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**OVERVIEW & KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- Six months after the Cyclone, some organisations in Yangon Division are either re-strategizing or planning to phase out. Organisations like Islamic Relief, ICRC, TDH from Italy and Myanmar Health Assistant Association (MHAA) are planning to phase out while others like World Vision, Care Myanmar, are reducing their capacity and undertaking assessments and trainings for early recovery projects. New players are also coming in such as Social Vision Services (SVS) who plans to provide seeds, technology and other necessities for planting winter crops (Bean and Sunflower) in 4 selected villages in Dedaye. They also plan to train and distribute IEC materials and tools to farmers followed by edutainment, cash for work and education activities.
- Following the launch of the Post Nargis Periodic Review, enumerator training took place between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2008. Fieldwork in Yangon Division started in earnest on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October and is progressing well.
- Ministry of Social Welfare and Resettlement, together with Mingalar Myanmar have so far jointly organized 4 training of trainers (ToT) sessions on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) in Yangon since September. They are also giving multiplier trainings on DRM in the Delta.
- A new modern village is to rise in Kungyangon, constructed by a Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka, with support from colleagues in Sri Lanka, Singapore, Taiwan and other Asian countries. About 400 houses will be constructed, including a mini clinic, schools, roads, a library, a community hall, a computer centre, a stadium, gardens and an administrative office in the village. It will be set up on a 180 acre of land between Kamapar village and Naung Gue village.
- The regular TCC coordination meeting in Kungyangon has been revised from weekly to fortnightly.

**SECTORAL UPDATE**

**AGRICULTURE**

- IDE Kawhmu finished their rainy season crop project. They have distributed 39,550 baskets of paddy seeds, 4,618 urea bags of fertilizer, 2341 T super bags, 18 power tillers and 376 gallons of diesel to 3,964 farmers and 11,816 bags of rice to 11,816 landless farmers.
- In Dedaye, FAO, UN agencies, INGOs and local CBOs are exploring ways to find out ways to re-grow mangrove and raise awareness to the local communities for preventing the further mangrove forest loss.
- FAO and CESVI organized a Livestock and Fishery sector guidelines workshop on 31 October at CESVI and Oxfam offices. 55 participants benefited from the training. Experts from FAO and Officials from the Township Fishery and Livestock Departments facilitated the workshop.

**EARLY RECOVERY**

- MCRS has concluded its assessments in Twantay, Dedaye and Kungyangon and started cash / food for work projects in selected village tracts. Villagers are however asking for slightly higher payments than MCRS has planned. The payment level varies depending on township.

## **EDUCATION**

- The Kawhmu Township Education Officer (TEO) advised that 63 schools need reconstruction. Some schools are far from the town and difficult to reach. Meanwhile, studies are being conducted on the durability of temporary learning spaces.

## **FOOD**

- AMURT distributed food and NFIs, for the first time in Dedaye, including rice, oil, salt, family kits, energy biscuit and BP5.

## **HEALTH**

- In Dedaye, MMA – UNFPA is providing maternity waiting home services to pregnant women.
- World Vision has trained 9 volunteers for community based disease surveillance and announced that the organisations can utilise their services .

## **NUTRITION**

- MHAA conducted a nutritional assessment and supplementary feeding project in collaboration with UNICEF in Dedaye. From examining 1,200 under 5 children, they found 3 cases of severely malnourished children and 186 at risk children.

## **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & WOMEN**

- In Kungyangon, there has been increased activity in the child protection cluster. Save the Children and National Young Women Christian Association (NYWCA) have intensified their action in setting up more CFS (Child Friendly Spaces), distribution of school books, toys and income generation projects for child headed families.

## **WASH**

- Dedaye Township has repositioned its WASH cluster meetings and will now be meeting every Friday at 1400hrs at a venue to be communicated at each meeting.
- UNICEF has distributed 815 hygiene kits through Islamic Relief in Dedaye.
- CARE Myanmar is fencing 28 ponds in 5 village tract in Dedaye and will complete the project at the end of November.
- Save the Children conducted an assessment for sources of safe drinking water in 3 village tracts (Thauk Kyar, Kan Seik and Thone Dat) in Dedaye Township and Nauk Mee Village Tract in Pyapon Township. In Nauk Mee village tract, there is a possibility of getting safe drinking water by digging tube wells. However, they still need to test the water quality before discussing with the community whether tube wells should be dug or not.
- CARE Myanmar constructed about 600 community latrines and gave TOT training for hygiene promotion in Hla Wady and Hla Kut village tracts (6 villages) in Kawhmu. In the coming weeks, CARE Myanmar is planning to conduct hygiene promotion training and 400 latrine construction in Sut Pa Kan village tract.
- In Kungyangon, CARE Myanmar distributed material for the construction of latrines (1,100 sets).

## **CROSS-CUTTING**

- Organisations in Dedaye Township are considering commemorating the World AIDS day on 1 December. Efforts have begun to seek guidance from relevant government authorities, UN agencies and other relevant bodies on what nature the commemorations should take. This initiative comes from a general perception that more people could have been made vulnerable to HIV/AIDS after the cyclone.
- In Taw Ku village, Kungyangon Township, MBCA, a national NGO has started their HIV/AIDS education campaign from 3 November.
- HelpAge International, through YMCA, is responding to the needs of the elderly (above 55 years) in Dedaye and Kyaiklat townships by providing NFIs, shelter and health care assistance.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Frequency and Time	Venue
Dedaye Health TMO meeting	Weekly, Every Monday at 1000hrs	TMO Office, Dedaye Township
Kawhmu Health & WASH TMO meeting	Weekly, Every Monday at 1300hrs ( except 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of Month)	TMO Office, Kawhmu Township
Kawhmu TCC meeting	Monthly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 1300hrs	Chairman's TPDC Office, Kawhmu
Kungyangon TCC meeting	Fortnightly, Tuesdays at 1000hrs	TCC Office, Kungyangon Township
Kungyangon General Coordination meeting	Fortnightly, Tuesday (Alt) at 1400hrs	Rotating venue in NGO office
Kungyangon Agriculture Coordination meeting	Fortnightly, Tuesday (Alt) at 1400hrs	IDE Office in Kungyangon
Twantay Health & WASH TMO meeting	Fortnightly, Wednesday (Alt) at 1000hrs	TMO Office, Twantay Township
Twantay General Coordination meeting	Fortnightly, Wednesday (Alt) at 1000hrs	Rotating venue in NGO office
Dedaye WASH meeting	Weekly, Every Monday at 1400hrs	Rotating venue in NGO office
Dedaye General Coordination meeting	Weekly, Friday at 1630hrs	Rotating venue in NGO office

### Workshops / Trainings:

Dates	Training / workshop	Organisers / Facilitators
First week of Nov	Strengthening of EWARS (Early Warning and Referral System) for disease surveillance and outbreak focus	WHO
03 Nov 08 – Apr 09	Auxiliary Mid Wife training - Kawhmu	Ministry of Health
17 Nov 2008	Field Coordination Training in Pyapon	OCHA
19-22 & 24-26 Nov	Psycho-social support training in Dedaye	MMA & Mercy Malaysia
26 & 27 Nov 2008	Sphere Training in Pyapon	OCHA
31 Nov 2008	Psychosocial support training to Basic Health Staff	Department of Health and WHO
09 Dec 2008	Field Coordination Training in Yangon	OCHA
Sat 22 Nov 2008 (TBC)	Sphere Training	LRC / SC / OCHA

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