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Social Development and Poverty Reduction**

**Rural Development and Poverty Reduction
in Myanmar**

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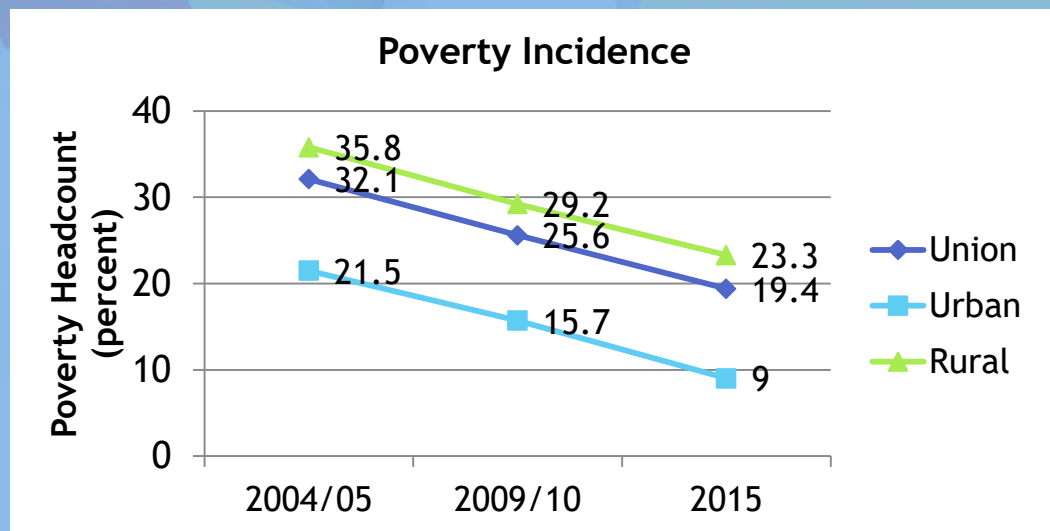
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Country Profile

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



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)**

1. Food and Nutrition Security
2. Rural Poverty Reduction
3. Higher Smallholder Farmers' Income
4. Agricultural Trade Competitiveness
5. Farmers' Rights Ensured and Strengthened

Inclusion

Sustainability



**Private Sector
and Farmers'
Organizations**

Connectivity

Governance

Productivity

Competitiveness

FOUNDATION: Collaborative relationships among farmers, businesses, and Government.



Department of Rural Development- DRD

Department of Rural Development (DRD) is a Governmental Department organized on 13th August 2013 under Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

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 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

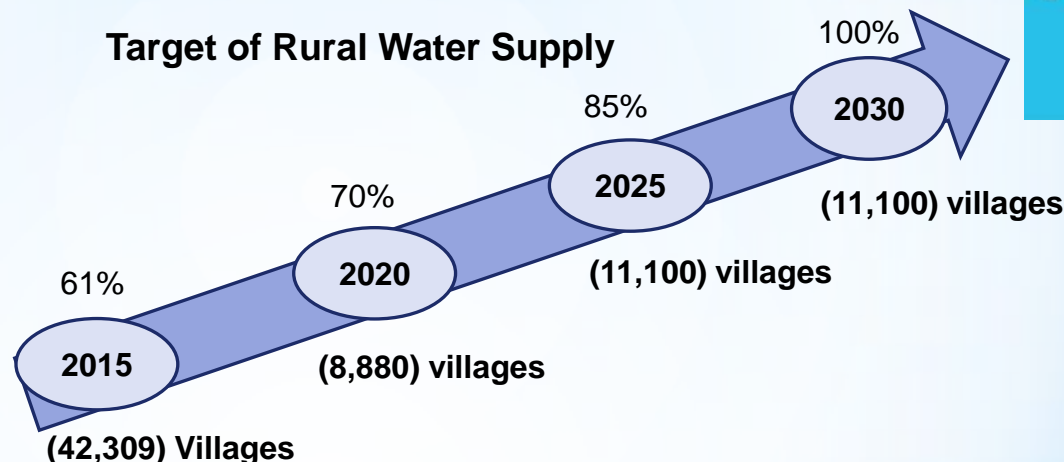
Targeting and Ranking

- 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

Target of Rural Water Supply



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
2018-2019	303	829	181	2148	3461	3156	23.37
Total	6315	6650	2697	14291	29953	19432	178.34



