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Women Development Group members raising their hands to agree that their life has changed after LWF intervention - Ohn Taw Gyi South in Sittwe Township, Rakhine State - 26 April 2015

Mid-term Evaluation of Country Strategy

The Country Strategy of LWF Myanmar is six years long covering the period of 2013-2018. The current year is the time to review the country strategy. In April, the midterm Country Strategy and Rights Based Empowerment Project (RBEP) end peer evaluation was conducted by the regional experts; Mr. Nuon Norin from LWD Cambodia, Mr. Hari Awasthi from LWF Nepal, Mr. Aziz Rahman from RDRS Bangladesh and Mr. Mani Kumar from DanChurchAid (DCA). Evaluation team members separately went to Delta, Chin and Rakhine to discuss with various stakeholders

of LWF Myanmar. It was followed by one week Strategic Plan and Project Document revision workshop in Yangon. ■

MoU Amendment

LWF submitted the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with detailed budget to Relief and Resettlement Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in February. The amendment includes Kayin, Chin, Rakhine, and Magway. ■



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PME Learning Session

Bread for the World (BftW) conducted (1.5) days tailor-made Planning Monitoring Evaluation and Outcome and Impact Orientation (OIO) workshop for its partner, LWF, in June. LWF Management representatives, program staff, field staff and finance and administrative staff participated. The workshop was conducted to increase LWF's understanding on BftW procedures and standards in project cooperation, especially in the area of PME and OIO, and has identified adoptions to LWF's existing PME System to be more towards OIO. ■

Accountability Practices

LWF started adapting the new Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) that combines Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP), Sphere and People in Aid. Accountability and Complaint Response Mechanism (CRM) practices and experiences of LWF were

Activities in Delta

In early 2015, the Project for Improving Women's Livelihoods (PIWL) was extended to 16 villages in Pyapon Township. In January, Partner Households (PHH) were monitored to analyze their graduation process.

On 8 March, International Women's Day event was celebrated at village and state level in Pathein Township. World Environment Day was held in collaboration with Forestry and Relief and Resettlement Departments on 5 June.



LWF photo display at International Women's Day event in Pathein township – 8 March 2015

shared to partner organizations: Save the Children, Help Age International, Kayin Baptist Church, Department of Health and all 3MDG funding partners in May.

Among (38) Accountability Learning Working Group (ALWG) members, LWF has been selected as a ALWG Steering Committee member this year. ■



U Kyaw Win Aung, Accountability Officer of LWF sharing accountability and CRM practices to partners of Christian Aid (CA) in Kawkarate township, Kayin State – March 2015.

Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) trainings were conducted for farmer group members in Bogalay and Twantay townships. LWF supported capital to groups for their revolving savings fund.

Primary Health Care trainings were provided for Village Health Volunteers (VHV) in collaboration with Township Health department. VHVs also received awareness training on HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health and Primary Health Care.

In Dedaye township, LWF constructed ceiling for a primary school and fencing was provided for one school in Bogalay township.

A two-day Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) was oriented to all field staff in delta. LWF contributed 10,000 MMK to each Partner household for its disaster preparedness plans. ■

LWF is Expanding to Matupi

A two-day township level Project Inception workshop was conducted for all Township Government Departments, village, and village tract administrators in Matupi Township. Through the coordination with related government departments, LWF Mindat office organized awareness sessions on Law, Crime Prevention and Reduction, and trainings on systematic elephant food yam cultivation, animal health care, and sewing for villagers, farmers, and youths in 36 villages of Mindat Township.

The collection and completion of all village profiles has been facilitated by applying Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) tools in Mindat and Matupi.

LWF provided capacity building trainings such as book keeping, basic development concept, micro project proposal writing, climate change adaptation and

nature resource management to Village Development Committees (VDC), group members and communities in 56 villages within Mindat and Matupi Townships. According to the Village Development Plans (VDP) of Mindat, LWF supported school construction, established rice banks, provided 2 water supply systems and 92 hygiene kits for Partner Households (PH) and 10 elephant food yam nurseries. ■



Practical Elephant Foot Yam nursery training in Plate Tew village, Mindat Township, Chin State.

