

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

Executive Summary:

Religions for Peace-Myanmar (RfP-M) implemented building a solid foundation of trust and understanding between the diverse religious communities in the project areas covering 5 areas (Myitkyina, Tanai, Sittwe, Pyay and Lashio) in Myanmar. The project implementation was done through highly active inclusiveness of the local Women of Faith Networks (WoFNs) and local Interfaith Youth Networks (IYNs) in order to improve relationships between diverse groups through multi-religious collaborative actions.

The activities conducted by RfP-M were to provide a unique opportunity for the women to become engaged in peace building and social action, and therefore were a priority for this project as a crucial element toward the unfolding of human dignity. The Follow-up activities included were interfaith networking meetings, cleaning campaigns, tree plantings, visits to religious sites, working group meetings, interfaith gatherings, interfaith forums, knowledge sharing sessions, and vocational training, all of which will provide platforms for community engagement and mobilization.

Background Situation Overview:

On 24 May 2018, a Religions for Peace High-level Multi-religious Delegation presented the 'Letter to the Peoples of Myanmar' carrying a vision and call for peace and development. The Letter was delivered to H.E. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 25 May 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw. From 26-28 May, representatives of Religions for Peace visited Sittwe and Maungdaw in the north of Rakhine State where militant attacks in August 2017 triggered massive operations by the security personnel on the area's Muslim communities and some 700,000 Muslims and hundreds of Hindus fled for Bangladesh.

As a follow-up to the Multi-religious Delegation to Myanmar, the 'The Letter' called for a Religions for Peace international conference with Myanmar government, the military, concerned States, United Nations, ICRC, ASEAN, and other relevant international actors to address the critical issues facing Myanmar.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed the delegation's offer of multi-religious solidarity and accompaniment and was supportive of the future steps planned for continuing dialogue and multi-religious cooperation in the framework of Religions for Peace. This is hereby presented as a low-key advisory mechanism which is formally titled the Religions for Peace Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar.

Furthermore, as their capacity is strengthened, Religions for Peace Myanmar (RfP-M) served as an invaluable follow-up mechanism and ongoing projects in collaboration with Religions for Peace International, local and national governmental bodies, UN agencies, religious communities, and other relevant stakeholders throughout Myanmar and the international community. Follow-up activities included were interfaith networking meetings, cleaning campaigns, tree plantings, visits to religious sites, working

group meetings, interfaith gatherings, interfaith forums, knowledge sharing sessions, and vocational training, all of which will provide platforms for community engagement and mobilization.

These follow-up activities also served to build a solid foundation of trust and understanding between the diverse religious communities in the project areas. Activities were conducted in Myitkyina, Tanai, Sittwe, Pyay and Lashio in conjunction with the local Women of Faith Networks (WoFNs) and local Interfaith Youth Networks (IYNs) and will improve relationships between diverse groups through multi-religious collaborative actions. RfP-M meetings have historically provided a unique opportunity for the women to become engaged in peacebuilding and social action, and therefore are a priority for this project as a crucial element toward the unfolding of human dignity.

Goal:

Identifying challenges facing our shared vision of peace and reconciliation in Myanmar and developing common actions based upon human dignity and shared well-being.

Objectives:

1. To advance multi-religious and multi-stakeholder partnership for social harmony and cohesion throughout Myanmar.
2. To strengthen RfP-M as a multi-religious entity that works to advance social harmony and cohesion throughout Myanmar.

Objective 1: To advance multi-religious and multi-stakeholder partnership for social harmony and cohesion throughout Myanmar

Under this objective, the 4th Advisory Forum was planned initially to convene in May 2020. However, due to the outbreak of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it was postponed. Not only the Advisory Forum but also all other planned activities were postponed.

Objective 2: To strengthen RfP-M as multi-religious entity that works to advance social harmony and cohesion throughout Myanmar

Activity 1: Strengthening Interreligious Mechanisms in Strategically Selected Areas in Rakhine, Kachin, Shan, and Other States

Activity: 1.1 Host project inception meeting with interfaith leaders and community members

Hosting all project-related inception meetings was conducted in 5 Areas (Pyay, Myitkyina, Tanai, Sittwe, and Lashio).

Pyay

Host project inception meeting with interfaith leaders and community members was conducted in Pyay on 25th January 2019. 47 members (18male and 29female) were actively participated. Program Manager, RfP-M stated that the brief history of RfP-M and importance of cooperation and coordination to achieve not only current project objectives but also for building concrete relationship among diverse communities and sustainable development and the challenges facing in the project implementation would be learning process to respect and understand others.

Project Coordinator, *RfP-M* presented the new project design that include the goal of the project and how they have to implement at the important role not only local level but also national level peace and reconciliation process and what would be the impact of the future.

Comments by Interfaith committee members;

The participants interested new project and discussed and participated actively. Some religious leaders gave the comments and some members asked the questions regarding the project. The participants understood how the activities of *Religions for Peace* are important not only community level but also national and international levels, and how the roles of the members of IC, WoFN and IYN are significant.

Participants list

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	1	1	2
	Christian	5		5
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	7		7
WoFN	Buddhist		5	5
	Hindu			
	Christian		6	6
	Islam		8	8
IYN	Christian	1	2	3
	Buddhist		2	2
	Islam	1	3	4
	Hindu			
<i>RfP</i> Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
<i>RfP</i> Staff (Yangon)	Buddhist		1	1
	Christian	1		1
Total		18	29	47



Figure 1 & 2. Conducting Inception meeting with Interfaith Community in Pyay.

