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LWF launches the Nobel Peace Prize funded EU-Children of Peace Initiative, providing education assistance to IDP children in Sittwe Township

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The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in collaboration with FinnChurchAid, the grant applicant of EU Children of Peace initiative will support internally displaced persons (IDP) children living in Sittwe township. This initiative will help build a foundation of confidence, hope and peace through education interventions which include child friendly spaces, temporary learning spaces and community based psychosocial support. The aim is to trigger trauma healing processes through participatory activities that raise self-esteem and restore self-confidence.

"Peace in mind is the pre-requisite for Peace"

The European Commission established the "EU Children of Peace" initiative after it was honored with the 2012 Noble Prized for Peace for its achievements in peace on the European continent. The EU decided to invest the Prize money in helping children living in conflict and post-conflict environments, to gain access to education. It is also intended to raise awareness and advocate for the needs of children in conflict globally, where 28 million children were out of primary school in conflict-affected countries in 2011 (UNESCO estimates). As a result, only 79% of children in conflict-affected poor countries are literate, compared to 93% in other poor countries.

The 12 month project of the EU Children of Peace initiative in Myanmar will start in January and end in December 2014. The project budget is approximately Euro 479,989.

The methodology of intervention was designed in collaboration and coordination with the Government Education Department and the Education Working Group/Sector members and other relevant stakeholders at the Education Cluster Meeting in Sittwe Township, taking into consideration the existing level of education activities and needs of children of both communities in and outside of camps. It is expected that 7,250 children of the age group 3 to 17 years will benefit directly from the intervention. Selection of incentive volunteer teachers/facilitators/animators from within the IDPs will follow the guidelines set by Education Department and the Education Sector. They will be trained as per the training curriculum designed by the Education Department and Education Sector. The duration of the TLS and CFS will be 10 months.

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