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Social Development and Poverty Reduction**

**Rural Rejuvenation and Poverty Reduction
in Myanmar**

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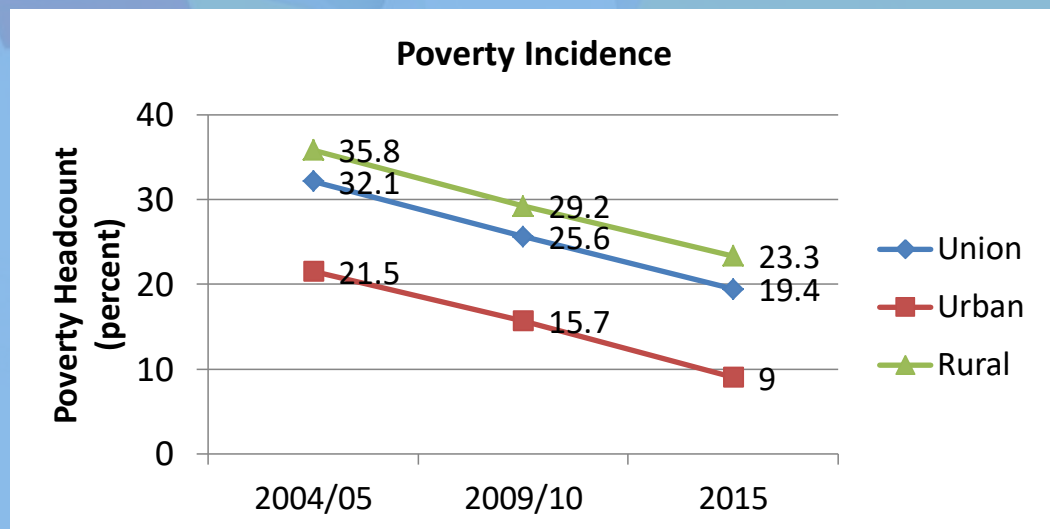
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Country Profile

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- One Union territory, 14 States & Regions, 74 Districts, 330 Townships, 422 Cities, 3183 Quarters, 13602 Village Tracts, 63860 Villages
- **Total Area:** 676577.2 square-kilo meter
- **Population:** 51.486 Million (10.87 Million Households)
 - Rural: 35.401 M (70%), Urban: 14.877 M (30%)



Source: An Analysis of Poverty in Myanmar Part I, Aug 2017

Poverty Incidence by State/Region



Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan

A Peaceful, Prosperous & Democratic Myanmar

Goal 1:

Peace,
National
Reconciliation,
Security &
Good
Governance

Goal 2:

Economic
Stability &
Strengthened
Macroeconomic
Management

Goal 3:

Job Creation &
Private Sector
Led Growth

Goal 4:

Human
Resources &
Social
Development
for a 21st
Century
Society

Goal 5:

National
Resources &
Environmental
for National
Prosperity

Pillar 1:

Peace & Stability

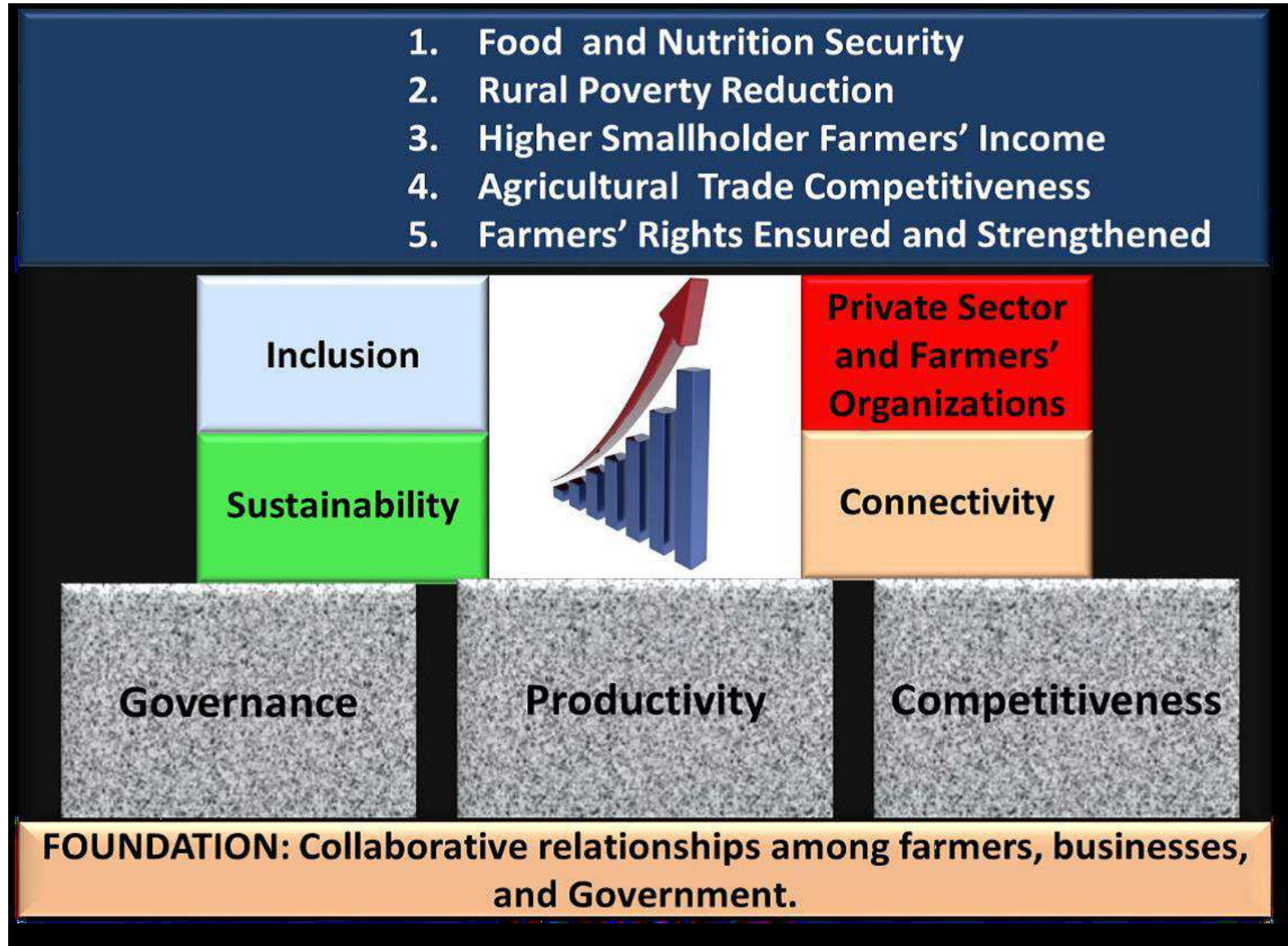
Pillar 2:

**Prosperity &
Partnership**

Pillar 3:

People & Planet

Agricultural Development Strategy (ADS)





About DRD

Vision: To improve socioeconomic life of rural populace & to narrow down the development gap between urban and rural areas.