Myitkyina

Inception meeting with interfaith leaders and community members was conducted on 21st March 2019 at *RfP-M* Myitkyina Office. 35 participants (12 male, 23 female) participated in the meeting. Discussion was focused on the process of the project implementation that can effect young generation such as what we

do, what we get from the project and when and how we start the process most impacting to the connected communities.

The speeches from religious leaders and some key noted speakers were Importance of building peaceful environment for all diverse creatures. We learned that the various conflicts such as intra and inter-ethnic groups, interreligious and intergenerational groups are existing across the country. The cause of the conflict is mainly based on misuse of power sharing, natural resources, land problems. The bad things could not support succeed our activities, only unity in diversity and common actions can support to achieve our common goal. Collective action and active participation of multi-stakeholders is much needed to obtain national reconciliation and peace in the country.



Figure 3 & 4: Conducting Inception meeting with interfaith community in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

Tanai, Kachin state

Project inception meeting with IDPs authority and Religious leaders in Tanai

Tanai, Kachin State is one of the project areas



Figure 5: meeting with Fr. Paul Zau Lat, Catholic Parish Priest,

R/P-M which is situated in Redo road/ma road about 117 miles far from tkyina with zigzag road. IDP camps in ai is one of the places that Social Welfare, pyitaw mentioned support needed from nizations. Since April 2018, because of ed conflict between the Tatmadaw and the hin Independence Army (KIA) many eople had fled their homes and placed Catholic and KBC church compound in Tanai Township as IDPs. There are 645 IDPs in Catholic IDP camp and 400 plus in KBC IDP camp. R/P-M staff met religious leaders and IDP ca in-charges and initial



Figure 7: meeting with Catholic IDP camp in-charge, Tanai, Kachin State.



Figure 6: meeting with KBC IDP camp in-charge, Tanai, Kachin State.



Figure 8: meeting with Religious leaders and Camp in-charge at KBC IDP camp, Tanai, Kachin State.

state discussion has been conducted to overcome the challenges of IDPs. Future *RfP*-Myanmar activity in Tanai is one of agendas that had been discussed with the leaders. Vocational trainings are most requested from IDP youth and women. Similar activities from other areas will be implemented in Tanai such as sewing, nursery teachers and repairing motorbikes trainings. IDPs said that returning to their home villages and working is not secure because of landmine.



Figure 9: meeting with youth from RC IDP camp, Tanai, Kachin State.



Figure 10: Initial meeting with Buddhist religious leaders, Tanai, Kachin State.

Meeting with Local Authority at Myitkyina

RfP-M staff and IC members have meeting with local authority District and Township level Administrators at Myitkyina. Program Manager explained that how *RfP*-M is collaborating with ministry level through conducting *RfP* Advisory Forums at Nay Pyi Taw and the process of the project implementation at Myitkyina and Tanai has been discussed. Project Coordinator added more detail work plan of the project. Local Authority appreciate our work and agree for further support if there is needed collaborating for development. The officers stated that the importance of collaborating with many civil society organizations for the further development of the country.



Figure 11 & 12: *RfP*-M staff and IC members met local authority at Myitkyina

Lashio (Northern Shan State) and Sittwe (Northern Rakhine state)

Meeting with Religious Leaders and local authority in Lashio and Sittwe

Initial advocacy meeting with local authority interfaith leaders had been conducted at Lashio, Northern Shan State and Sittwe Northern Rakhine State which is new project of *RfP*-Myanmar. The initial advocacy trip led by U Myint Swe, President, *RfP*-M.



Figure 13: *RfP*-M team met Mansu Sayadaw Maha Thaddamma Zawtika Zay Baddanda Ponnya Nanda at his monastery, Lashio, Northern Shan State.

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President, Program Manager and Project Coordinator have separated meeting with religious leaders from Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Islam at their respective place, from the Christian both Catholic and Lashio Christian Council (LCC) and Sittwe Christian Council (SCC). President, *RfP-M* explained about detail process of *RfP-M* and how it was born in Myanmar and who we are and what we are working for with the different religious communities.



Figure 14: *RfP-M* team met Hindu leaders, Lashio, Northern Shan State.



Lashio, Northern Shan State.

Figure 15: *RfP-M* team met Lashio Christian Council (LCC) leaders, Lashio, Northern Shan State.



Figure 16: *RfP-M* team met Muslim Community leaders, Lashio, Northern Shan State.



Figure 17: *RfP-M* team met Fr. George La Ring, Catholic Priest, Lashio, Northern Shan State.

Figure 19: *RfP-M* team met Officer In charge of the Department of Religious Affairs, Lashio, Northern Shan State.



Figure 18: RfP-M team met District Administrator, Lashio, Northern Shan State.



Figure 21: RfP-M team met Sittwe Christian Council, Sittwe, Rakhine State. 11-Feb-2019

Figure 20: RfP-M team met Shwe Zedi Sayadaw, Sittwe, Rakhine State. 11-Feb-2019



Figure 22: RfP-M team met Hindu leaders, Sittwe, Rakhine State. 12-Feb-2019 (Group 1).



Figure 23: RfP-M team met Hindu leaders, Sittwe, Rakhine State. 13-Feb-2019 (Group 2).

Activity 1.2: Develop and Strengthen Interfaith Committee (IC), Women of Faith Network (WoFN), and Interfaith Youth Network (IYN)

Pyay

This activity was conducted at ABM Church, Sin Su Quarter, Pyay on 23rd March 2019 in Pyay. 41 participants (Male 14, Female 27) were attended.

Some religious leaders gave encouraging speeches to all the members those engaging to RfP-M activities to have more participation and collaboration for peace and reconciliation process.