LWF in Kayin

LWF successfully implemented the construction of a new primary school in NgaYitChaungPyar village, Hlaing Bwe Township. It took 5 months to finish from 28 Nov 2014 to 27 April 2015. This school was constructed by the community in coordination with the De-

The type of building is a one story brick noggin school which includes 3 classrooms. LWF also provided 30 sets of school furniture, 2 latrines and school fencing which totals to the amount of 45,000,000 Ks.

DanChurchAid (DCA) monitoring trip was carried out in February. In March, the Regional Representative visited Hpa-An to meet with NaTaLa officials to discuss project activities. The Regional Representative visited again in May to encourage staff to make action plans for their capacity building during suspension of activities. ■



Primary school construction in NgaYitChaungPyar village, Hlaing Bwe township, Kayin State. It was completed in April 2015.

partment of Rural Development, Township Administration Department and Education Department. The school structure is (length 60 ft, width 30 ft and height 12 ft).

LWF Receives Funding from EU to Support Education in Rakhine



Press event of education assistant to children in Rakhine State.

LWF launched the press event of Education Assistance to Children in Rakhine State project in Sittwe Township, Rakhine State in February. The project is funded by the European Union (EU) and is being implemented in four townships, Sittwe, Pauk Taw, Mrauk U and Ann of Rakhine State. The Chief Minister of Rakhine State, U Maung Maung Ohn, Minister for Social Affairs of Rakhine State, respective monks, representatives from Rakhine State Government, Township Education Officers, Mr. Roland Kobia, EU Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr. Jean Louis De Brouwer, ECHO Director of Operations, respective staff from UN/NGOs, Sittwe based organizations, journalists and town elders attended the event. ■

UNICEF-LWF Education Project Implementation

LWF constructed 2 new improved Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) at Mrauk U and 14 rehabilitated / extended government schools in Mrauk U and Sittwe. Due to the completion of the 1 improved TLS building and two renovated government schools at Yei Thei and Pa Rain villages, the enrolment rate raised significantly. As of the end of June 2015, a total of 13,221 students (5,564 girls) were enrolled and benefitted from formal and non-formal teaching and learning in renovated government schools, newly constructed TLSs and through Non-Formal Education (NFE) activities.

Next to the 156 regularly incentivized community teachers who all received their basic introduction training on child-centred teaching and learning, 4 training sessions on reinforcing and building up teaching skills took place in May in Thet Kal Pyin and Nget Chaung and Ah Nauk Ywe. A total of 132 participants had signed in and 28 females were among them. Regarding Non Formal Education Extended and Continuous Education and Learning (NFE EXCEL) training 36 facilitators (9 female) were trained in Sittwe, Pauktaw and Mrauk U on the content of EXCEL Phase one.

PTAs were conducted in all three townships to provide their support for school development and management. 184 PTA members (27 female) attended the trainings. The content of the training consisted of how to conduct meetings and how to write meeting minutes, leadership and school management, developing the responsibilities of a PTA, and how to develop a work plan. Regarding cross cutting issues, the workshop informed about child rights, Disaster Risk Reduction, education and the impact on children and education services. Finally it lectured on what psychosocial support to children can do and how it helps and it can be applicable.



LWF distributed student kits to primary school students in Set Yone Su-3 IDP camp, Sittwe, Rakhine State. 75 students received the student kits. The kits are distributed with the support of UNICEF.

The total number of children reached in TLSs and government schools is 11,741 (5,053 girls) and those in NFE is 1,480 (511 girls). 151 TLS Teachers (32 Females) and 36 NFE Facilitators (9 females) have been recruited. It is still crucial that the percentage of female TLS and Teachers and NFE Facilitators remains a great challenge against the target of 40%. ■

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Activities

- Six collapsed shelters were renovated and safe shelters for 40 families were provided in NgetChaung 2, Pauktaw.
- Camp Management Committee (CMC) blocks were repaired in Pauktaw and three blocks constructed for different purposes were improved and used for tailoring/dress making training centre in Ohn Taw Gyi South.
- Sports materials were provided to the Youth Development Groups (YDG) of 11 camps in Sittwe and Pauktaw.
- International Women's Day (IWD) was celebrated in camps and Sittwe level and women awareness was raised through different activities and 800 (557 Women) were participated.
- 177 (83 Women) fire safety volunteers were trained through a refresher course and mobilized in the camps. 91 fire points were maintained in 11 camps. ■



Women participating in a tug of war contest in the camp level in Ohn Taw Gyi South, Sittwe Township, Rakhine State.