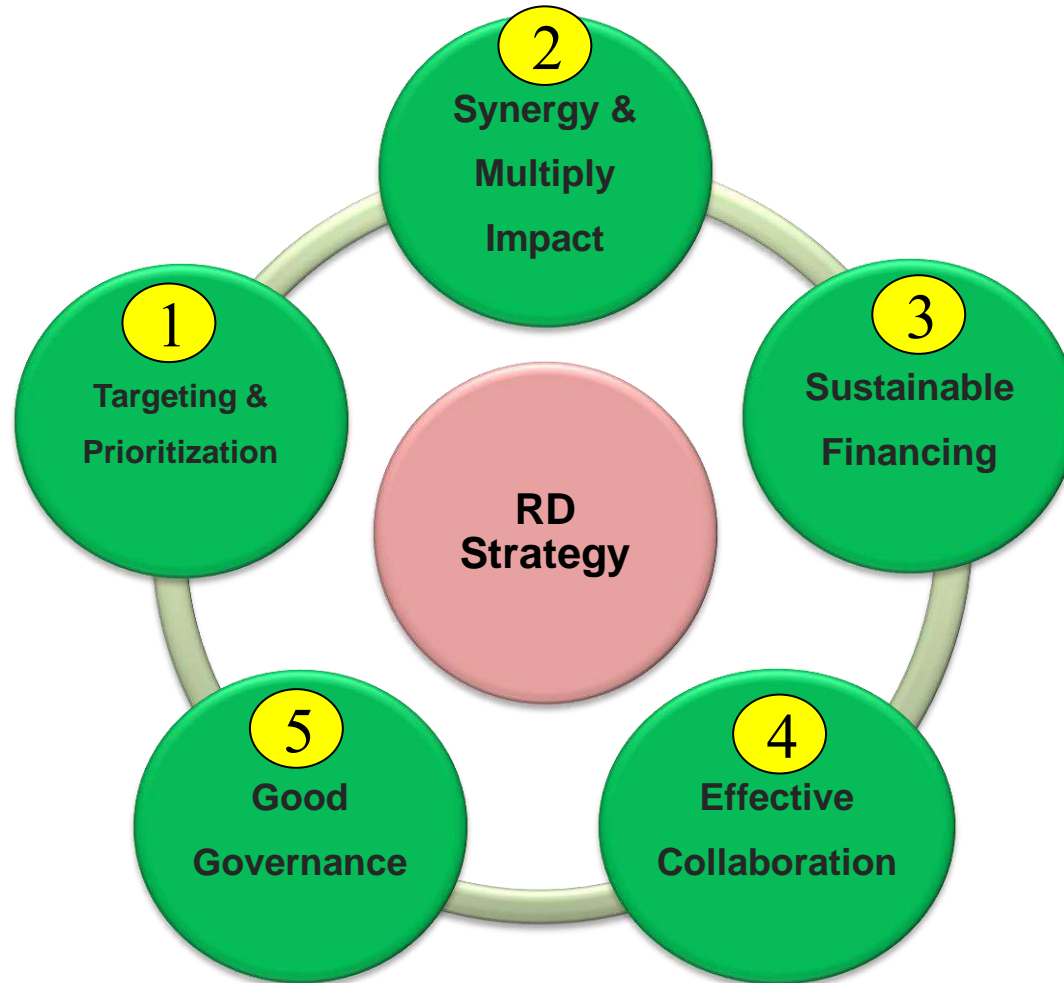
Policy: To undertake sustainable rural development activities in close cooperation with multi-stakeholders.

Objective: To achieve sustainable rural development and **to attain improvement of socioeconomic life of rural populace** which paves the way for all inclusive participation of multi-stakeholders.

Main Activities:

1. **Rural infrastructure** development activities (water supply and sanitation, electrification and housing projects) are undertaken in close cooperation with development partners and private entrepreneurs through public private partnership.
2. **Rural livelihoods and household income generation** activities are carried out (through evergreen village development project).
3. Efforts are made to strengthen the **capacity of rural people and DRD staff**.

Rural Development Strategic Framework



- To enhance all stakeholder participation by adopting Decentralization Approach in sustainable rural development activities
- To enable people and community to manage its own destiny for combating poverty

Rural Roads and Bridges

- Adopted National Strategy for Rural Road and Access (2017)

Situation of existing road

- Village with all season road - 50 %
- Village with dry season road- 36%
- Village with no road - 14%

Core Rural Road Network

- One village is connected by one rural road
- If a village is connected by more than one road, select the best road

Targeting and Ranking

- Beneficiary population, number of village and economy
- Environmental negative impact
- Daily operation of vehicles
- Poverty rate
- Benefit for market, village, school and health center
- Investment rate for household
- Migration needs

M&E for Sustainability

- Formulating standard specification/ Designing to ensure disaster resilience
- Quality control inspection
- Conducting research
- Monitoring by key performance indicators

Need for Construction of Rural Road

- To upgrade existing roads into all season roads - 26000 mile
- To construct new roads - 6600 mile
- To upgrade wooden bridges - 235155 ft

Status of Rural Road and Bridge (before handing over to DRRD)

| Fiscal Year | Road (M/F) | Bridges (Feet) | Expenditure (Mil USD) | Beneficiaries (Villages) | Job Creation (Skilled and Wage Labors) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 5 Years (from 2011-12 to 2015-16) | 13335/6 | 246988 | 522.22 | 27559 | 162180 |
| 2016-2017 | 2224/7 | 115848 | 139.22 | 11455 | 54273 |
| Total | 15560.5 | 362836 | 661.45 | 39014 | 216453 |

Rural Water Supply Activities

- Adopted National Strategy for Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), WASH in Schools and WASH in Health Facilities (Feb 2017)
- Launched Investment Plan for WASH, WASH in Schools and Health Facilities (Feb 2017)

Population with access to:

- **improved** water supply - 76 %
- **unimproved** water supply - 24 %

Objectives

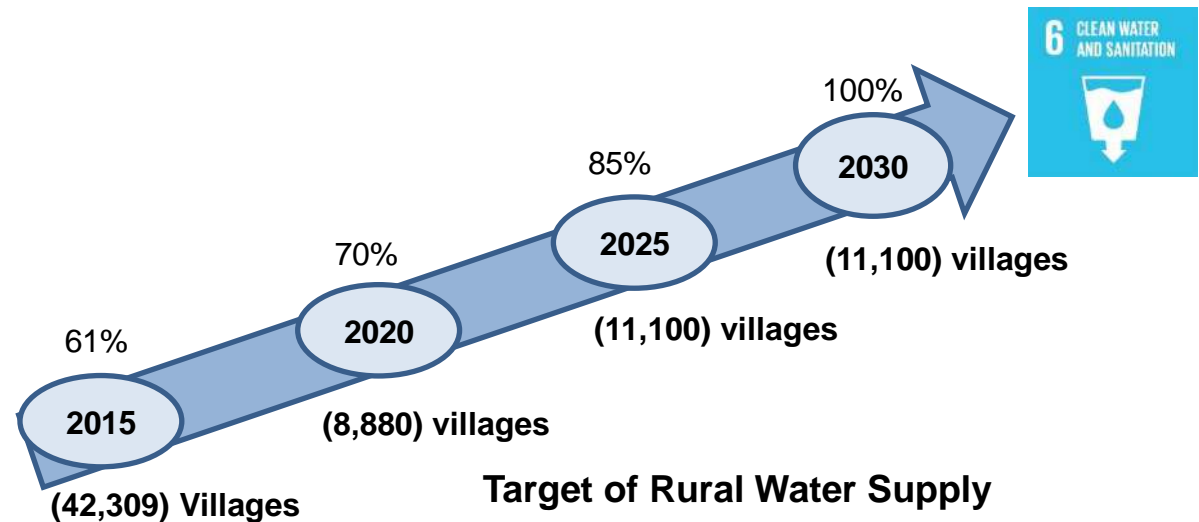
- To provide a water supply facility in a village
- To ensure adequacy of water in rural areas
- To ensure that clean water is accessible to rural areas

Targeting and Ranking

- Village with no access to clean drinking water
- Village without adequacy of water
- Village with no access to clean drinking water despite the availability of water resource
- Public investment (installing water meter and upgrading)

M&E for Sustainability

- Formulating standard specification/ Designing to ensure disaster resilience
- Water quality test
- Capacity building
- Conducting research activities



| Implementation Status of Rural Water Supply Activities | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Fiscal Year | Swallow Tube Well | Deep Tube Well | Hand Dug Well | Pond, Spring and Others | Total (activities) | Total villages | Expenditure (mil in USD) |
| 5 Years (2011-12 to 2015-16) | 5527 | 4663 | 1934 | 8311 | 20435 | 12605 | 109.64 |
| 2016-2017 | 272 | 769 | 407 | 2310 | 3758 | 2280 | 29.04 |
| 2017-2018 | 213 | 389 | 175 | 1522 | 2299 | 1391 | 16.29 |
| Total | 6012 | 5821 | 2516 | 12143 | 26492 | 16276 | 154.97 |



National Electrification Project

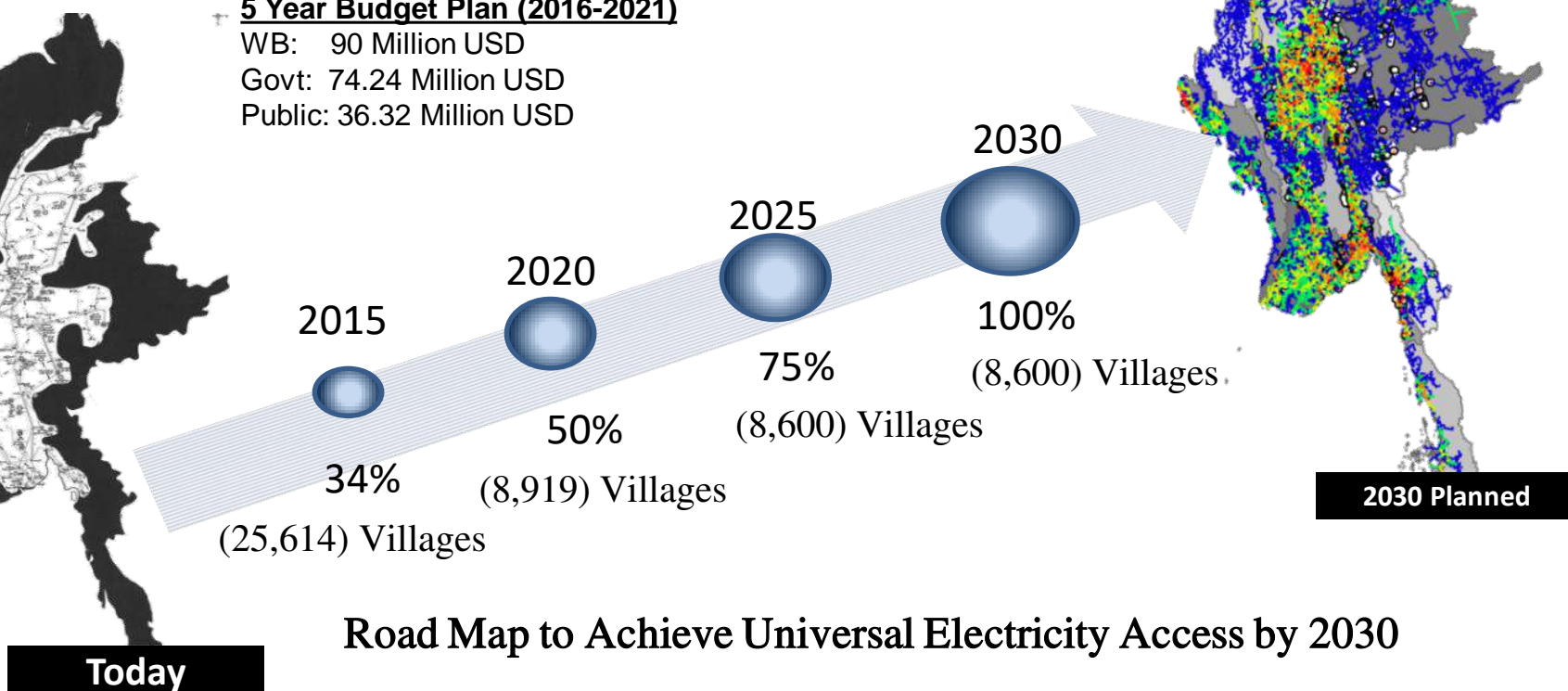
(Off-Grid Electrification Program)

5 Year Budget Plan (2016-2021)

WB: 90 Million USD

Govt: 74.24 Million USD

Public: 36.32 Million USD



Road Map to Achieve Universal Electricity Access by 2030

| System | Installed Village | | | Beneficiary (HH) | Beneficiary (Public Building) |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 (ICB-I) | 2017-18 (ICB-II) | Total Villages | | |
| SHS | 2708 | 1366 | 4074 | 229484 | 32562 |
| Mini-Grid | 10 | 16 | 26 | 4630 | 1350 |
| Total | 2718 | 1382 | 4100 | 234114 | 33912 |

Installation of Mini-Grid Systems



Installation of Solar Home Systems (SHS)



