



DRY ZONE PROGRAMME 2015 - 2018

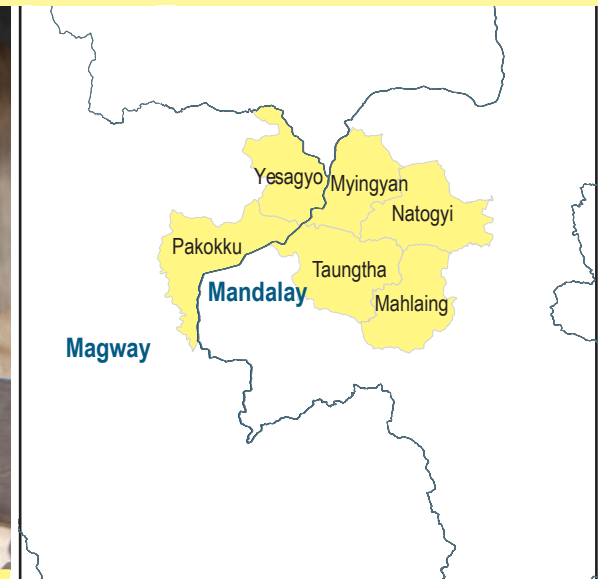
Budget:
estimated
USD 39
million



Financial
Inclusion
USD 12
million



The programme promotes livelihoods development and nutrition-sensitive food security in six townships: Myingyan, Natogyi, Taungtha and Mahlaing in Mandalay Region, and Pakokku and Yesagyo in Magway Region. LIFT's financial inclusion partners are also working in the Dry Zone, providing further opportunities for inclusive growth.



VISION AND APPROACH

The Dry Zone Programme is designed to support inclusiveness in Myanmar's rural transformation and strengthen resilience of poor rural households by:

- introducing maternal cash transfers and behaviour change for improved nutrition to reduce stunting in children under two years of age
- introducing behaviour change for improved hygiene in villages, resulting in fewer health problems
- supporting economic activities at township and regional levels to improve the rural economy e.g. value chain and rural finance interventions, increased mechanisation
- generating evidence to inform effective policy and public expenditure decisions
- improving agriculture and livestock production processes

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Smallholder farmers have increased income and food security from the sale of agricultural produce and livestock
2. Rural households have increased income and food security from non-farm employment
3. Rural households are less vulnerable to shocks and setbacks
4. Fewer children are stunted
5. Advocacy will lead to increased public spending in nutrition and social protection, such as a social pension for old people



THE DRY ZONE PROGRAMME

Name of organisation	Project title	Main activities	Locations	Dates
ActionAid	Social Economic Development Network for Regional Development	Providing disadvantaged women with vocational training, jobs and access to social services.	Pakokku and Nyaung-U townships	8 Mar 2013 - 7 Mar 2017
FAO Livestock	Improving Farmer Livelihoods in the Dry Zone through Improved Livestock Health, Productivity and Marketing	Policy-level work and developing best practice manuals for livestock owners to promote environmentally and economically-sound livestock production.	Pakokku, Myingyan, Taungtha, Yesagyo, Natogyi and Mahlaing townships	30 Nov 2015 - 31 Dec 2018
Golden Plain	Improving Soil to get Sustainable Yields by Green Manuring and Modified Cropping System	Supporting sustainable agriculture production by using green manure. Trial sites will identify the additional costs, the required changes in the cropping pattern and potential benefits of using green manure.	Pakokku and Yesagyo townships	9 May 2016 - 31 Oct 2018
HelpAge	Dry Zone Social Protection Project	Implementation of HelpAge's social protection components that support existing village-based social protection schemes. Supporting government programmes that provide old-age social pensions and assistance for people with disabilities.	Pakokku, Myingyan, Taungtha, Yesagyo, Natogyi and Mahlaing townships	15 Dec 2015 - 31 Dec 2018
International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC)	Dry Zone Agro-Input and Farm Services Project	Improving agricultural extension through combining best practice from private sector and official extension services.	Pakokku, Myingyan, Taungtha, Yesagyo, Natogyi and Mahlaing townships	11 Dec 2015 - 31 Dec 2018
Lodestar Company Ltd./SPPRG	Community Based Social Protection Systems: Efficacy and Efficiency of Pilot Project	Community-based social protection initiatives including maternal cash transfers and village revolving funds.	Myaung and Sagaing townships	2 Dec 2015 - 31 Dec 2018
Myanmar Professional Social Worker Association (MPSWA)	Improved Nutritional Status of Vulnerable Community through Self-help Potential	Providing nutrition behaviour change communication.	Myingyan, Taungtha and Natogyi townships	7 Apr 2016 - 31 Dec 2018
Save the Children	LEGACY: Learning, Evidence Generation, and Advocacy for Catalysing Policy	A nutrition project looking at the effectiveness of different ways to deliver maternal cash transfers to mothers in the 1,000 Days window (from a child's conception to its second birthday) with either intensive or introductory nutrition-related behavioural change communication.	Pakokku, Yesagyo and Mahlaing townships	3 Jun 2015 - 2 Jun 2018
Terre des Hommes	Soilless Horticulture and Water-saving Innovative Technologies	Water-efficient technologies allow landless and marginalised farmers to grow nutrient-rich vegetables, improving incomes and nutrition in remote Dry Zone villages.	Natmauk, Yenangyaung, Myingyan and Taungtha townships	1 Feb 2014 - 31 Jan 2017
UNESCAP	Integrated Rural and Economic Social Development Programme	Training workshops on agricultural mechanisation, seed production and farmer innovation.	Dry Zone	1 Nov 2014 - 31 Dec 2016
UN-HABITAT	A Short Step: from Improved WASH to Healthier Communities	Improving access to water and sanitation, aiming to achieve zero open defecation mainly through behaviour change education. This contributes to the LIFT nutrition outcome.	Pakokku, Myingyan, Taungtha, Yesagyo, Natogyi and Mahlaing townships	15 Jan 2016 - 31 Dec 2018

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