Some speeches were;

- ✚ Diversity is created by the God. There are 19 groups of Baptist which is with different ethnic backgrounds. We are ambassadors of the Christ and family of the God. We need to trust each other and cooperate for peace with love even though we have different beliefs.
- ✚ Starting from 88 Uprising, religious conflicts (Islam and Buddhist) appeared almost every year. *RfP*-Pyay was organized last 5 years. U Viriya, Buddhist monk and U Khin Mg Thein, Islam patron and other religious leaders joined the organization. After that, there were no conflicts any more. I am satisfied with current *RfP* staffs, Ko Tun and Ma Wai who are more qualified. I want IC members to attend the meetings regularly and to maintain the peace our community.

We shared about Explained sample of constitution/regulation to sustain the organization.

- Shared the past activities of *RfP*-Pyay which was cooperated by all religions
- Recognized participation of local authorities
- Overview
- History
- Purposes of the organization
- Level of the organization (Reorganization)
- Organization Structure
- Responsibilities of IC, WoFN and IYN
- Application of Membership
- Registration and Expulsion of Members
- Meetings (General, Special and Annual Meetings)
- Council of management (Election, Cheque, Seal, Alternation of Rules and Purposes)
- Notices, Reports and Records
- Funds
- Networking
- Activities

The participants were active to create developing and strengthening of IC, WoFN and IYN. They discussed and thought together the issues to sustain the organization for long term with systematic organization structure, activities, rules and regulation.

Participants : See the Table

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	3		3
	Christian	5		5
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	3		3
WoFN	Buddhist		5	5
	Hindu			
	Christian		4	4
	Islam		5	5
IYN	Christian		4	4
	Buddhist	1	2	3

	Islam		4	4
	Hindu		2	2
<i>RfP</i> Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total		14	27	41



Figure 24&25: Conducting Strengthening meeting with IC, WoFN and IYN in Pyay.

Myitkyina;

Strengthening meeting for IC, WoFN and IYN network was conducted at *RfP*-M Myitkyina office on 30th March 2019. The chairman of *RfP*-M Myitkyina and some religious leaders of interfaith committee gave speeches. In their speeches – active participation will obtain the opportunities for future collaboration and that can achieve our common goal. 47participants (17male and 30female) were attended the meeting.

Existing committee members should welcome to new members and invite them to participate the process of *RfP*-M activities so that peacebuilding initiative will be covering to large number of the people in Myitkyin.

They discussed that they have to collaborate with department of religious affairs where they are similar interested in. They committee members list will be sent to the department. Then, the executive members discussed to organize youth members and to strengthen their group to be stronger one.

The strength of *RfP*-M Myitkyina is now the local government will support them to work easily on beacebuilding process in local level. Then, they'll reform the members by inviting the new people from the community to be strengthened the network. Then, some committee members are able to change their position if they are not available to volunteer as a member or related position of the network. They discussed ground principle of the network to attend and participate regular meeting and work of *RfP*-M Myitkyina.

They discussed about how to develop and support Interfaith Youth Network and Women of Faith Network. They discussed to reform new Interfaith Committee with 25 to 27 members from five religions.

The committee members list will be confirmed next meeting. The committee members agreed to invite other religious leaders to join their group.

Sittwe, Rakhine State

Network meeting and discussion have been conducted on 15th May 2019 at the Meeting hall of the Church of Christ in Pyi Daw Thar Quarter, Sittwe, Rakhine State. The registration of the participant has been made at the entrance of the meeting hall. The session was started with the welcoming speech of Ven. Shwezedi Sayardaw, the head of Buddhist Monk of Shwe Zedi monastery. He explained the living condition of interfaith communities in Sittwe. The unsafe environment has created by the conflict between Muslim and Rakhine Buddhist since three or four years ago. Sinking suspicion has occurred amongst the two communities in Rakhine state. Regional development is one of the important components that need to focus in order to live the people peacefully in Rakhine. It is needed to build a peaceful environment together through the action of interfaith communities in Sittwe. He supports strongly to form a network and to implement various activities by Interfaith Committee(IC), Women of Faith Network (WoFN) and Interfaith Youth Network(IYN).

Religions for Peace's working mission as follow -

1. To mitigate conflicts
2. To support the poor and the ill
3. To live all human being together and peacefully
4. To stop the civil wars
5. To reduce discrimination
6. To protect the earth from natural disasters

Ms. Angela Thaung explained the following bullet points, how the importance of those components to apply and practice in our daily life.

- To reduce destitution and unfair relations
- To provide support for healthcare and vocational job
- To promote reconciliation on various conflicts
- To promote empowering women and income generation
- To carry out the equation for all mankind doing such a thing consisting the others the main things
 1. People's dignity
 2. All involvement
 3. Equity
 4. Unity

After a long discussion of the workshop with participants, Interfaith Committee (IC) with 20 members and Interfaith Youth Network (IYN) with 28 members from different religions have formed to cooperate further necessary interfaith activities in Sittwe.

Table 2: The list of participants during the forming session of IC & Network in Sittwe.

Religion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	15	7	22
Christian	10	5	15
Hindu	2	6	8
Catholic	1	2	3
	28	20	48



Fig 8 & 9: Meeting on forming Interfaith Network in Sittwe.

Lashio

In Lashio, Interfaith Committee (IC), WoFN and IYN have developed on 22nd May 2019 at Lashio Baptist Church. 32 participants were attended. In the meeting, Ms. Angela, the secretary of WoFN explained the background of *Religions for Peace-Myanmar* as well as *RfP* International. Visions, Mission and the goal of *RfP-Myanmar* are aimed to work together with local level interfaith network and practical implementation in the grassroots level peacebuilding to national level peace and reconciliation process.