National Community Driven Development Project

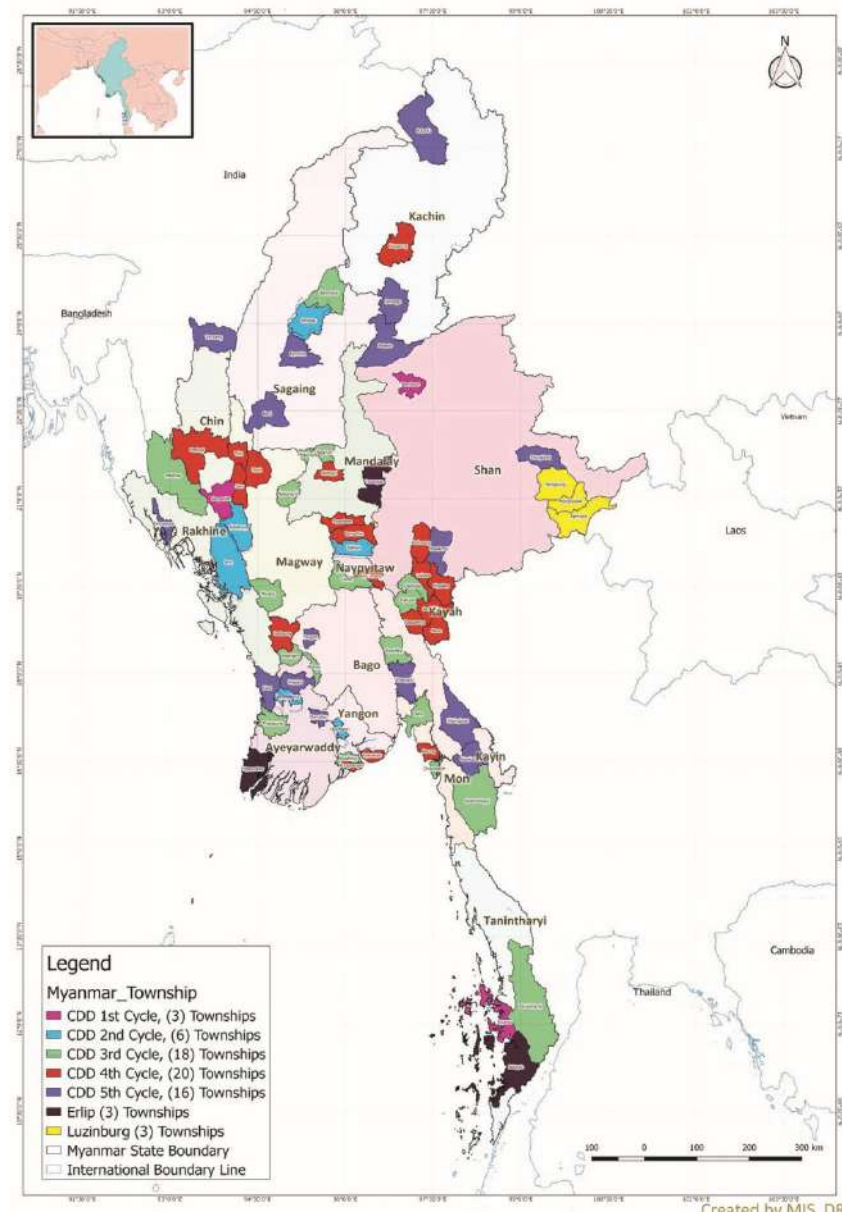
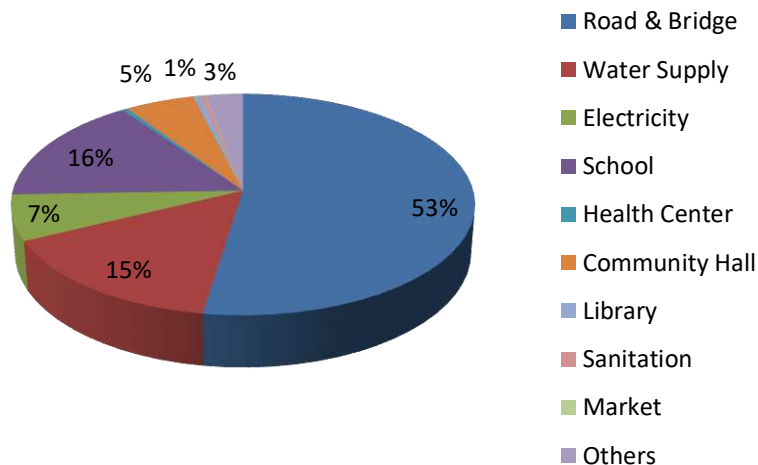
Project Fund - Total \$ 546 Million

- World Bank - (Grant \$ 80 + Loan \$ 400) Million
- Italy Soft Loan- \$ 22 Million
- DFD SWAP - \$ 3 Million
- Myanmar Govt.- \$ 41 Million

Project Period - 2013 Nov to 2021 March

Project Township - (63) TS, Village Tract (2631), Village (11716), Population (7.1) Million

Sub-Project - Total (21452)



Some Activities of CDD



Socialization Workshop



Village Management Training



Social Audit

Sub-projects implemented by CDD



Concrete Road



Village Library



School

Rural Livelihood Enhancement Project

Fund Source - ADB, US\$ 12 million (Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction)

Duration - 2014 to 2017

Project area - 293 villages of 63 village tracts in 3 townships

Activities - community infrastructure and livelihood activities through community driven approach