National Electrification Project

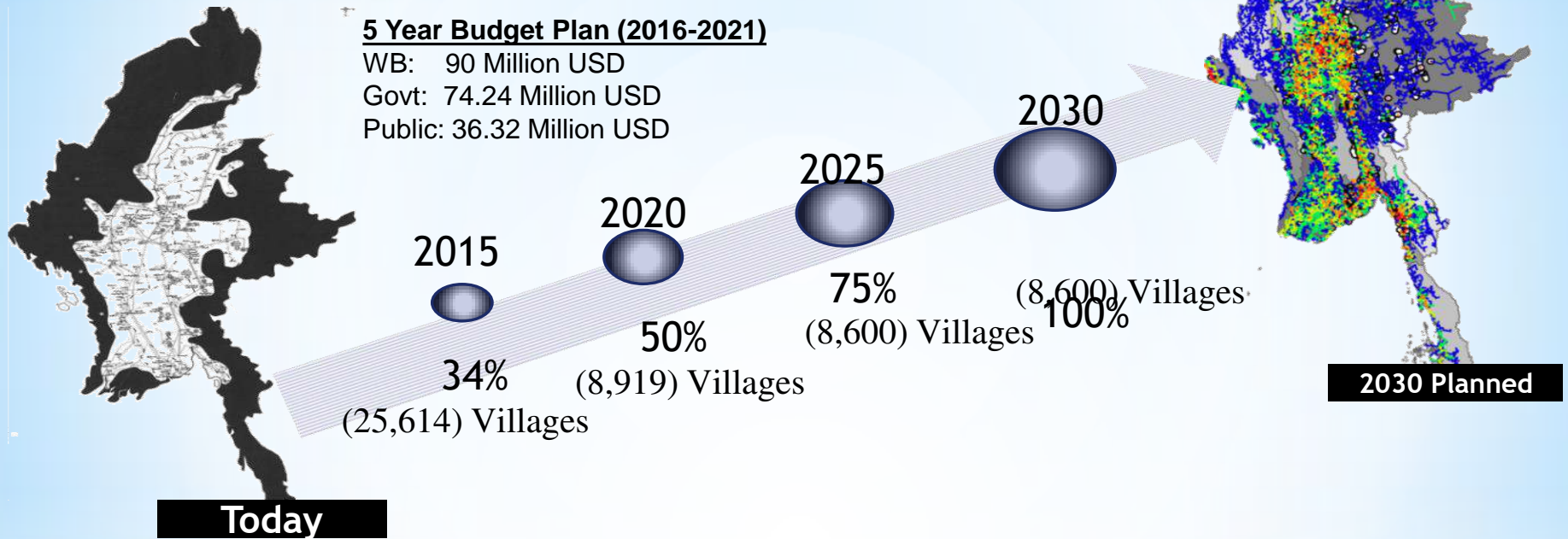
(Off-Grid Electrification Program)

5 Year Budget Plan (2016-2021)

WB: 90 Million USD

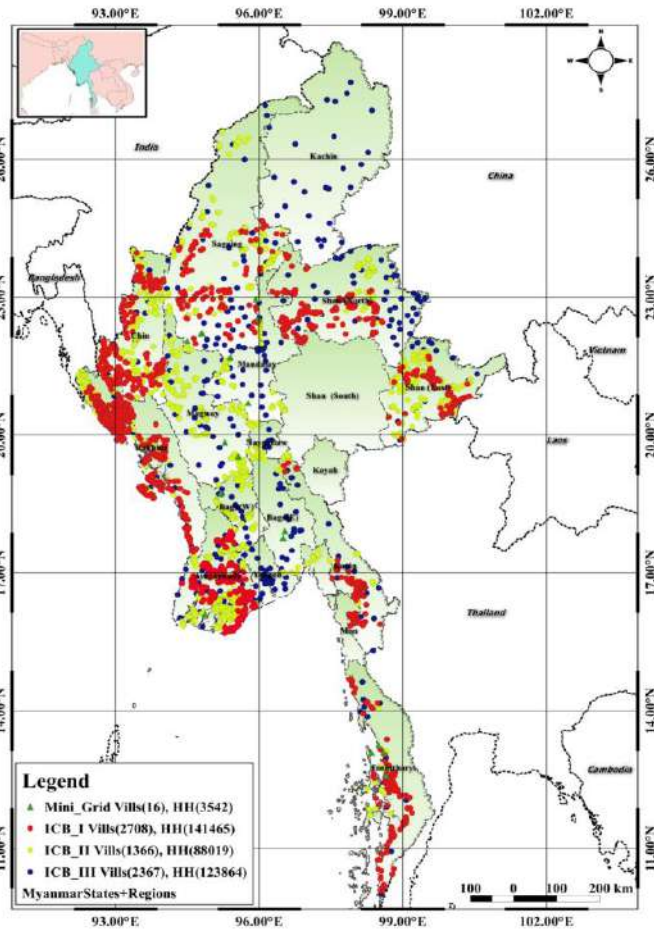
Govt: 74.24 Million USD

Public: 36.32 Million USD



Sr.	Fiscal Year	SHS		Mini-Grid		Total		Remark
		Village	Household	Village	Household	Village	Household	
1	2016-2017	2708	141465	10	1503	2718	142968	Complete
2	2017-2018	1366	88019	35	6868	1401	94887	Complete
3	2018-2019	2455	132368	100	10000	2555	142368	On Going
4	2019-2020	688	31154	100	9095	788	40249	Plan
5	2020-2021	1500	128550	100	7380	1600	135930	Plan
Total		8717	521556	345	34846	9062	556402	

