

## CSO Meeting of the Mid-Term Review and the 16<sup>th</sup> Implementation Support Mission of the World Bank

World Bank Office, Yangon, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

The Department of Rural Development (DRD) and the World Bank jointly held a meeting with civil society organizations (CSOs) and international organizations on the Myanmar National Community Driven Development Project (NCDDP) as part of the Bank's mid-term review and 16<sup>th</sup> implementation support mission (ISM) for the project. The meeting took place at the World Bank office in Yangon on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. The invitation for the meeting was sent on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

These meetings are hosted by the World Bank at least twice a year to share updates and receive feedback and suggestions on the NCDDP from interested stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting is to promote transparency and coordination with CSOs and international organizations that are interested in NCDDP. The previous meeting was held in January 2018.

### Participants

- Twelve external guests (individual consultants, local CSOs and NGOs) joined the meeting.
- Six persons from DRD Regional Office in Yangon and Union Office in Naypyidaw.
- Five persons from World Bank NCDDP team.
- Please see participant list.

A presentation providing an overview of the project and status across the country was given by Ingo Wiederhofer (Co Task Team Leader of NCDDP, World Bank).

### Question and Answer Session

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Does NCDDP have any plan for extension and if there is where are those locations/townships?	DRD: Total project coverage is 63. Those 16 townships extended in 2017/2018 are last round of extension in this current project.
Kachin and Shan, what are the impact on the project because of the conflict?	DRD: NCDDP works in 24 conflict-affected townships, and conflict sensitivity approach is applied to implement the project. Before rolling out the project, a conflict assessment was conducted and consultations were conducted with local organizations and government department at regional and township levels. Based on the findings and suggestions from different stakeholders, project implementation strategy and approaches were adapted. WB: In addition, in conflict townships, World Bank team conducts frequent monitoring visits. The flexible approach of the project also allows villages to participate in the project based on their willingness and we ensure them for their access to project assistance up to 4 cycles.
Border Development Association (BDA): We are a partner of PKW and I got a chance to visit Lewe township. The first impression is the	WB: Not all TTA organizations that DRD contracted are local organizations because 1) there are numbers of CSOs who do not want to work under government contract. 2) limited capacity and experience of CSOs to manage large-scale project like NCDDP. Please also

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<p>motivation of the community volunteers (committee members). And I would like to know more about the selection of Township Technical Assistance (TTA) organizations. There are many local organizations in Myanmar and as you know they are interested in working on NCDDP project. I suggest working more with local organizations. Many local organizations (like BDA) are already present in different areas of Myanmar and this will be good opportunity both for NCDDP and for these organizations.</p>	<p>note that NCDDP contracting process for TTA organization is competitive and they are selected in a very transparent manner. A few of them that we work with (e.g., VNG) partnered with international organizations but MGRI and NAG are pure local organizations.</p> <p>DRD: We will also discuss internally and with WB for increased partnership with local organizations.</p> <p>NAG: We participated in bidding process and submitted all forms requested. We learn a lot from doing. Our expertise is more in livelihoods sector but NCDDP requires different and broad range of expertise. The selection of TTA organization is based on several criteria and the organization should have expertise in all key areas. We are happy to share our experiences for any organizations who are interested more.</p>
<p>Does NCDDP have any plan to work on livelihood sector?</p>	<p>DRD and WB plan to initiate a pilot livelihoods model in 1-2 townships in the coming months that should run for approximately 24 months. Based on the results, DRD will determine if such a strategy is suitable to NCDDP</p>
<p>Does NCDDP organize networking meeting at township level?</p>	<p>DRD: We organize different meeting with stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socialization meeting: at the start of the project</li> <li>• Information campaign: almost every year</li> </ul>
<p>Some funding organizations (e.g., DFID), partnership for implementing agencies is restricted to international organizations. This approach provides more opportunities for local organizations.</p>	<p>NCDDP has contracted a number of local TTA partners (e.g., NAG, MGRI). Procurement is on a competitive basis. Joint ventures between international partners and national organizations are welcomed.</p>
<p>What is the approach/process for maintenance of sub-project constructed under NCDDP?</p>	<p>DRD: When the engineer develops design and estimates for a sub-project, he/she must develop operation &amp; maintenance plan at the same time. These plans are developed together with the committee members and community.</p>
<p>Treasure Land Development Organization: We are working in Natogyi and Pauk townships with DRD for water supply project. Any coordination between these two projects facilitated by DRD? We also observed that the capacity of villagers where NCDDP work is strong.</p>	<p>DRD: DRD township office has responsibility and is coordinating with all partners at local level.</p>

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The national coverage for NCDDP is huge (12,000 villages). There is only one team leader (TL) for one township as I understand. Can you please explain how TL manage this type of massive program?	DRD: TL is contracted by TTA organization. If the TL doesn't have enough capacity, it is the responsibility of TTA, to build the capacity of TL. In addition, DRD has at least six staff assigned per township to support Project implementation.
Triangle Generation Humanitaire Office – we are working in Matupi township and we are willing to coordinate as needed.	DRD: Several organizations are working in Matupi and one feedback received from our colleagues is that there are three grievance boxes in a few villages. We are open to work together with other organizations. We can connect you with our colleague at township office for future collaboration.
BDA: I'm also interested in hearing the impact/outcome of WB financed National Electrification Project (NEP)?	DRD: We can provide info by email to you and please also check on the NEP website. WB: Similarly, we can share info by email or you can also visit our website. And since we are updating our Country Partnership Framework, and WB will discuss with stakeholders for their contribution. You will receive opportunity for this in coming 6 months.

### Conclusion from World Bank and DRD

DRD and World Bank team thanked all participants for a good discussion and indicated that the next meeting of this kind will likely be in October 2018. Project information are also readily available on NCDDP website (<http://cdd.drdmyanmar.org/mm>) and MIS (<http://www.ncddmis.com/>).


The presentation and a summary note of this meeting would be uploaded onto the NCDDP website.

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