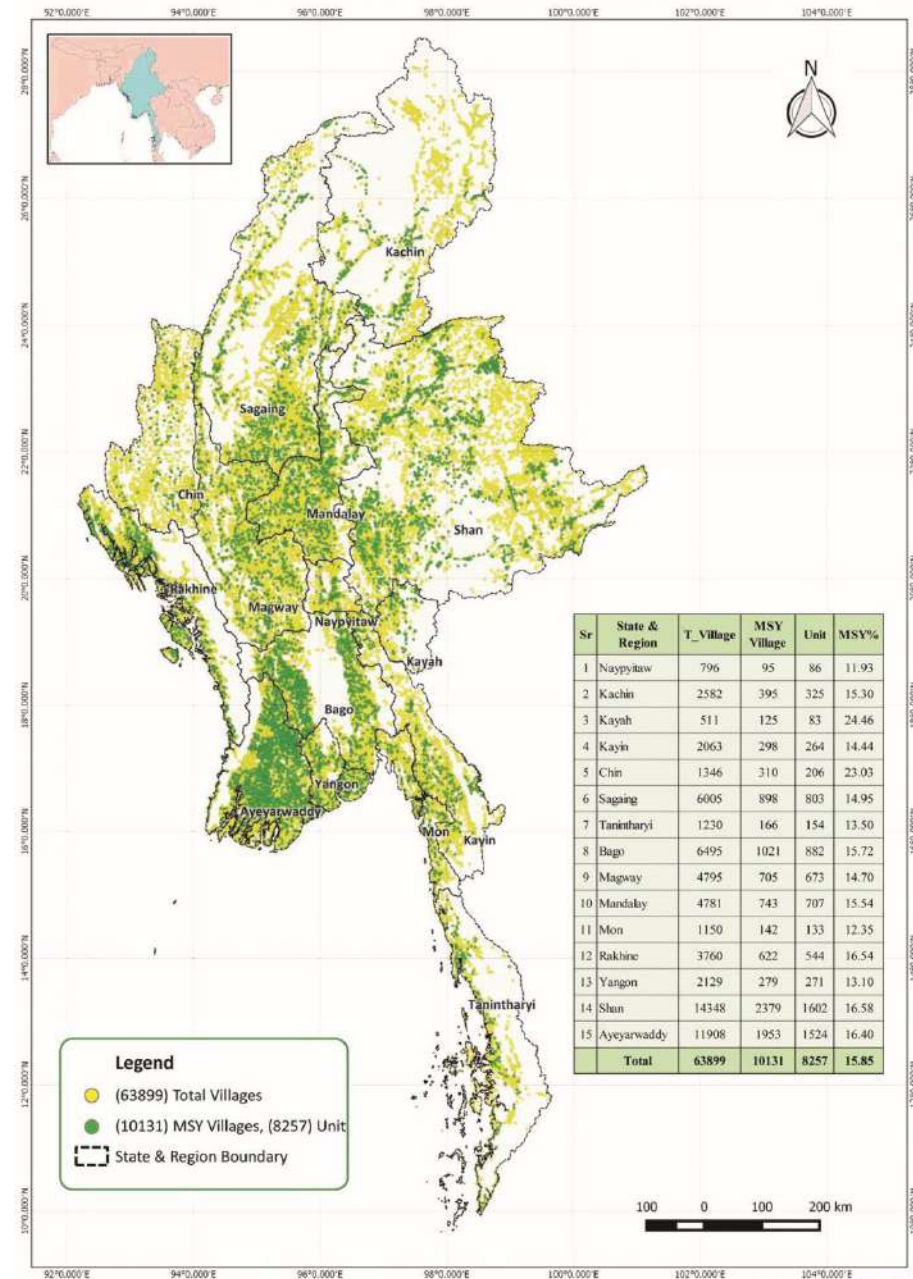
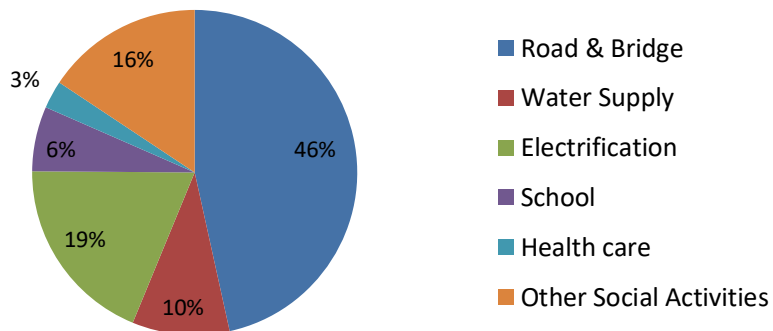
Objective - To Improve and upgrade social and productive infrastructure and capacities of communities, project line agencies at the local and state levels, and to a lesser degree at the central levels.

| Township | No. of Village Tracts | No. of Villages | No. of Households | Beneficiaries |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ngaputaw | 16 | 68 | 10529 | 44384 |
| Bokpyin | 19 | 100 | 11094 | 56035 |
| Ywangan | 28 | 125 | 16710 | 77010 |
| Total | 63 | 293 | 38333 | 177429 |

Evergreen Village Development Project- MSY

- Modality - Revolving fund
- Fund Size - 30,000 USD per project village
- Project area - 10131 villages in 288 townships
- Activities - Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Electrification, rural industries, other livelihood activities
- Project Cost - 241 million USD
- Total Interest- 65 million USD
- Partner - Oxfam Novib, Eco Dev, LIFT, NAG

Village Development Activities undertaken by 50% of Interest



Livelihood and Income Generation Activities used by revolving fund



Village Development Activities undertaken by 50% of Interest of the Revolving Fund



Village access road



Water Tank



Village Road and Bridge



Inter-village road



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Village Development Planning Project

The multi-sectorial integrated program which is planning the assessed need of villages and systematically accumulate the projects sector by sector.

- Modality** - (1) training and building capacity to DRD Township Officers then to the two Village Resident Planners (VRP) in each project village
- (2) VRPs collect data and formulate VDP in collaboration with village committee
- (3) Compiling the Projects Priority Lists in each village and submit it to the Township Planning and Implementation Committee (TPIC) for preparing the Township Plan.

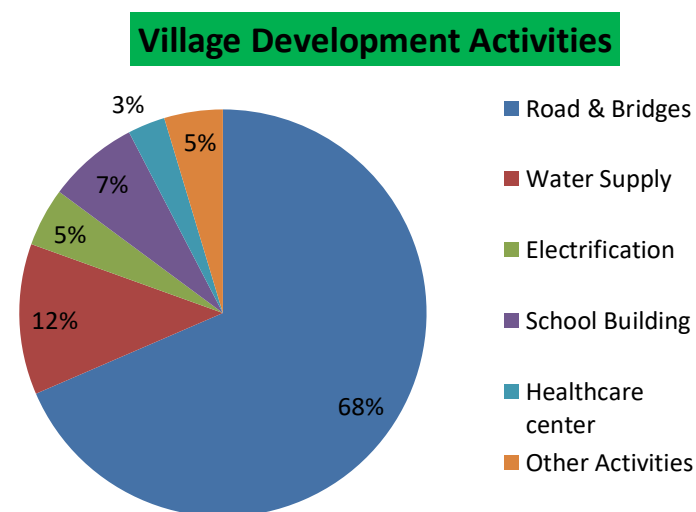
Investment Schemes- 5000 USD per planned village up to 2016/17 FY
10000 USD per planned village in 2017-18 FY

Project area - 8946 villages in 224 townships

Project Cost - 13.03 million USD

Fund Source - Government Budget

Key Partner - LIFT Fund (Technical Assistance)



Village Development Activities implemented by Investment Schemes



Village access road



Water supply activities



Rural electrification



Village Library



Clinic



Jetty

Capacity Development and Livelihood Support Trainings

Livelihood Support Trainings: Trainings on repairing Motor Cycle, carpentry, masonry, mechanic, iron works and sewing, etc. **for community.**

Capacity Building: Trainings on Office Administration, Computer, Basic Clerk and Staff, etc. **for DRD Staffs.**

| Status | Livelihood Support Training (for Community) | | Capacity Building (for Staff) | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Times | No. of Participants | Times | No. of Participants |
| Completed (Up to 2016-17 FY) | 1984 | 71233 | 261 | 4797 |
| Completed (2017-18 FY) | 736 | 19797 | 297 | 6172 |
| Total | 2720 | 91030 | 558 | 10969 |

Livelihood Support Trainings



China-aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in Myanmar

Project Background

- To narrow development gap through various economic development initiatives to contribute towards poverty alleviation, the Cooperation Initiative was proposed by Leader of the Chinese government during the ASEAN+3 Summit in 2014, Myanmar
- Project Implementation Agreement was signed on 19th November 2017.
- Jointly cooperation with DRD under MOALI and joint cooperation of International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) under LGOP and Ministry of Commerce of P.R. China (MOFCOM)