Photo Records of Implementation



* National Community Driven Development Project

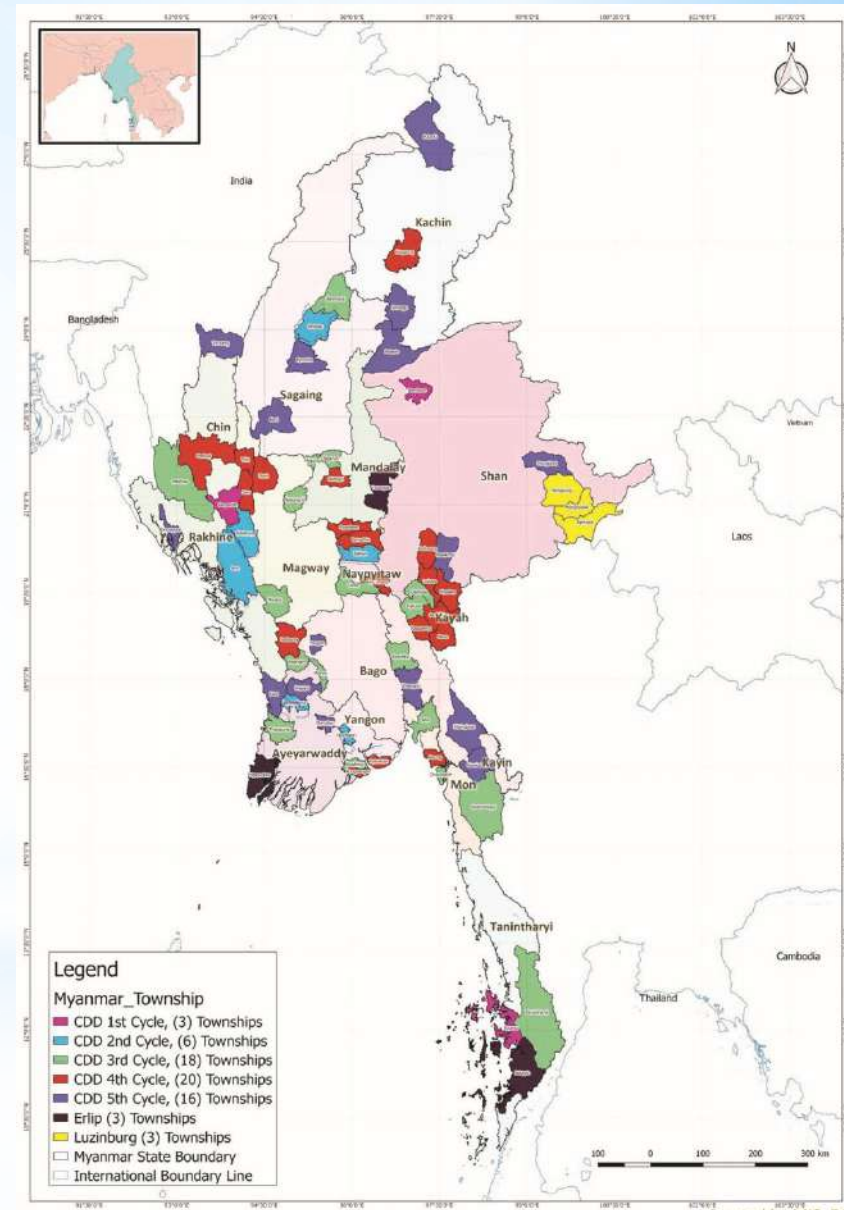
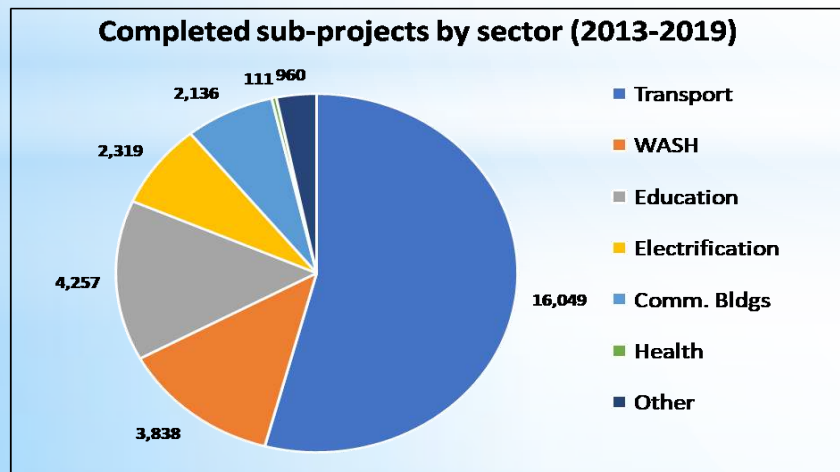
Project Fund - Total \$ 546 Million

- World Bank - (Grant \$ 80 + Loan \$ 400) Million
- Italy Soft Loan- \$ 22 Million
- DFD SWAP - \$ 3 Million
- DFID - \$ 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 (29670)



Some Activities of CDD



Socialization Workshop



Village Management Training



Social Audit

Sub-projects implemented by CDD



Concrete Road



Water Supply



School

Enhancing Rural Livelihood and Income Project

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

Duration - (2014 to 2019) for Infrastructure, (2020, March) for Livelihood

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

Activities - community infrastructure and livelihood activities through community driven approach

