MYANMAR

Victim Assistance & Mine Risk Education

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Victim Assistance: an integrated approach

• Legal Framework on Disability
  ✓ Myanmar ratified UN Convention of the Right of persons with disability in 2011
  ✓ National law on Disability – presented to Parliament in Jan. 2015

• Social Protection Strategy
  ✓ December 2014: Presidential order for a *universal social protection system*
  ✓ 2 flagships = *allowance for people with disabilities + integrated protection services*
**FLAGSHIP for SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY: ALLOWANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Objective: To support the well-being of all those with disabilities, and to support their access to services that promote all-round development and their best interests, especially during childhood

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<td>Description</td>
<td>Cash benefit to all with disabilities</td>
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<td>Lead Agency/Provider</td>
<td>MSWRR, Ministry of Home Affairs, MoE, MoH, Ministry of Population/development, township child rights committees, CSOs, UN agencies, etc.</td>
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<td>Phasing</td>
<td>Launch 2016 once certification system developed by DSW</td>
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<td>Benefit duration</td>
<td>Through older age</td>
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<td>Benefit level and type</td>
<td>Cash benefit of 16,000 Kyats/month for child, 30,000 Kyats/month adult.</td>
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<td>Conditionality</td>
<td>All certified with disabilities</td>
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<td>Universal or targeted</td>
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<td>Geographic scope</td>
<td>Entire country</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>0.30% GDP (2016)</td>
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FLAGSHIP: INTEGRATED SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES

Objective: To assess and respond to the social needs of venerable groups, responding to the multiple dimensions of vulnerabilities and coordinating interventions

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<td>Oversight responsibility</td>
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<td>Other sectors represented</td>
<td>Health, education, rural development, labour, Home affairs (GAD, Police), finance, population and immigration, justice. Civil society fully involved</td>
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| How programmes coordinated       | Committees are set up at national, state, district and township level (linked with the TDSC)  
Protocols of cooperation established between services, defining roles and responsibilities |
| Other                            | Target 6,000 social workers and 330 Centres over 5 years                      |
| Cost                             | 0.02% of GDP                                                                  |
Challenge & Advocacy

Need to invest financial resource in human and social development

Social Spending in 2014-15

✓ Health: 3.4% of total budget – 1% of GDP
✓ Education: 6% of total budget – 2% of GDP
✓ Social Welfare: 0.08% of total budget – 0.02% of GDP...e
Mine Risk Education
Finalization of the first KAP survey

- **1st baseline** – will allow to measure change
- **Evidence-based** common MRE tool kit about to be **field tested**

- **15-month process…but…**
  - 5 states and regions /41 villages/ 390 households/390 interviews with children.
  - established a consultation process with army, ethnic armed groups, communities at Union, State/Region and Local levels
Findings to inform programming & advocacy

- 3 out 4 children interviewed have never received any information on mines— even fewer adults have received any form of mine risk education.

- 41% of men and women believe that prodding with the use of a bamboo, wooden or metal stick is a safe way to check for mines or explosive devices.

- Broader conflict drivers and poverty reinforce risk taking behavior. Access to livelihoods remains a concern overriding mine risks – 65% of the respondents reported accident which occurred during the collection of forest products.
Watch Your Step!

THANK YOU!