### VISA MYANMAR FINANCIAL & PAYMENT ATTITUDES SURVEY

Population-representative sample of 1044 across Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Pathein and Magway The most comprehensive recent survey on habits and attitudes of urbanites towards personal finances

#### Optimism about the economy for the medium to long term

**56%** 



"My financial situation is better than a year ago" **58**%



"Job opportunities are increasing"

**58**%



"My financial situation will be better a year from now" **69**%



"The next generation will be better off at my age"

#### Cash is king in Myanmar





**99**%

49%

most used payment method

keep savings as

cash at home

**97**%

23%

to gold

most preferred method

convert savings

**84%** 

will continue to use cash because "used to it"

11%

invest in land/property



**But, 79%** 

think Myanmar can become a cashless society within 7 years

# High interest in banking and electronic payments

Currently have

38%

3/

2%

2%

Interested in

49%

Bank account

46%

ATM cards

11%

Credit/debit/ prep aid cards



8%



# as well as digital methods

Interested in

35%

P2P payments

nts

23%

Fund transfer via chat-apps



19%

QR payments



51%

Financial services from non-bank entities



### Investment in financial literacy needed to help them move ahead



**Only 7%** 

consider themselves very knowledgeable or expert on finances



**Only 22%** 

set a savings goal



55%

don't track their spending



**Only 16%** 

know "quite a bit" about bank accounts, **despite 38% having** an account



**50**%

not aware of credit cards



**51%** 

not aware of insurance