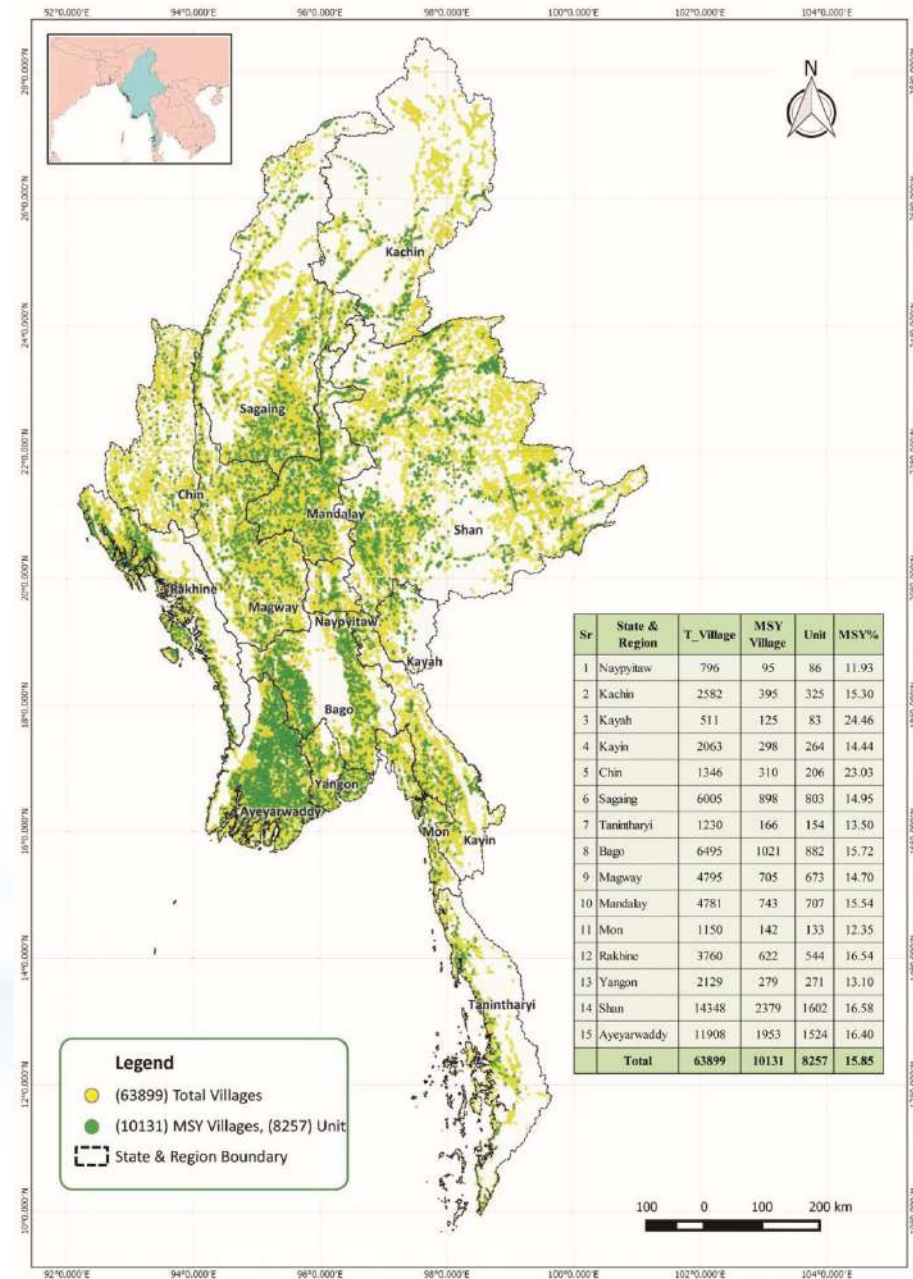
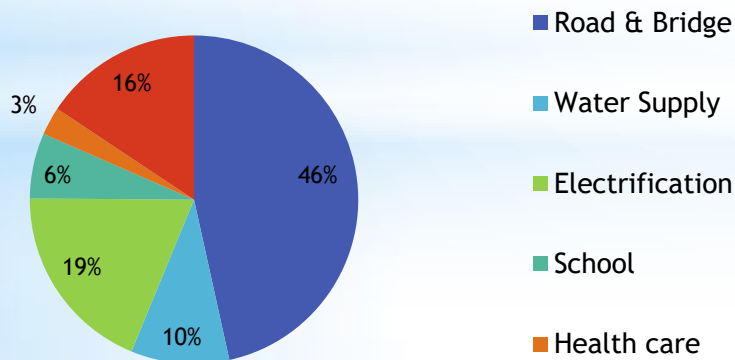
Objective - To Improve and upgrade social and productive infrastructure and capacities of communities, project line agencies at the local and state levels, and to a lesser degree at the central levels.