During the meeting, Interfaith committee with 17 members, Interfaith youth network with 15 members and Women of Faith Network with 12 members were formed and committed to working together till the future.



Fig 10 & 11: Meeting on forming Interfaith Committee and Interfaith Network in Lashio.

Activity 1.3: Operationalize IYN and WoFN through regular leadership meetings

Pyay

RfP-M Pyay was conducted regular leadership meeting on 20th May 2019 at Aung Mingalar Monastery, Shwe Latt Hla Quarter. They discussed the key points of *RfP* 2nd advisory forum which is shared by the IC members who were attended in Nay Pyi Taw. After that discussion was reached to the follow-up activities such as cleaning campaign, planting trees and Peace education.

Some Discussion points by the Religious Leaders

U Viriya, Aung Mingalar Sayadaw pointed out about some issues of *RfP-M* (Pyay) in last 6 years. He worked with U Khin Mg Thein, Islam Nayaka together in Peace work for the community. He was watched by SP during the time he worked with. When *Religions for Peace-Myanmar* (Pyay) was established, he contributed some amount of money. This organization worked for Peace in Pyay and is very effective for the community. Thus, he reminded the members of IC, WoFN, and IYN to work continuously on social cohesion activities in Pyay.

IC member from Buddhist added

He is very glad that the government recognized the *RfP-M*. He shared that he got the chance to meet with State Counsellor, the Minister of Religious Affairs and Culture, different high-level leaders from government sites and religious leaders and other organizations.

Table 3: The List of meeting participants in Pyay.

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	2		2
	Christian	5		5
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	2		2
WoFN	Buddhist		2	2
	Hindu		1	1
	Christian		1	1
	Islam		5	5
IYN	Christian	3		3
	Buddhist	7	5	12
	Islam		1	1
	Hindu	1		1
<i>RfP</i> -M Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total		22	16	38



Fig 12 & 13: Regular Leadership Meeting at Pyay.

In Pyay

RfP.Pyay was conducted regular leadership meeting at Hindu Rama Temple, Sinsu Quarter, Pyay on 31st August 2019. The discussion point was; the role of youth in *RfP*- Pyay. And they need some trainings for the skills of presentation or public speaking for youth. The youth members should also have some programs (example – debate or dialogue) for youth. They discussed about some wars in

ethnic states and peace building. Then, they shared updated about *RfP* – Pyay’s FB closed group of *RfP*.Pyay.

Then, Christian religious leader shared about Christian religious philosophy concerning soft and polite mind. He gave the example – Holocaust Jews were killed by Hitler. He focused on comparison of IQ and EQ in human. He continued discussing about using religions for political issues. People should be aware making conflicts before 2020 election. Interfaith committee leaders suggested about not only using FaceBook but also applying social networking as *RfP* - Pyay. He mentioned the religion, Islam is shooting point for political reason.

The IC leaders discussed about *RfP* – Pyay should be strong organization with tactic strategy and goal, participants should be more unity and the organization should be recognized in public. Then, they discussed about they need more members in *RfP* – Pyay. Meeting should be held monthly. *RfP*-Pyay should participate in some issues of natural disaster like floods in Mon State and other areas.

Participants: *See the Table*

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	1	1	2
	Christian	7		7
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	2		2
WoFN	Buddhist		3	3
	Hindu		1	1
	Christian		4	4
	Islam		5	5
IYN	Christian		1	1
	Buddhist	1	1	2
	Islam		1	1
	Hindu	2	2	4
<i>RfP</i> Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total				35



The photo from Pyay, Regular Leadership Meeting

Regular Leadership Meeting, Oct 2019, Pyay

Religions for Peace-M held Monthly Meeting with IC/Religious leaders, WoFN and IYN in Buddha Nuggaha Dhammacari Dhammayone, Pyay on 13th October 2018. The leaders of different religious groups, the members of WoFN, IYN, *RfP*-M’s local staffs and guests from the Department of Religion, West Bago and No.1 Police Station attended the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, *RfP*-M's local staff, Field Monitor, Sayar Tun Naung Oo presented the meeting agenda. And he continued leading the introduction session with the participants.

After that, U Viriya, Buddhist Nayaka gave the speech. He presented the history of *RfP*-M, Pyay and some activities. Continuously, U Htay Myint, Head of the Department of Religion, West Bago gave some messages regarding Pyay Shwe San Daw Pagoda Festival. And then, U Than Zaw, Buddhist Chairman gave speech. And Christian Nayaka, U Ba Kyin Hla and Bishop U Pyone Cho gave some speeches and Islam Nayaka, U Khin Mg Thein and Hindu Contact person, U kan Gyi Mg talked welcoming speech to the participants.

After tea break, *RfP*-M's local staff, Area Coordinator, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung shared updated news such as 2018 *Religions for Peace* Asia Interfaith Youth Peace Camp and meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. She also invited the participants to update some news according to their religions.

After that, Sayarma Daw Ohn Ohn Myint, Finance Officer shared about bank saving amount. And U Tint Swe, Audit and other participants confirmed it. And then, Zay Yar Myint and Theint Haymar Kyaw (Youth for IT) updated about *RfP*-M, Pyay's FB Group.

After Lunch, Sayar Tun Naung Oo talked about the role of invitation of the participants. And, he confirmed the place/time/date of Dialogue Session in October. And Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung led the next session, setting the Topic/Issue for Dialogue Session for October. In this time, The Christian participants chose the topic within their group and other 3 religious participants gave the comments and confirmed the topic. The title is "How to protect/response Hate Speeches and Fake News with Love and good assumption to be the Peaceful Community".