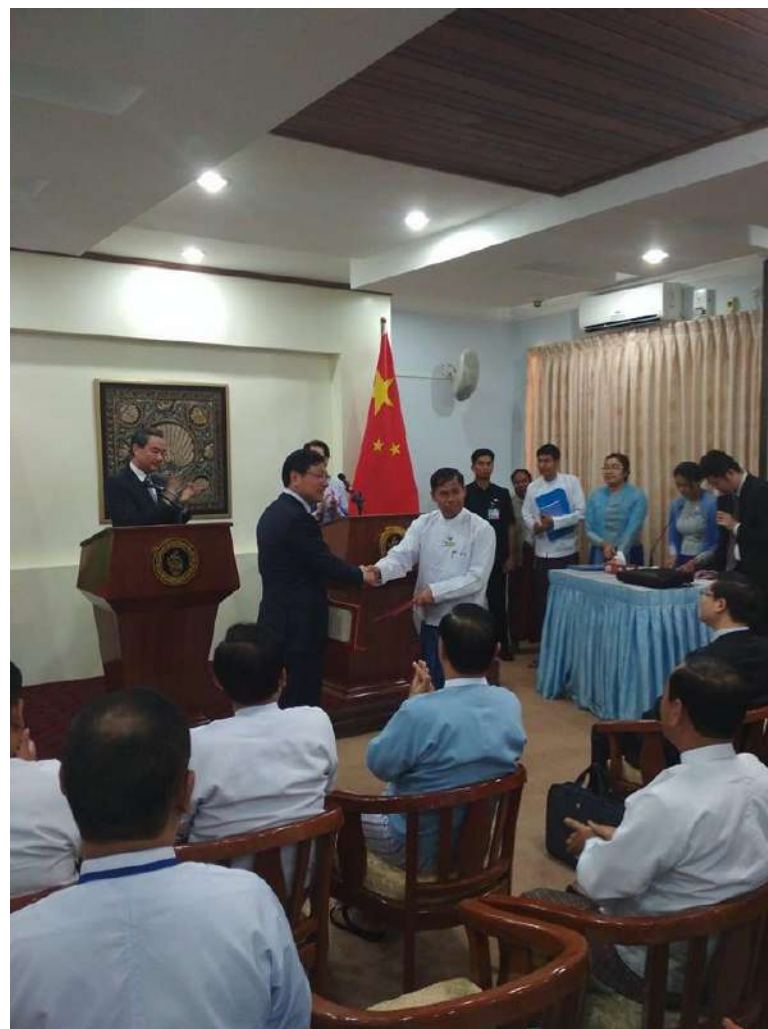
Project Period: THREE Years (from 2018 February to 2021 February)

Project Areas: 2 Villages (Aye Chan Thar in Tetgone Township and Min Pyin in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw)

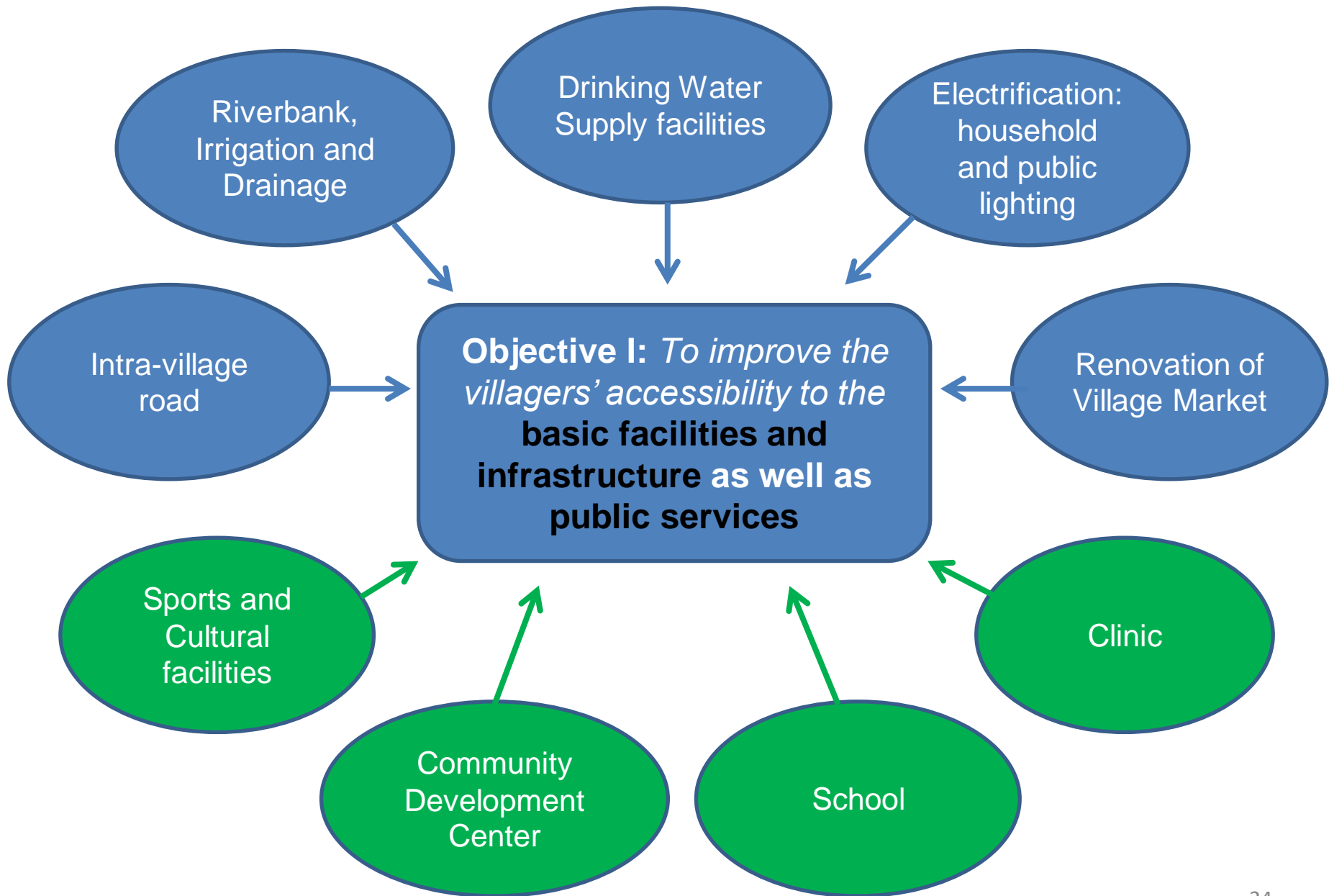
Fund Source: Chinese Grant Amount of 33.33 Million Yuan (est. 5 Million USD)