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 - 11094 villages in 289 townships
- Activities - Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Electrification, rural industries, other livelihood activities
- Project Cost - 271 million USD
- Total Interest - 113 million USD
- Partner - Oxfam Novib, Eco Dev, LIFT, NAG

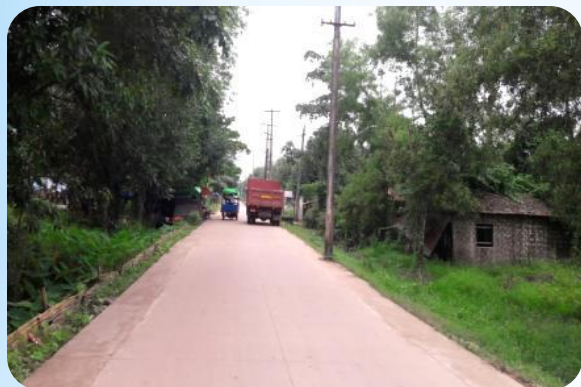
Village Development Activities undertaken by 50% of Interest



Livelihood and Income Generation Activities used by revolving fund



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



Village access road



Elevated Water Tank



Village Bridge



Inter-village road



Community Center



Village Transformer

* 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- 50 million Myanmar Kyat (M

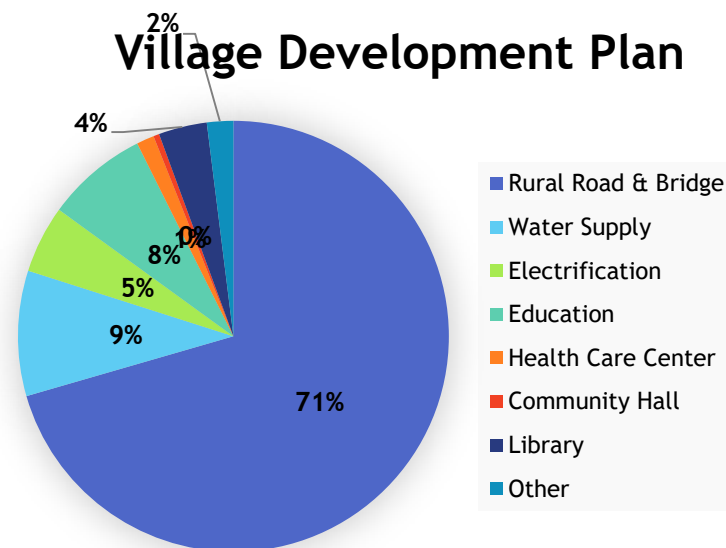
Project area - 100 million Myanmar Kyat
2018-19 11373 villages in 227

townships

Project Cost - 44630 million MMK
(USD 29.21 Million)

Fund Source - Government Budget

Village Development Plan



Village Development Activities implemented by Investment Schemes



Village wheel track road



Village earth road



Village concrete road



Village Toilet



Village concrete bridge



Village Pond

* Village Development Activities implemented by Investment Schemes



Village Water Tank



Village Water Store



Village electric



Village Library



Village School



Village all-round room

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



* (China-aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in
anmar)