In this meeting, all patrons (Nayakas) of 4 religions, guests from the Department of Religion and No.1 Police Station participated actively. It is a good symbol that is participation or corporation of government authorities. Moreover, participants were increased 67.

Participants : See the Table

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	2	1	3
	Christian	6		6
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	4		4
WoFN	Buddhist		1	1
	Hindu		1	1
	Christian		5	5
	Islam		6	6
IYN	Christian	5	6	11
	Buddhist	8	10	18
	Islam	2	2	4
	Hindu		2	2
<i>RfP</i> Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Guest	Department of Religion	2		2

	Police	1		1
Total				67



Photos from Regular Leadership Meeting, Oct 2019, Pyay

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RfP-M Pyay was conducted regular leadership meeting in Pyay at Saint Paul Church, Mi Chaung Ye quarter, Pyay on 7th March 2020. The discussion points were; to hold regular leadership meeting, to promote women and youth participation, to collaborate with the other organization to advancing FoRB and to share the local update information by online or offline.

Islam religious leader requested to all IC members and women to attend the meeting regularly. Christian religious leader shared their update information that they donated some funding to Karuna foundation to support IDPs and their development plans. One of members reminded to all of members to caretaking not to spread the Corona virus. He mentioned that organizing the members is challenge to participate with the group. Even we are discriminated as race or religion, Corona virus and natural disaster would not discriminate and spreading easily. All religious leaders and members should remind their community to take social distancing. We can work after the virus case and we also can work by using online communication channel.

Then they discussed about Facebook group that was created in the last year. Now they can use to share update information and meeting online.

Participants; see the table

Groyp Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
IC member	Buddhist	1	1	2
	Christian	5	2	7
	Islam	7	1	8
	Hindu		1	1
WoFN	Buddhist		4	4
	Christian		5	5
	Islam		8	8
IYN	Christian		1	1
	Islam		2	2
	Hindu		1	1



Photos from Regular Leadership meeting, Pyay

Sittwe

Regular leadership meeting was held on 22nd June 2019 at Anglican Church in Sittwe. Firstly, U Kyaw Soe, Vice-chairman gave the speech at the meeting focusing on Metta, Garuna, Muttita, and Osaka. It's called “ The tittle of Multi-religious solidarity and reaction understanding”. The Active discussion on further interfaith activity was reached to the participants.

Secondly, Ven. Shwezedi Sayardaw gave the Buddhist sermon to the attendees and participants paid attention to his sermon. The practical action of loving-kindness should apply in our working environment.

The members of IYN reached conversation on the need for capacity building training for young people. Conducting regular youth meeting would be very grateful to create open space and share the perspective of young people.

Table 4: The list of meeting participants in Sittwe.

Religion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	8	10	18
Christian	9	7	16

Hindu	2	2	4
Total			38



Fig 14 & 15: Regular Leadership Meeting at Sittwe, Rakhine.

Sittwe

Religions for Peace (Sittwe) held Operationalize IYN and WOFN through regular Leadership meeting with 20 members from Hindu, Christian and Buddhist at Hindu Temple, Minbargyi Street, Aungmingalar ward on October 10, 2019.

Vice-chairperson (RfP) U Kyaw Soe gave an Opening speech. Then, they discussed about who should be attended to the advisory forum of RfP.M in Nay Pyi Taw. Then they discussed about multi religious sectors of RfP.M Sittwe network to get more members and to deliver within multi religious communities.

Then, all RfP team discussed about how to increase new members and how they are able to involve in the network for participating. Daw Mya Aye (WoFN) discussed to nominate the participants who should be beneficiaries for sewing training. If we have an office, it will be better for women who can attend the training. Then, they discussed about new members to work activities continuously for getting more interested in peace by the communities. They discussed what kind of activity they can work with new community members such as cleaning campaign on interfaith peacebuilding and social gathering session in Sittwe.

All RfP members supported and agreed to work and involve in the future activities. So, RfP staff Kyaw Sein Aye proposed to convene to Intra and Interfaith Dialogue, sessions with Group and local Authority and the communities.



Photos from regular leadership meeting in Sittwe, Oct 2019.

Sittwe

Religions for Peace Myanmar Sittwe Operationalize IYN and WoFN through regular Leadership meeting, was convened with Hindus, Buddhist and Christian at RNBC Hall , Pyi Daw Thar Quarter on 08/02/2020.

U Kyaw Soe, vice chairman, gave a speech and welcomed all participants and U Aung Linn explained about Nay Pyi Daw forum to all members because the word called forum is very prominent and very helpful for national reconciliation and peace process. Our Network in Sittwe is only one year experienced and we need to be strengthening till the future.

It was very important and thankful to all of leaders Religions for Peace's world communities. U Kyaw Soe also organized regarding to hold community forum in Sittwe.

We all need to engage to all of community to participate and support Multi-religious unity.

Then, they discussed detailing to hold community forum in Sittwe coming March, which is very important to do stakeholder mapping that who will be invited as respective person from the government, NGO and CSO to attend the forum.

Then, they discussed about when will be cleaning campaign should be confirmed date and time next week.

They specified to strengthen women of faith network (WoFN). Because there is very small number of women are participated. Women participation in peacebuilding is more important than ever that women can engaged with men and youth especially in their families.

The meeting was closed by taking responsibility that IC members will lead the forum, stakeholder mapping will do at the 1st week of March. Women members will be strengthening by leading of IC and respected religious leaders.

