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Dry Zone Social Protection Project

Implemented by
HelpAge International with partner
Mandalay YMCA

Where the programme works

- 180 villages total
- 30 villages in each of 6 target townships: Pakkoku, Yesagyoo, Mahlaing, Myingyan, Taungtha and Natogyi
- Tentative village list is from call for proposals
- Main project office: Myingyan
- Two sub-offices: Ma Hlaing, Pakkoku and Yesagyoo

Background and rationale

- **Overall problem:** Vulnerable households in the Dry Zone have low and unreliable incomes and are at risk from short-term shocks and longer term trends
- **Specific problems**
 - The lack of strong community mechanisms to address vulnerability
 - The lack of government awareness and experience needed to put its social protection plans into action at household and community level

Expected outcomes

- Poor households utilize social protection services to meet their basic needs
- Government and CSOs utilize lessons learnt to influence policy

Intervention 1

Village CSOs increase capacity for providing sustainable village based social protection

- Forming village-based Social Protection Committees
- Training and raising awareness of vulnerability
- Developing community SP action plans, linked later to township plans

Intervention 2

Village CSOs receive project funds for village based social protection mechanisms.

- Growing a sustainable Community Social Protection Fund (revolving loan fund and community fundraising) providing small emergency grants to households in crisis
- Providing small project grants for 2 village priorities related to social protection

Intervention 3

Local government increase capacity to support social protection

- Social protection and migration awareness training for government at village and township levels
- Government training and sharing lessons on cash transfer delivery

Intervention 4

Project team with local government manage cash transfers for old age pension and PwD support.

- Piloting monthly cash transfers to older people aged 85+, universal targeting (10,000 kyat, 24 months)
- Piloting monthly cash transfers to 10 persons with disabilities per village, selected through village targeting (participatory community mechanisms)
- Setting up cash transfer monitoring and accountability mechanism

Intervention 5

INGO documents and shares project learning

- Monitoring, reviews, lessons learned
- Research and studies:
 - Baseline and end surveys
 - Cash transfer monitoring and accountability system
 - Research on informal social protection mechanisms
 - Documenting and assessing benefits of cash transfers
 - Research on migration

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