The Maternal and Child Cash Transfer Story

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Why Social Protection?

- Social Contract between the government and its people.
- A Constitutional Commitment

“The Union shall:

(a) care for mothers and children, orphans, fallen Defence Services personnel’s children, the aged and disabled:”
Development of National Strategy

In order to fulfill its obligations, Government of Myanmar:

- Developed Myanmar National Social Protection Strategic Plan (NSPSP) in cooperation with UN agencies, International and Local Organizations
- Endorsed it at the end of 2014
- Comprised of eight different Flagships
Basic Principles

- Universality
- Life Cycle Approach
- System Building
Progress of Strategy Implementation

Maternal and Child Cash Transfer (MCCT)

- Implementation started in 2017-2018 fiscal year
  - Chin with the financial support of LIFT and technical support of UNICEF
  - Rakhine State and Nag Autonomous Region with government funds
- Expansion in 2018-2019 fiscal year
  - Kayin and Kayah with government funds, but operations support from LIFT
MCCT for Improved Nutrition

Maternal and Child Cash Transfer (MCCT)
## Beneficiaries of MCCTs

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Starting Date</th>
<th>Nos of Beneficiaries at the starting date</th>
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<td>Chin MCCT</td>
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<td>Kayah</td>
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Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries
Beneficiaries of MCCTs

- **Rakhine:**
  - FY 2017/18: 50,566
  - FY 2018 Mini: 65,333
  - FY 2018/19: 102,504

- **Naga:**
  - FY 2017/18: 1189
  - FY 2018 Mini: 5282
  - FY 2018/19: 6082

- **Kayin:**
  - FY 2018/19: 2670

- **Kayah:**
  - FY 2018/19: 5894
Government’s Investment in MCCT

Cash to Beneficiaries - million MMK

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<td>8,226.180</td>
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Government’s Investment in MCCT

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# Expansion for Coming Years

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Cash Transfer for Nutrition

- Geographic Prioritization is based on Nutrition Indicator (DHS 2015-2016)
- High-level Objective is to achieve improved nutritional results
- Cash Plus Social and Behaviour Change Communication
- Cash Plus health services in Rakhine
- Cash to increase demand and SBCC for improved knowledge and practices
Roles of Donors and DPs

Program Level:
- Financing
- Technical support
- M & E

Policy Level
- Advocacy
- Mainstreaming SP into government’s regular agenda
Learning through Doing

- Chin as the Mother of MCCTs in Myanmar.
- Build confidence for new expansion.
- Program designing tailoring with specific needs of the program areas
- In-house capacity for program implementation and M&E
Challenges

• Rapid growth of program expansion
• Strengthening relationships and cooperation amongst stakeholder groups towards shared goals.
• Ensuring sensitive planning for expansion into conflict affected areas
• Financing and Outreach Capacity for Long-term expansion
Social and Behavior Change Communication
Thank You