

Project Document

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Country	Myanmar
Project ID	MY 1/19/01
Project short title	UTF 2
Project full title	Uplands Township Fund (Phase 2)
Project partner(s)	Metta Development Foundation & GRET
Duration, Start date	35 months: 1 st November 2019 to 30 th September 2022.
End date	
Country outcome(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By 2024, targeted women and men small-scale farmers have improved their livelihoods 2. By 2024, targeted women and men small-scale farmers have more secure tenure of their forests or farmland. 3. By 2024, targeted rural women have increased participation in decision-making in their communities.
Strategic area:	Global Strategic Area 1: Small-scale Farming

Project Funding	USD	CHF	Rate
Third Party Contribution	3,899,999	3,899,999	1.00
SWISSAID Contribution	-	-	
Total amount PROJECT approved by SWISSAID	3,899,999	3,899,999	

Planned audit(s):	Annual External Audit
Planned external evaluation:	Mid-term External Evaluation End of project External Evaluation
Project classification:	Ecological agriculture
Code SDC sector:	61

Approved by: SWISSAID Executive Committee: 31 October 2019

Brief project description

A consortium of GRET, Metta Development Foundation and SWISSAID is facilitating a small grants fund for civil society in 15 townships in Chin, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, with support from the Livelihoods and Food Security Fund (LIFT)¹.

Named the “Uplands Township Fund”, the core purpose of this initiative is to strengthen pro-poor township livelihoods systems through grants, capacity support, and reflection, learning and networking opportunities for township-level civil society. The Uplands Township Fund (UTF) started on 1st August 2016, and the second phase of the Fund was initiated on 1st November 2019.

To contribute to UTF’s core aim of systems change for improved livelihoods of communities, civil society initiatives that reflect one or more of the following approaches are being prioritized for support:

- Initiating or reinforcing collaborative actions and advocacy with local authorities and/or the private sector
- Initiating or reinforcing collective activities with other Civil society organisations (CSOs) in the Township or State
- Building stronger relationships and networks within and between community-based groups
- Enhancing capacity for CSOs
- Strengthening livelihoods opportunities for vulnerable communities by introducing new ideas, approaches, skills, capacities, research
- Promoting the rights and livelihood opportunities of marginalised groups
- Promoting women’s rights and opportunities

¹ LIFT is a multi-donor fund that improves the lives and prospects of the most vulnerable people in Myanmar. LIFT is funded by seven donors: Australia, Canada, the European Union, Ireland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.