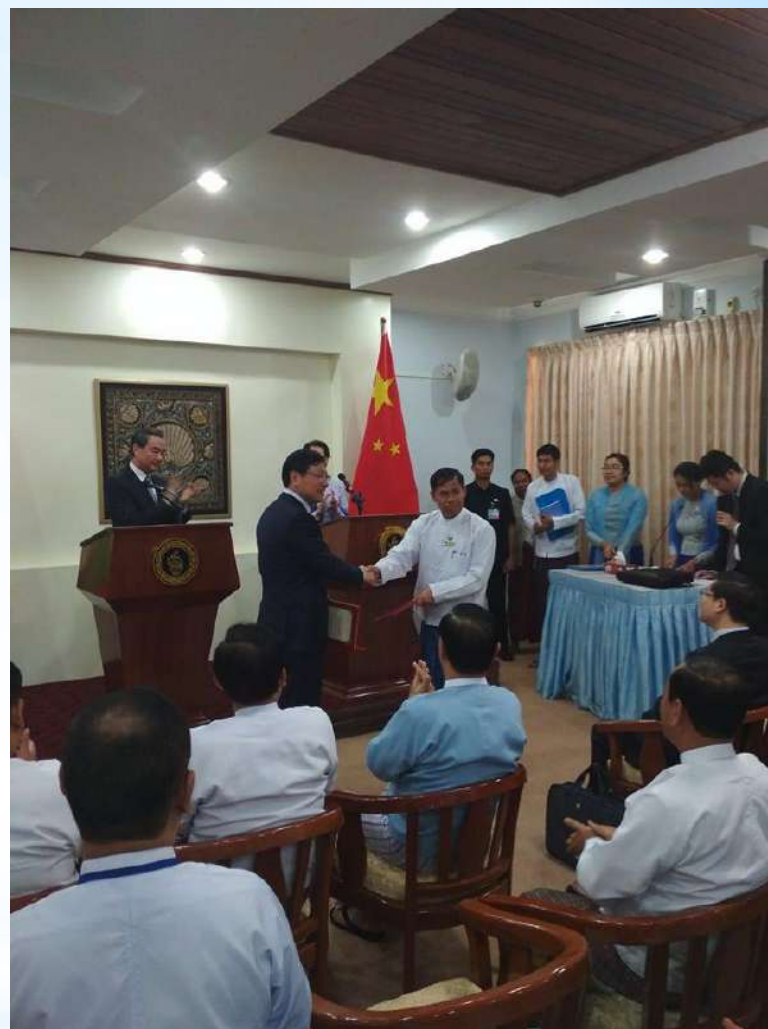


爱缅甸减贫示范合作项目

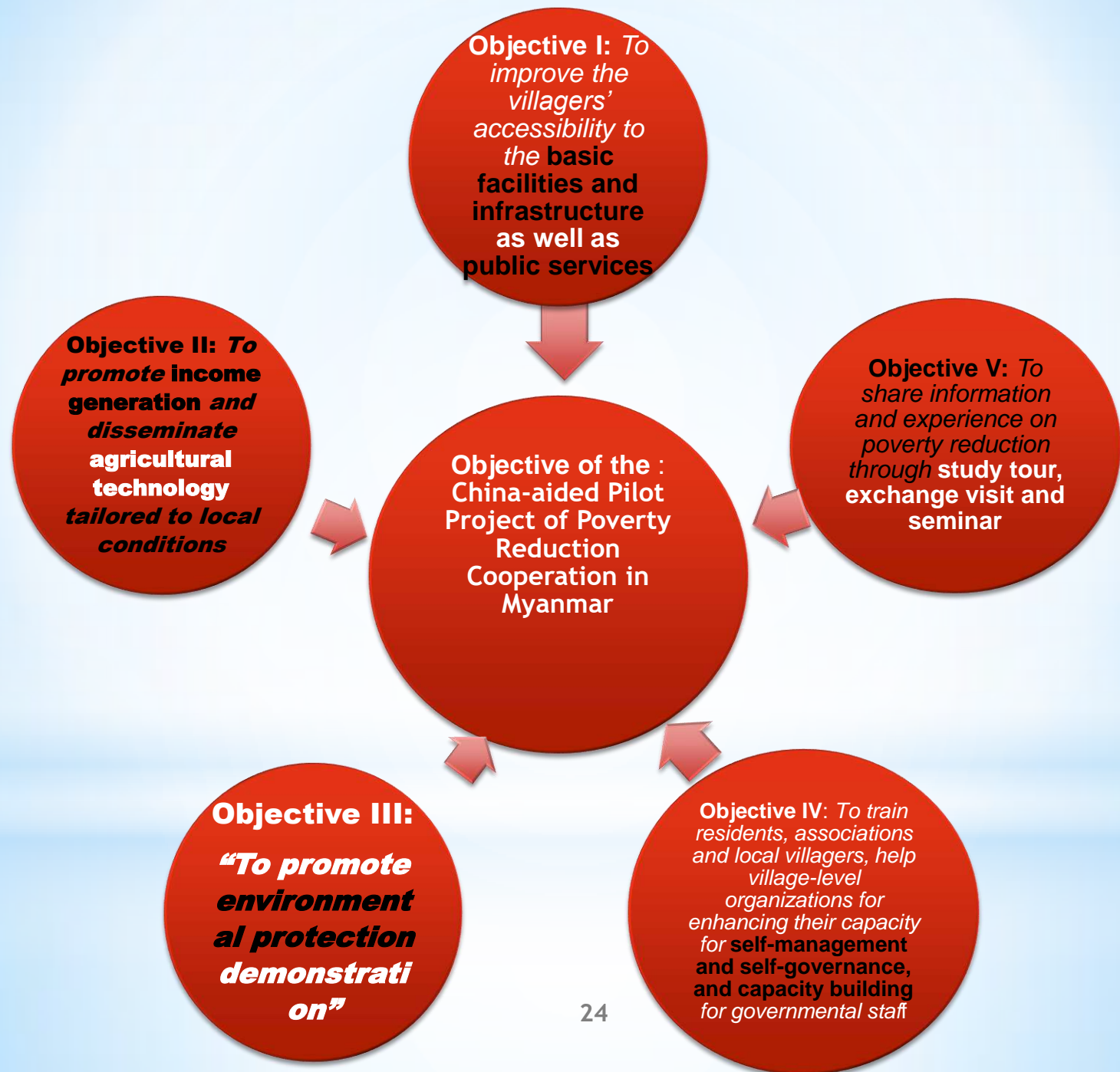
Jointly cooperating by the DRD under MOALI and International
Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) under LGOP and
Ministry of Commerce of P.R. China (MOFCOM)