Participants; see the table-

Religion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	9	5	14
Christian	7	-	7
Hindu	-	3	3

Total	16	8	24
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Photo from Regular leadership meeting, Sittwe.

Lashio

This activity was conducted in Lashio at Methodist Church, Lashio on 17th August 2019. Religious leaders, Interfaith Committee members and Interfaith Youth members, (F) 10, (M) 14, Total - 24 were attended in this meeting. In the meeting, the president of Religions for Peace-Myanmar, U Myint Swe spoke welcome speeches to the all RfP-Lashio members because this is the new network in Myanmar. President U Myint Swe and Daw Sapai Khaing, project coordinator explained about the work of RfP.M, the goal and objectives of the project and how should be strengthened on peacebuilding process for cohesive society till the future.

And the local IC leader and members shared the local information, situation and the current work plan for the local community and they discussed about how to work together, how to organize more participants from the community. How to approach strategically for peacebuilding process in local level.

Participants list; see the table;

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	-	2	2
	Christian	6	2	8
	Islam	1	3	4
	Hindu	4	2	6
RfP Staff	Islam		1	1
	Buddhist	1	1	2
	Christian	1		1
Total				24



Photos from Regular Leadership Meeting, Lashio

Lashio

RfP-Lashio was conducted regular leadership meeting with 12 participants (Male 6. Women 6) from IC, WoFN and IYN at at Methodic Church in Lashio on 22nd Nov 2019. The objective of the meeting is to develop updated role and responsibilities of the working group members of IC, WoFN and IYN. They wanted to find out the weakness and the strength of the network in Lashio.

They discussed about to plan forwarding activities and agreed the commitment such as who will lead each activity for the future. And then they discussed about how to promote the participation of Hindu community in Lashio because they are very few amounts of population in the township. Then, they discussed about coming coordination and networking meeting with the CSOs, local authority and financial literacy awareness workshop for November.

The result of the meeting was the relationship between different religious people members is better than before. They are familiar each other and more open to each other.



Photos from regular leadership in Lashio, Nov 2019.

Lashio

Regular Leadership meeting for preparation of the community forum

RfP-Lashio was conducted regular leadership meeting to prepare for multi religious multi stakeholder community forum at Mansu Monastery, on 11th Jan 2020.

The discussion points were to select the date to hold community forum, how will invite state government, designing agenda for forum, final selection the grant proposal of 3 groups of women.

The expectation of the activity by the members are; To take responsibility for each person to hold multi religious multi stakeholder's community forum in Lashio, to more unity and strengthen women and youth participation, to empower women and youth from multi religious community and to select proposal which is promoting harmonious society. Then, they aimed to visit and learn Hindu religious side and organize the Hindu community to involve in peacebuilding and reconciliation in Lashio. Then, they visited Hindu Religious temple to study Hindu religious culture and traditions, religious teaching and practice that was explained by Hindu religious leader. RfP-Lashio network members shared their experience of peacebuilding with Hindu religious community. The results of the meeting were; developed forum design and agenda, confirmed the date and time, selected one grant proposal from previous financial literacy awareness workshop for the women group.

The Participants list by table-

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	3	11	14
	Christian	2	9	11
	Islam	1	4	5
	Hindu	2	1	3
RfP Staff	Christian	1	-	1
	Islam	-	1	1
Total		9	26	35



Photos from preparation and regular leadership meeting for community forum.



This photo is visiting Hindu religious side.
Regular leadership meeting in March

RfP-M Lashio team was conducted Operationalize IYN and WoFN through regular leadership meetings at ASIA Hotel meeting room on 16th March 2020, 14 participants (Male 3 and Female 11) were attended. The chairwoman of Lashio Interfaith committee who is Buddhist, Dr. Nang King Phoung gave speeches to the members that multi religious multi stakeholders community was successfully finished and got pay attention from the Lashio community. She organized all of members to meet regularly and promote youth and women participation from each religion in Northern Shan state. She urged all members to be confidence to involve in peacebuilding initiative with interreligious communities. She reminded to all members that if women and youth members are large amount of participation there would be more effective for the harmonize society not only in peace but also in development that they could work together in the future. She mentioned that she is very proud of herself being a part of RfP-Lashio network and they need to take all kind of responsibility by each religion toward to the future.

U Sai Khan Matt said RfP-Myanmar seeded the interfaith network to effort for peace and reconciliation with all stakeholders. All members need to continue and trying to practice dialogue and sharing awareness and promoting understanding to each other. Then he suggested to develop communication channel by using online or offline such as via Viber or Facebook and messenger. The grant for women from financial literacy workshop, to continue produce hand gel, soup and shower gel and shampoo should be maintain and promote by working from home. The women leaders from working group should keep their income and share cash in cash out regularly with the other members. Daw Aye Lin, one of women members, explained business developing by group is not easy to organize however they need to be paid money when they have done their work and safe money the profit at the bank.

Then they discussed about how is strengthen and weakness when they implemented the activities since the project started. They learned lesson to promote community participation from different religions and to try to engage with influential religious leaders in Lashio. They agreed to hold regular meeting once per month with all members.

Participants; see the table

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	1	3	4
	Christian	-	3	3
	Islam	-	4	4
	Hindu	1	-	1
RfP Staff	Christian	1	-	1
	Islam	-	1	1
		-	-	-
Total		3	11	14



Photos from Regular leadership meeting, Lashio

Myitkyina

RfP.M Myitkyina was conducted regular leadership meeting at RfP.Myitkyina office, Du Ka Thaung quarter, Myitkyina on 28th Sept 2019 that was attended 14 participants from IC and WoFN members. The chairman of IC, U Aung Soe Min spoke welcome speech to all of participants for attending the meeting even the most people were very busy at that time. He said the aim of regular leadership meeting that'd be discussing about what they've been done, still have to work and sharing session of knowledge, information and experience of human trafficking and child protection workshop with government department.