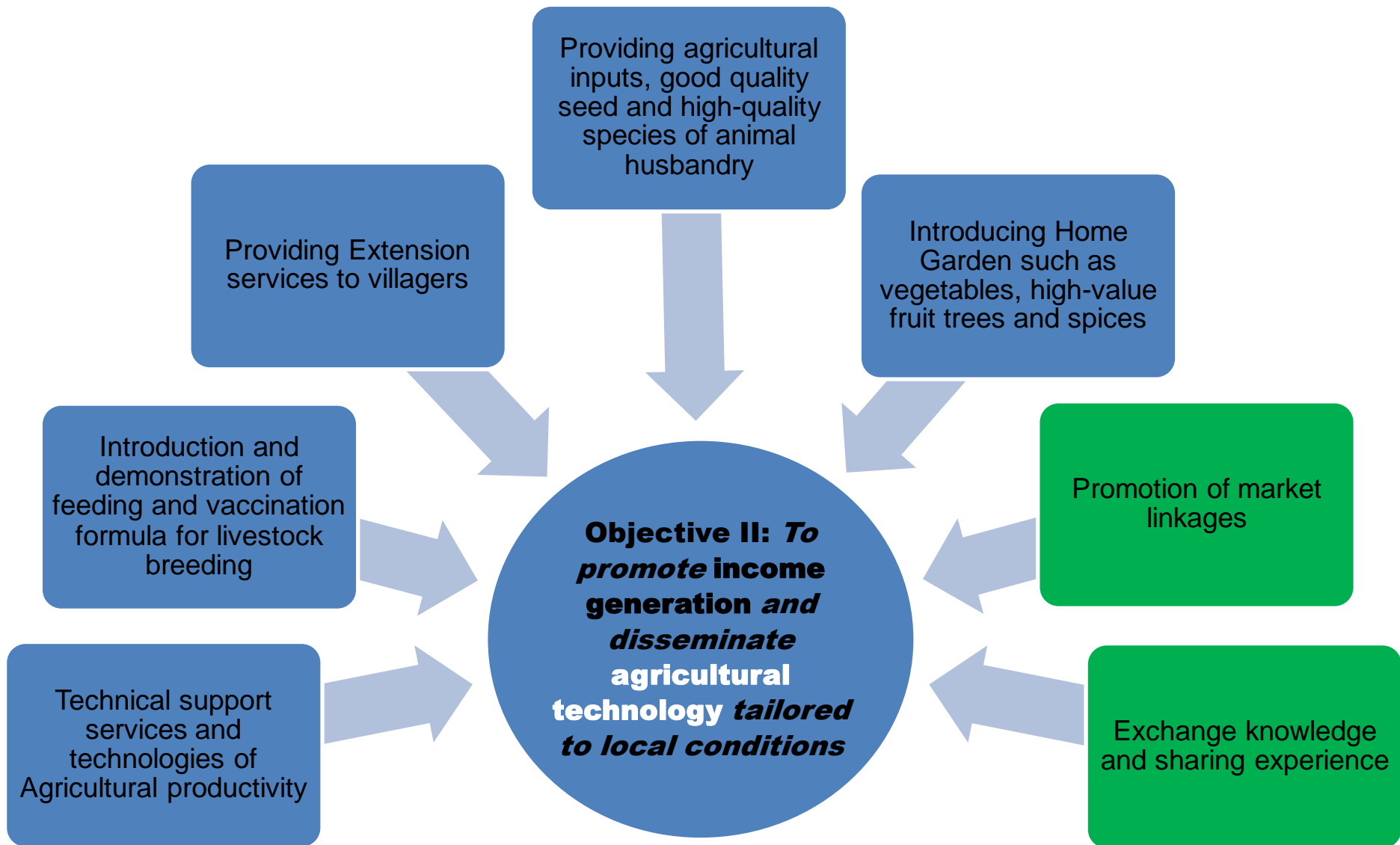
Project Goal

- To improve the overall capacity in poverty alleviation by collaborating and coordinating, by sharing information and best practices of poverty reduction among ASEAN and China



Exchanging Project Agreement on China-aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation on 19th November 2017





Objective III:

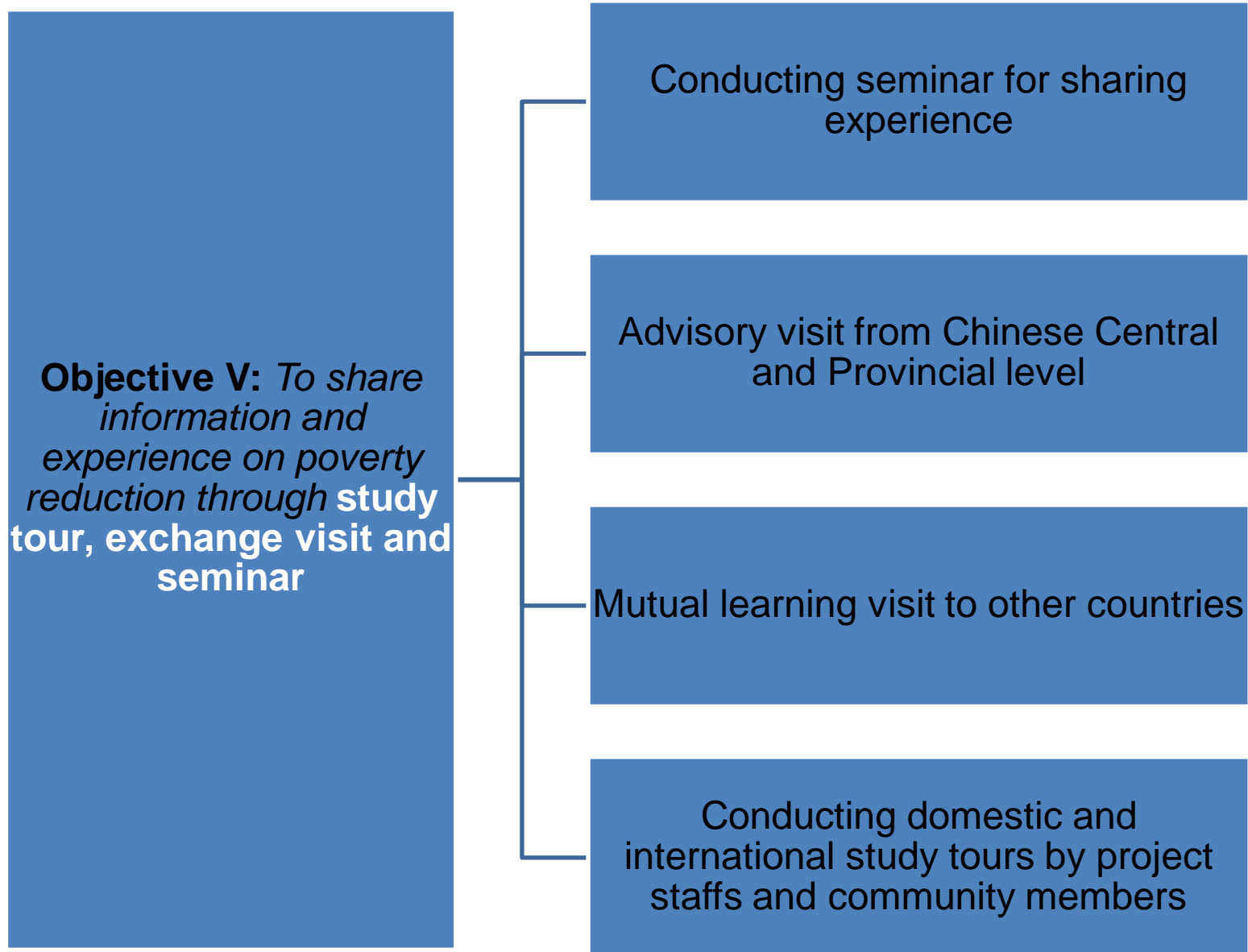
***“To promote
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protection
demonstration”***