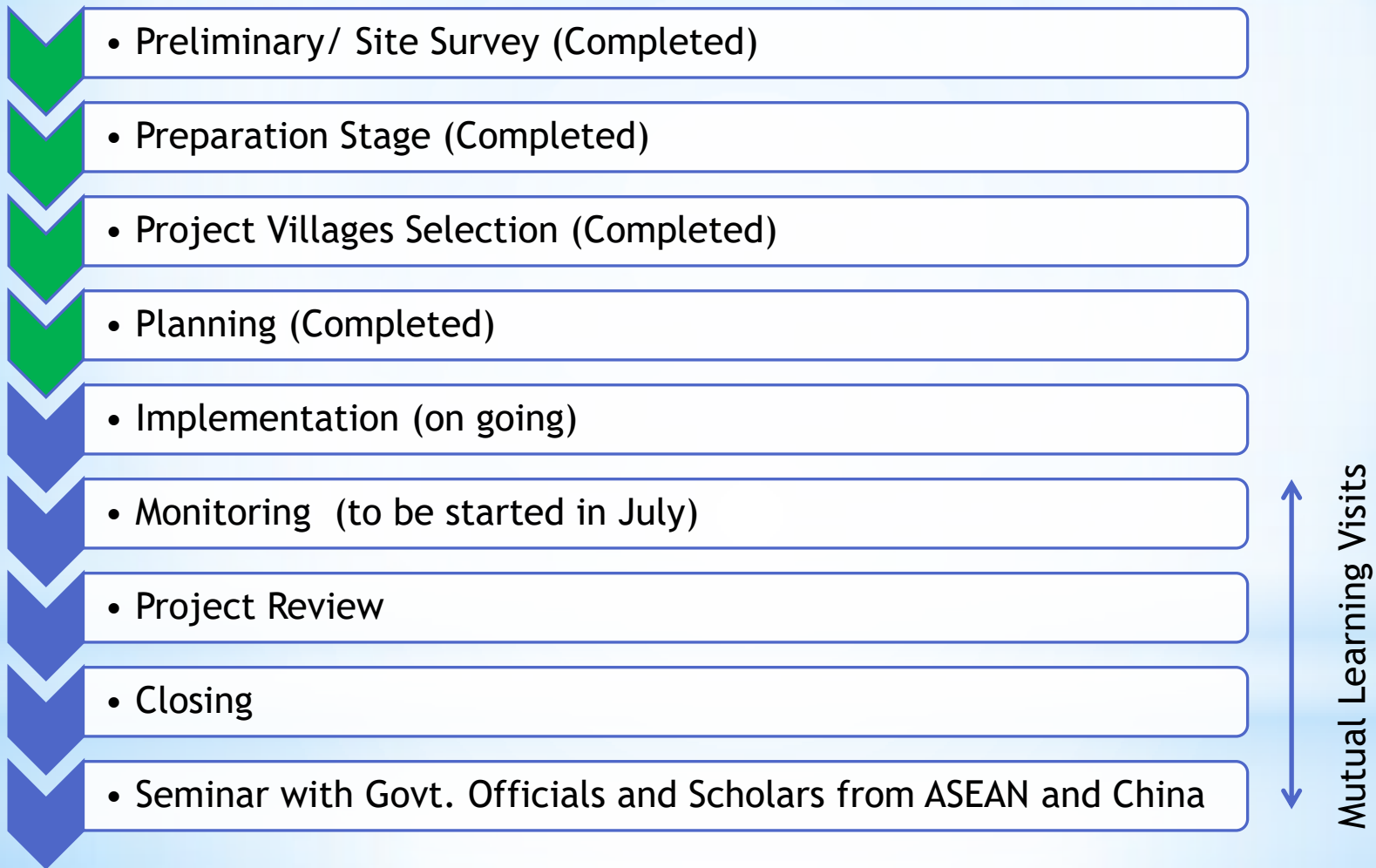
- Project Period: THREE Years (from 2018 February to 2021 February)
- Project Areas: 2 Villages (Aye Chan Thar in Tetgone Township and
Min Pyin in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw)
- Fund Source: Chinese Grant Amount of 33.33 Million Yuan
(est. 5 Million USD)
- Project Goal: To improve the overall capacity 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



Project Phases





Project Launching Ceremony at Royal Naypyitaw Hotel



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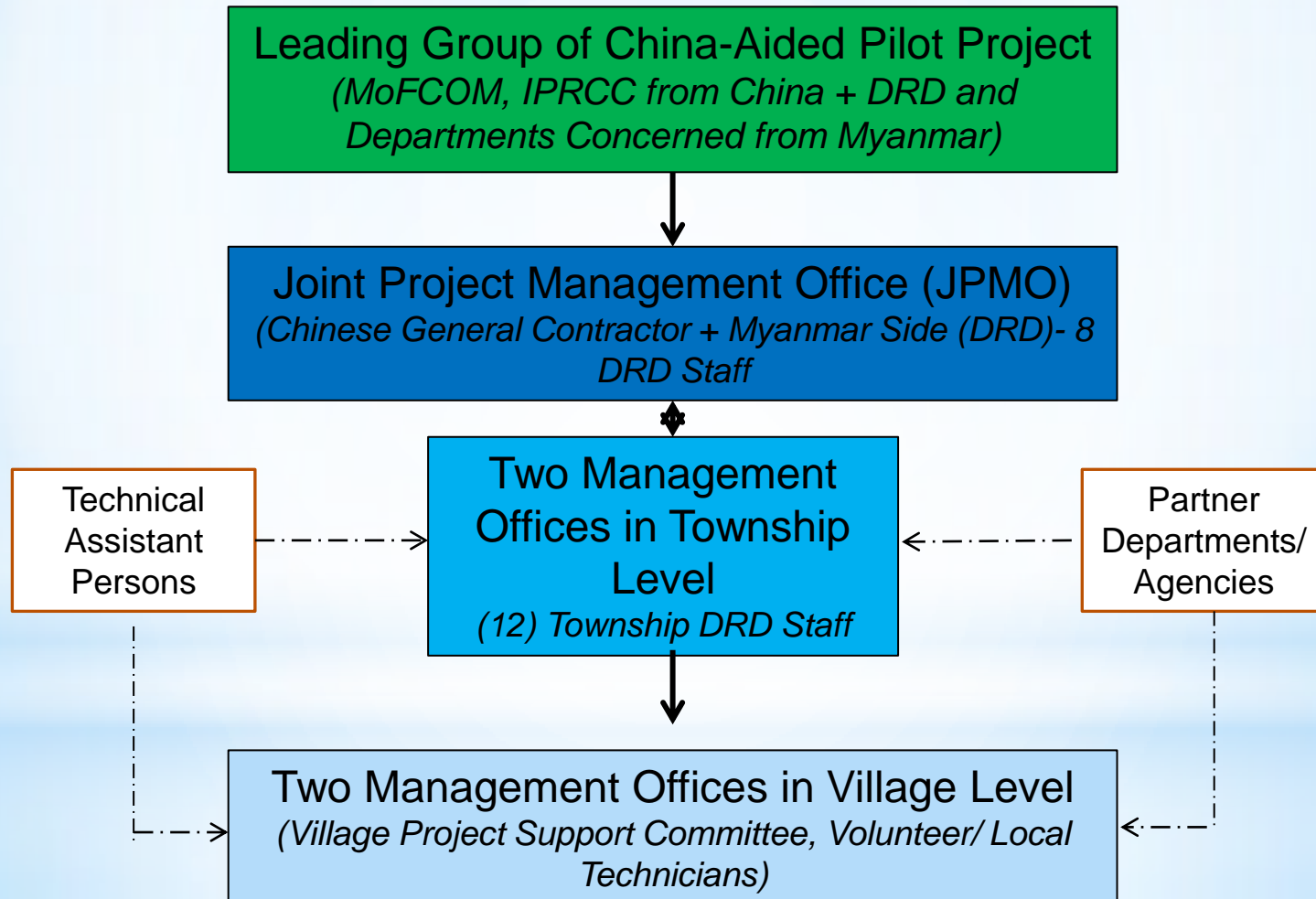
**Launched Project at Aye Chan Thar Village,
Tetgone Township, Nay Pyi Taw**

