Reaching the Most Vulnerable:
Working in Conflict Affected Areas

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Post 1997 military major operations in South Eastern Myanmar.

Emergence of terminology of IDPs.

The birth of KDN begins with responding to the problem of IDPs.

Focusing on South Eastern Myanmar.
Root Causes of Armed Conflict in Myanmar

- Lack of political negotiation
- Lack of opportunities for ceasefire and peace.

Consequences and Responses

- No recognition of Refugee/IDPs
- Low media coverage
- Humanitarian assistance
- Recovery and rehabilitation
- Relief
**Dynamics of Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and Peace Process (2011-2015)**

- Invitation to peace table on 18 Aug, 2011
- Signing of NCA on 15 Oct, 2015

**Paradigm Shift (November 2018)**

- Temporary suspension from Peace talks by KNU.
- RCSS's suspension from JMC.
Analysis of current situation

- Challenges
  - Territory Limitation
  - Remaining EAOs still undecided to sign NCA

Scenarios

- Positive
  - Critical and significant role of Civil Society
- Negative
  - Continued insecurity
  - Fear of resurgence of fighting
  - Fragile relationships can break down
The role of LIFT and other Donors in conflict situation

- Development assistance and bridging the nexus between humanitarian and development.
- Support to potential returnees.

The role of Civil Society

- Bridge between Government and EAOs
- Advocators for peace.
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