Discussion points were; some youth members and women members were attended in the health care awareness training, supported by department of social welfare. Some IC members were attended at 550th Anniversary of Sikh religions. Hindu religious leader also invited to all member to attend at the Lasalat Maldaw celebration in October 2019. And they discussed about nursery pilot teacher ToT training to IDPs from Tanai and to prepare criteria for potential beneficiaries.

Then, one of new member from community, she said she was very glad to attend this meeting and she has never heard this kind work before because she was always busy at home. She wants to be a member and work with the other religious members on peacebuilding, social cohesion, and wanted to attend the other training. She got some contact list that is very important for the community about child protection and human trafficking when they need helps from the resource's organizations. That's very value for all community.

Then, the members discussed about all members should be on time when they have meeting or activities and every should be actively discussed during the meeting.

One of youth member from the community gave feedback that she attended dialogue facilitation skill training that was very helpful for him. And he wanted to participate and taking responsibility for every activity whatever they have activity to do in Myitkyina.

Then they discussed about the future such as to nominate youth member to attend the training of Department of Social Welfare in Myitkyina.

The meeting was very interesting for all participants because they could share their experience from the workshop, training which were supported by the other organizations.



Photos from regular leadership meeting, Oct 2019, Myitkyina.

Myitkyina

RfP.M Myitkyina was conducted regular leadership meeting with Male (13), Female (23) = 36 at RfP.M Myitkyina office on 27th Nov 2019. Before they started discussion, chairperson gave Welcome Speeches to all members. Then Rev.Kardu Zaw Tu, Christian religious leader, greeted and said it's very important cooperating meeting for not to have classify each other. U Dan Pa Tee, EC and Hindu religious leader said that we have to see human as human and not define our religions, and we need to respect each other. Youth are less in participation and leading role in activities, that's why,

IC and WoFN will need to empower youth to improve their participation. U Maung Maung Lay, Islam religious leader, EC member of RfP.M Myitkyina urged to increase members and to sustain the organization that we need to unite, cooperate and help each other. By encouraging two staff and the old members were participated in every activity is good result for RfP through the years.

Then, they shared about Peace and Reconciliation prayer (Worship) program by IC members and religious leaders who participated the event organized by MCC. Representatives of 4 religions of RfP.M Myitkyina who participated in the discussion on religious points of building peace which was organized by KBC youth department and USAID shared their experience to RfP.M members.

Then they shared about what they have done such as the full moon day of Thadingyut, RfP treated food and snacks to people at Su Taung Pyae Pagoda and from the invitation of Warshaung Sayadaw, they went to Shwe Moe Taung Pagoda and visited and learned the sayings and proverbs which are related to Peace at Buddha Art Showroom.

Leading by project coordinator and project assistant from RfP-Myanmar, Interfaith and Intra Faith Dialogue were done at St. Gabriel in San Pya Tat Kone Quarter. They became more friendly by asking the things they did not know cultures and traditions in other religions.

Dr. Saung Lwin Aung, Project Coordinator, Project Assistant and two field monitors went to Tanai IDPs and did an interfaith dialogue session and knew about their difficulties and they were needed vocational trainings. And discussed with camp leaders about to give nursery pilot training to women and they have discussed with DSW.

Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of RfP-Myanmar (MKN) joined Burma literature and Culture Ceremony and many government departments became to know RfP-Myanmar.

RfP.M Myitkyina members Participated in the ceremony of 550 years old of Guru in Sikh temple.

Chairperson of RfP-Myanmar (MKN) and one Father representative from Tanai, one party chairperson attended 3rd Advisory Forum. Chairman collected the things RfP-Myanmar (MKN) wanted to discuss under 5 topics and he discussed.

In Interfaith Dialogue Awareness organized by MCC, leading by Sikh religious leader Youth, Men were participated especially Islamic youth were very active in discussion and leading.

The they discussed about future activities are needed to go to staff meeting, Financial management training to WoFN, Nursery Pilot Training, and to celebrate Christmas.

All of members and religious leaders were actively participated in this regular leadership meeting.



Photos from operationalize regular leadership meeting, MKN, Nov 2019.

December leadership meeting and Christmas Celebration in Myitkyina

RfP.M Myitkyina was conducted regular leadership meeting and Christmas gathering celebration session at RfP.M local office, Dukathaung quarter, Myitkyina on 11th Dec 2019. The objective of the activity is to discuss for holding Christmas and forwarding the future activities by IC, WoFN and IYN of Myitkyina network.

Before they start the meeting, greeting to everybody by the chairman of Interfaith c Then, the EC member of RfP-Myitkyina network, Rev.Kadu Zaw Tu explained why they'll hold Christmas celebration together that the respected religious leaders and members from different faith has to pray together for peace and for love in Myanmar even though they are different faith but pluralism is beautiful and colorful.

Then, before they start Christmas celebration, they discussed about the future activities such as nursery teacher pilot training for the young women from IDPs camp in Tanai. Before they start activity, they have to meet the vice administer of department of social welfare (State) to discuss when will be the training. Then they discussed about how to bring the participants from Tanai to Myitkyina and where should be they stayed for long days training in Myitkyina. Then they discussed about to nominate participants of RfP.M Myitkyina workshop for Trauma Healing awareness session and the workshop for peace and federalism awareness raising, hold by KDI (Kachin Democratic Institute) in December 2019 and January 2020.