Introduction of solid waste management system

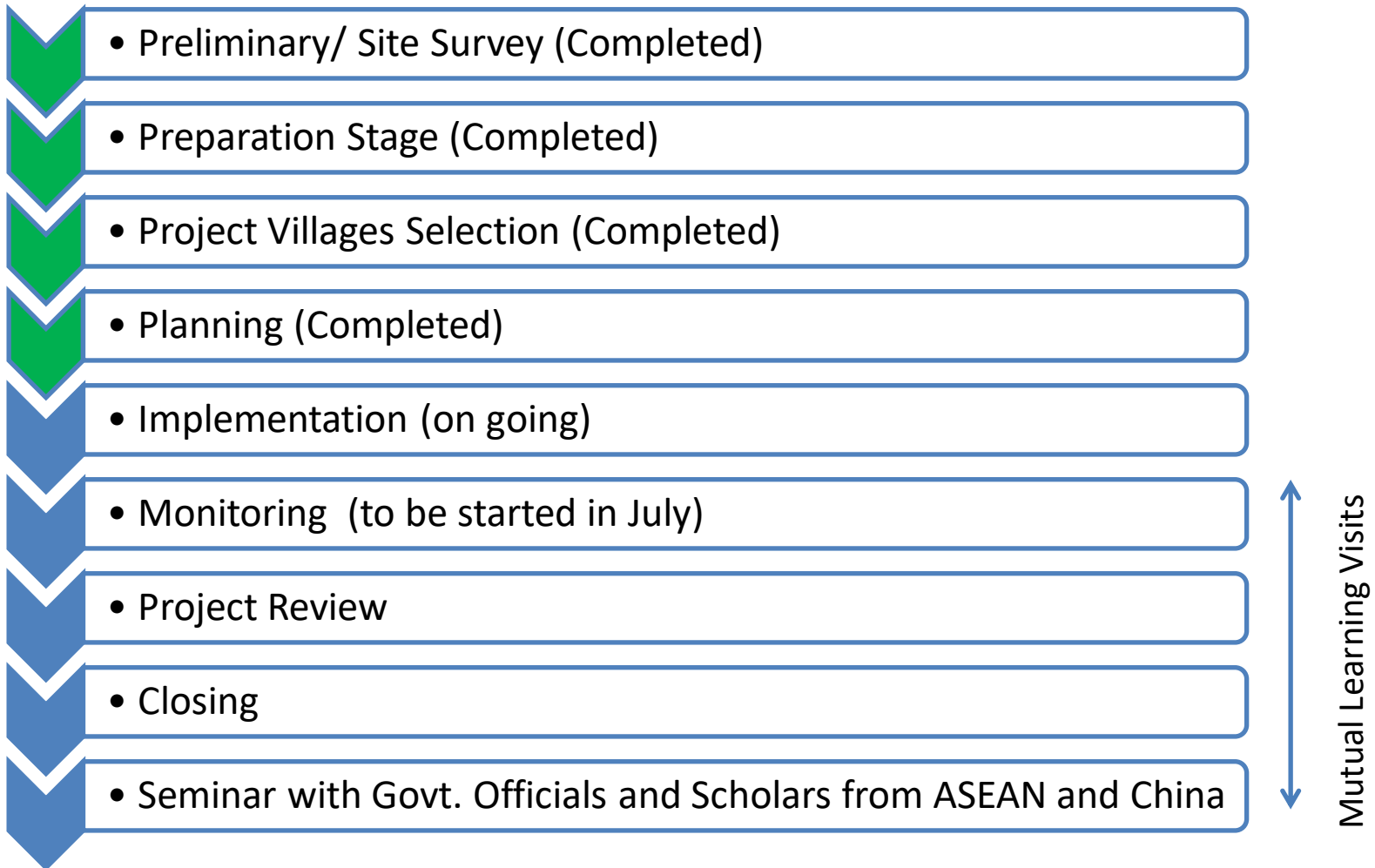
Providing garbage bin, waste transportation carts and solid waste treatment spots

Build community awareness on environmental protection and climate change adaptation in village development planning process.





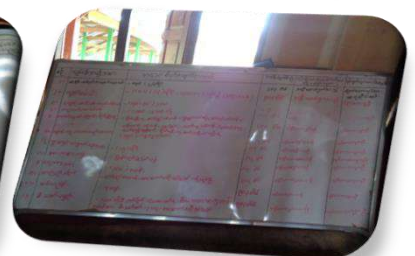
Project Phases



Preparation Stage



Planning Stage





Project Launching Ceremony at Royal Naypyitaw Hotel



**Launched Project at Aye Chan Thar Village,
Tetgone Township, Nay Pyi Taw**



**Launched Project at Min Pyin Village,
Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw**

Implementation Stage

Drilling Test Well in Aye Chan Thar Village, Tetgone Township



Drilling Tube Well in Min Pyin Village, Lewe Township





Organizing Work Place of JPMO



Handing over the Office Equipment to Township JPMOs



Inspecting Office equipment and furniture by Inspection Team of JPMO



Expected Outcomes

- Improved **living standards and socioeconomic** condition through **infrastructure development and public services**
- Increased **livelihood opportunity and income generation** through livelihood development programs
- Built up **capacity in poverty alleviation**
- Raised community awareness on natural **disaster preparedness**
- An **innovative model** of poverty alleviation program
- An extensive **cooperation platform** for sharing experience and best practice among ASEAN and China

Conclusion

- All the projects being undertaken by DRD follow the people-centered approach and support rural communities to benefit from improved access to basic infrastructure and services and to enhance their livelihood and income generation activities towards ensuring their quality of life.
- The China-aided Pilot Project is also essential while the government is paying attention to development of socio-economic life of rural populace and also directly related to the economic policy that is to encourage infrastructure development, enhancement of agriculture and livestock, capacity development and environmental conservation.
- In terms of policy implication, Rural Rejuvenation and Poverty Reduction is reflected by **Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan** aiming to achieve by 2030 and undertaking social and economic reform program for **improving well-being of its population**, particularly in rural areas.
- Agricultural Development Strategy and Investment Plan that is to ensure an inclusive, competitive, and sustainable agricultural system in Myanmar supports socioeconomic life of rural populace

Thank you for your Kind Attention