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“Next Step to Rights Based Empowerment in Kayin”

I clearly understood wants, needs and rights. How to find out needs and link needs with rights" said **Naw Juliet**, one of the Community Empowerment Facilitators of LWF Hpa An Office.

Rights Based Empowerment (RBE) Step One training was conducted for LWF Kayin staff in Hpa An Township, Kayin State. Training took 3 days from 9th to 11st June 2015. There were altogether 15 trainees (6 male and 9 female) and a facilitator was **U Chan Ko Aung**, Rights Based Empowerment Officer assigned in LWF Yangon Office. Participants included Community Empowerment Facilitators (CEFs), and Admin and Finance staff. It aims to understand RBE approach and key concepts, apply different RBE tools in daily work, change the attitude of staff by understanding RBE approach, and build capacity of LWF Kayin staff while waiting for the processing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



Rights Based Empowerment Step One Training in LWF Hpa An Office, Kayin State.

The resource person facilitated the training through participatory approach using case studies, and video display of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Naw Juliet shared her understanding on RBE. "In 2014, I received basic RBE knowledge in the CEF training. But now, I know more about RBE like Downward Accountability using Gallery Show Room exercise. Moreover, I realized that soldiers are duty bearers but not everywhere. His authority activates only in military." She expressed her enjoyment of the group work. "It brings good result. Through teamwork, we could fill in the weakness of members. We get ideas from different angles to solve problems."

Naw Lay Lay said that the training methodology was learnt from the trainer. "I will adopt my training knowledge into village style and try my best to conduct human rights training for community." She continued explaining challenges of RBE

work. "We need to be precautious when we introduce rights to community. If they do not understand well, they could assume us as an activist. I will try my best to apply RBE approach for villagers in Kayin State." She stated her desire on RBE. "I want to know more about rights. I am sure it will take time to work efficiently. As a Community Empowerment Facilitator, field experience is really necessary."

One of the participants, **Ko Kyaw Min Htun** said "I want to know and study RBE broader and deeper. If we know more, I could explain and share more to community." Trainees will mobilize community to practice RBE in development activities as a next step. ■

Human Resources Corner

An Admin, Finance and HR meeting was successfully conducted from 26th to 28th May in Mindat Office, Chin State. New staff learned about procedures and policies. The HR Unit explained the updated National Personnel Regulations to CEFs in Mindat office.

There were 154 national staff (60 female). During the six month period 28 staff resigned. 25 new positions were made. Altogether 26 staff (5 female) recruitments were done and at present 14 positions are vacant. Some are in process for recruitment and some are on hold. There were 7 international staff. Two of them were female.



Disability Inclusive Development training members at Myanmar Independent Living Initiative (MILI) in Yangon – May 2015.

Regarding the capacity building of staff, 145 staff received various training and orientations on Stress Management, Gender and Protection, HR and Procurement, Finance, English Language Skill Development, Disability Inclusive Development, Rights Based Empowerment and Communication. Linking to Asia Zone Emergency and Environment Cooperation Network (AZEECON), LWF Myanmar successfully conducted Disability Inclusive Development training for AZEECON members in May. Altogether 24 participants were from seven AZEECON member countries; RDRS Bangladesh, LWD Cambodia, LWS India Trust, CDRM & CDS Indonesia, Laos, LWF Myanmar and LWF Nepal. Seven staff (3 female) from LWF Myanmar attended the training.



Gender Equality Programming in Humanitarian Situations Training in Sittwe Township, Rakhine State– 20 March 2015.

Understanding how crises affect women, men, girls and boys of different ages and disparities is critical to effective humanitarian preparedness and response. This is why in March, nineteen women and men in Sittwe, Rakhine State, completed a Training on Gender Equality Programming in Humanitarian Situations in Sittwe, Rakhine State. The workshop was facilitated by United Nations OCHA Myanmar and LWF Myanmar. ■

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