

Project Document

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FINAL APPROVED VERSION

Country	Myanmar
Project ID	MY 2/20/02
Project short title	Coronavirus Response
Project full title	Coronavirus Response in Kachin and Southern Shan
Project partner(s)	Various – to be confirmed
Duration, Start date	8 months – 1 st May to 31 st December 2020
End date	
Number of beneficiaries	1,250 Households (estimate, not including households only reached with awareness raising information)
Overall outcome(s):	SW Emergency goal 4: Access to COVID-19 related basic services improved for SWISSAID beneficiaries affected by the pandemic
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Country outcome(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> By 2024, targeted women and men small-scale farmers have improved their livelihoods By 2024, targeted rural women have increased participation in decision-making in their communities.

Project Budget	MMK	CHF	Rate
Project implementation budget	225,000,000	150,000	1,500
Project development phase Budget	-	-	
Total PROJECT Budget required	225,000,000	150,000	1,500
Local contribution	-	-	-

Project Funding	MMK	CHF	Rate
Third Party Contribution	-	-	
SWISSAID Contribution	225,000,000	150,000	1,500
Total amount PROJECT approved by SWISSAID	225,000,000	150,000	1,500

Strategic sector: Emergency project

Number of beneficiaries: 1,250 Households (estimate, not including households reached with awareness raising information)

Planned audit(s):

Planned external evaluation:

Brief project description

The coronavirus pandemic has the potential to create devastating health, social and economic impacts for poor households in Myanmar. To counter this threat requires the urgent mobilisation of prevention and response measures - to prevent the spread of COVID-19; to ensure at least a subsistence economy; for social protection by ensuring that community support systems are maintained in the absence or limitations of public sector support; to contribute to reducing the overload on public sector systems; and to reduce the likelihood of social tensions and discrimination.

Therefore this project will support the actions of civil society partners for COVID-19 prevention (slowing of the infection rate) and / or mitigation of the health, economic and social effects of the disease in their communities / constituencies. Actions include a specific focus on vulnerable and marginalised groups, including returning migrant workers and their families; households no longer receiving remittances; casual labourers who have lost employment opportunities; small-holder farmers; and women from poor households.

The project is designed as a “basket” project and will support the action/sub-projects of approximately five partner organisations. It is likely that all / the majority of the sub-projects will be in Kachin State. The proposed project budget is an estimate of the funds within the existing Myanmar 2020 Country Programme budget / old projects that can be realigned to coronavirus response. The overall 2020 Country Budget will not be exceeded. Sub-projects of individual partners will be approved by the Myanmar Management Committee, based on already agreed criteria.

Specific activities will depend on the priorities of the target communities and households, however overall planned outputs include:

Output 1 – Targeted communities have increased awareness and resources to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

For example, supported activities may include:

- Awareness raising – e.g. pamphlets, posters, loudspeaker campaigns, social media
- Distribution of hygiene items – e.g. soap, hand sanitizer, face masks, hand washing facilities
- Stimulating local preventive solutions – e.g. supporting community production of soap and masks.
- Support to community quarantine centres for returning migrants – e.g. hygiene items, hand washing facilities
- PPE and hygiene items for village health clinic workers and volunteers
- Promoting social cohesion to reduce stigmatisation / social tensions
- Specific activities to ensure women have access to accurate information and receive support in their household caregiver role.

Output 2 – Vulnerable households are able to meet their basic food needs and / or protect their livelihoods

For example, supported activities may include:

- Food distributions or cash transfers.
- Cash for work.
- Farming inputs for small-holder farmers – e.g. seeds, natural fertilizer, etc.
- Capital for community managed revolving funds to enable access to affordable credit.

Output 3 – Civil society partners have resources (e.g. information, equipment) for a safe, coordinated and effective response.

Supported activities may include:

- Training and hygiene items for partners, to reduce risk of transmission to / from their staff and volunteers.
- Engagement with local authorities for coordination and resource sharing.
- Support to civil society networks for collective response and advocacy.

Approved by: Head of Department / GL Approval date: 9th June 2020