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

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

Project Organizational Structure



The Role of Community

(Responsibilities of Village Project Implementation Team)

- Cooperating with the JPMO and experts to solve problems encountered during the project implementation period. Ensure the participation and benefit sharing of the poor and women.
- Organizing villagers to carry out community participatory procurement activities under the guidance of JPMO and experts.
- Cooperating with the JPMO in the acceptance of the project in the village.
- Organizing villagers to participate in technical training and capacity building.
- Assisting M&E and household surveys.
- Organizing villagers to participate in discussing, formulating and implementing follow-up management regulations on O&M (operation and maintenance) of the Project.
- Publicizing the information of the Project implementation in time and the supervision hotline in appropriate places of the village to villagers; and reporting to JPMO when receive complaints in a timely manner.

Baseline Survey Activities in Both Villages



* Sub Projects selected by the Communities and Approved

Types	Aye Chan Thar	Min Pyin	Total (of the Project)	Budget Contribution USD(M) (%)
1.Infrastructure	4	5	9	1.6 (32%)
2. Public service facilities	5	3	8	0.55 (11%)
3.Livelihood Improvement	6	6	12	0.1 (2%)
4. Institutional Strengthening & Capacity building	6	6	12	0.6 (12%)
5.Experience Sharing	4	4	8	0.6 (12%)
6. Technical Assistance and Consultancy	6		6	0.95 (19%)
6.Program management and monitoring	6		6	0.35 (7%)
7. Contingency	-	-	-	0.25 (5%)

Agriculture Training in Min Pyin Village (mushroom)



IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS OF SUB PROJECTS IN THE TWO PROJECT VILLAGES

Updated on 30 May 2019

No.	Activity/Output	Starting/ Started Date	Planned Completion Date	Progressive Completion	Notes
	Infrastructure				
i	Flood Control (riverbank) in MP	26-Apr-19	15-Dec-19	3%	
ii	Drinking Water in MP	1-Feb-19	31-May-19	90%	Test running
	Drinking Water in ACT	1-Feb-19	31-May19	90%	Test running
iii	Public Lighting (Street) in MP	Aug-19			Not Started
	Public Lighting (Street) in ACT	Aug-19			Not Started
iv	Road Improvement in MP	26-Apr-19	15-Dec-19	17%	
	Road Improvement in ACT	26-Apr-19	15-Dec-19	5%	
2	Public Services				
i	School Building in MP	26-Apr-19	15-Dec-19	15%	
	School Building in ACT	30-Jun-19	29-Oct-19	4%	
ii	Clinic in ACT	15-Jun-19	15-Sep-19	10%	
iii	Community Center in MP	26-Apr-19	31-Jul-19	22%	
	Community Center in ACT	24-Apr-19	15-Jul-19	15%	
iv	Sports Field in ACT	26-Jun-19			
v	Environmental Improvement	20-Jun-19			Starting soon

The Infrastructure Sub Projects are expected to be completed by December 2019



Vice Minister, H.E.Mr.Chen Zhigang's Delegation

Photo Record of Implementation

Aye Chan Thar Village, Tetgone Township



Photo Record of Implementation

Min Pyin Village, Lewe Township



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.
- It is assured that Myanmar will closely collaborate with China in poverty reduction initiatives of the country through the ways of sharing experience and extensive friendships

 Thank you for your Kind
Attention