basic explanation of how the internet works is presented for the participants to have an understanding on the importance of encrypted messages under the current situations in Myanmar. This area includes discussing potential damage to our devices from accidents such as liquid damage, and malware incidents from unknown applications and bootleg software which is followed by the introduction of damage first aid procedures and countermeasures for virus infections. Information management on devices is also discussed from privacy and security perspectives. This area also includes the importance and techniques to control both the physical and digital access to the devices and data stored on devices.

Information Navigation

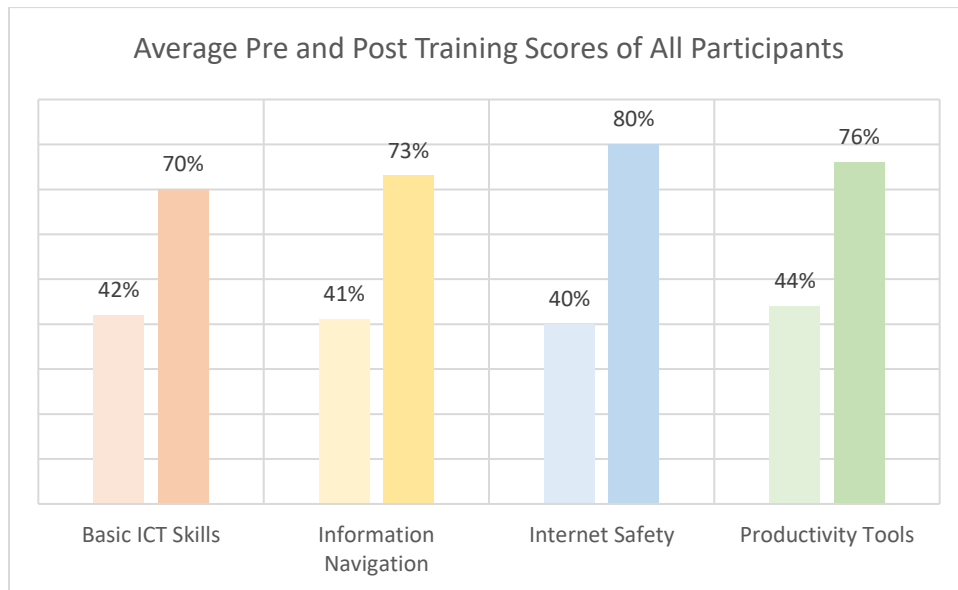
Discussions on identifying and verifying a variety of information we find online from various sources. This area also brings in critical thinking, digital wellbeing, and information verification methods suggested by experts. Vital regulations and settings to keep our online accounts are presented along with relevant precautions while finding and viewing information on the Internet. Technical discussions on secure and private browsing are also made.

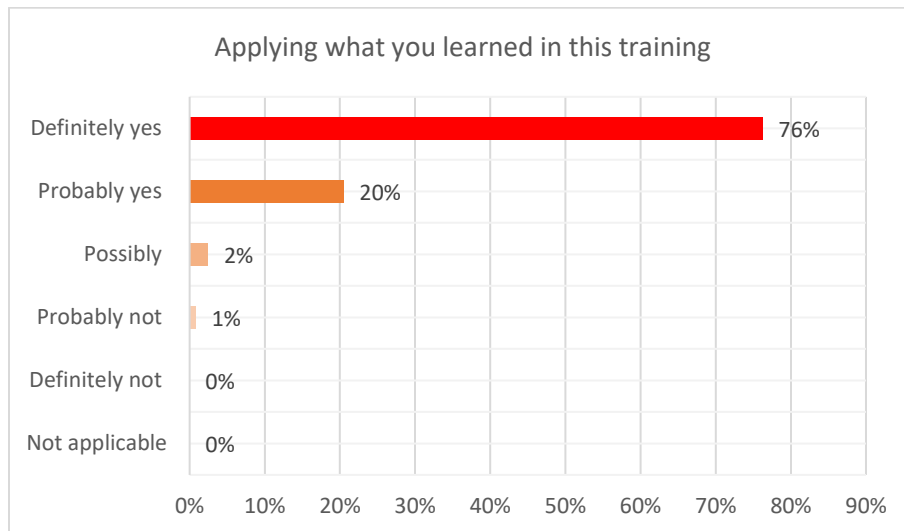
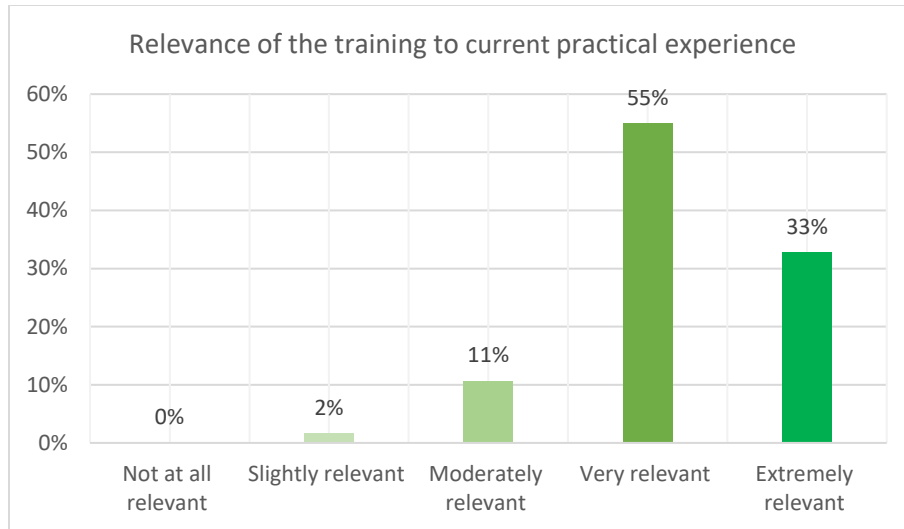
Internet Safety

A wide range of topics are discussed in this area. This starts with the existence of digital footprints and the importance of information privacy and specifying audience for contents that people usually choose to share online. Essential privacy settings for trending social media and instant messaging apps to protect ourselves online are also suggested. The security topics are customized based on the audiences' digital literacy level.

Productivity Tools

This area not only introduces tools and techniques which enable us to process data efficiently but also focuses on how information can be stored on our devices securely and privately to protect our data from unauthorized access, corruption, and theft. We also discussed viable data backup options, then the pros and cons of each available method. Detailed procedures such as access management, data encryption/decryption, backup frequency, and document disposal are also highlighted throughout this training. Advanced features such as remote wipe options for stolen devices are also discussed as important security requirements.





Issues

Many participants have mentioned that they expect issues and obstacles with applying what they have learned to a full potential due to limited internet connections and frequent power cuts which are the impacts of current political situations in the country. Besides, some participants are from areas which mobile internet access and most Wi-Fi services has been cut off.