Then, the held Christmas gathering session with Buddhist monk (Washaung Sayardaw) and the religious leaders from Sikh, Christian, Hindu and Islam religions including the head and members of State Religious Affairs, the head and members of State Department of Social Welfare and prayed together for peace and for love across Myanmar.



Photos from regular meeting and Christmas celebration, Dec 2019

Participants list; see the table below;

	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	5	7	12
Christian	6	12	18
Islam	3	7	10
Hindu	2		2
Sikh	1	1	2
Total	17	27	44

Myitkyina

RfP-M Myitkyina was conducted regular leadership meeting at RfP-M branch office, Myitkyina on 14th Feb 2020. 38 participants were attended the meeting. They discussed to conduct cleaning campaign and visiting religious side with all interfaith members and confirming who will take responsibility on inviting each religious member, which religious institution should be visit in this turn. Then, they discussed to select which proposal should be implement from the 3 proposals of 3 women groups and explanation by women members.

Action points1; cleaning campaign will be Islam Eid prayer compound which was planted the trees by RfP-M in the raining season. Now they have to clean the bushes around the trees and they will visit Sikh temple and religious leader agreed to explain his religious teaching, culture and tradition
Action point 2, Staff will invite 12 participants from Buddhist, 15 participants from Islam, 18 participants from Christian, 7 participants from Hindu and 3 participants from Sikh.

For the proposal will be selected after the community forum by IC and WoFN members.

Action point 3, Nursery teacher pilot training will be finished soon, they will invite to the department of social welfare and RfP-M head office at the closing ceremony in Myitkyina office.

Participants; see the table-

Regilous	Male	Female	Total
Buddish	3	5	8
Christian	3	8	11
Islam	4	4	8
Hindu	3	5	8
Sikh	1	2	3
Total	14	24	38



Photos from regular leadership meeting, Myitkyina, Feb 2020

Activity 1.4 Convene Interfaith Dialogue Sessions in Meeting with Group and Local Authority

Under this activity, interfaith dialogue sessions were conducted in all the target areas. The needs of further dialogue sessions were discussed to build more respect and understanding of the diverse communities in the respective areas accordingly.

Pyay

Convene Interfaith Dialogue with Group and Local Authority was conducted at Taw Win Yatanar Hall, Kyaung Gyi Otan Quarter, Pyay. 53 participants (25male, 28female) were attended and actively participates. There was divided by two group's dialogues session because the participants were too much to do for one dialogue circle.

Before we started the dialogue, we invited religious leaders and local authority to speeches for their perspective of peacebuilding work in Pyay.

Daw Khin Htwe Mhi, Assistant Director (Department of Religious Affairs, West Bago)

She gave her perspective on religious peacebuilding related to her experience in Bago region. She was happy to seeing religious leaders in the workshop and she believe our work will be more effective and we'll get more collaboration each other. She wants to support and collaborate at the same work and region.

U Myint Than, Secretary (NLD)

He especially talked about humanity. He said that we should understand the diversity in ethnic and religion, and shouldn't discriminate each other. He is ready to help and participate in the activities of the RfP-Pyay. He also learned about RfP-M and satisfied the projects for the peace processes.

He suggested to be transparency in the operation of the organization and to include all ethnics.

Then dialogue was started by two heading topics;

“The Role of Women in Peace and How to Raise the Hidden Capacities of the Women” and “How to Raise the Capacities of Youths, Youth and Job Opportunity”

Dialogue session for women;

Peace connects with safety that is very important for lives of women and children. Thus, we have to work for peace in our community. Stable and good economics also involves with Peace for domestic/home. This is important issue for domestic violence and also safety of women's lives. Women have hidden capabilities not only in education but also in professions. Women should have been supported to raise their abilities.

Women should read and learn more. They usually use most of the time in housework. They also should join the work for peace processes and other CSOs' activities.

Women are core in the family. They are mothers who can teach their children to admire Peace. Thus, women should learn the religions to teach their children. We also should think about for the girls who are working in KTV, Massage as the sex workers. Now, the government provides for them with the cooperation of INGOs such as vocational trainings, rights and other consultation, etc. The people in community also should help them. Parents and teachers should cooperate to steer and protect the children. We also should consider for the rights for the children/girls in the orphanage. We also need the law to protect the women and children.

NLD gives the trainings to raise the capacity of women. We should have those kinds of trainings within the community. Now, we can see women are working as the soldiers, polices, etc.

Some participants shared their experiences in issues of women and children.

Dialogue session for Youth;

Discussed concerning the role of Education and should include vocational education in curriculum.

- Defined the meaning of job and opportunity.
- Criticized the location, qualification, hobby and desire of the jobs including labor markets and resources. Criticized mental situation of current generation/youths
- Presented difficulties of getting NRC and job opportunities depending on Religions
- Reviewed the supporting of government and business men in investments, policies, resources and other vocational trainings
- Suggested to create dialogues, reading corners and libraries for Youths

Recommended to give the places for Youths was seniors need to hand on juniors.

Participants : *See the Table*

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	2		2
	Christian	7		7
	Hindu	2		2

	Islam	6		6
WoFN	Buddhist		4	4
	Hindu		1	1
	Christian		4	4
	Islam		8	8
IYN	Christian		2	2
	Buddhist		2	2
	Islam	4	2	6
	Hindu	1		1
Local Authority		2	3	5
R/P Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
R/P Staff (Yangon)	Buddhist		1	1
Total		25	28	53



Figure 26,27, 28 & 29: Conducting Interfaith Dialogue Session in Pyay.

To conduct dialogue sessions in Myitkyina and Lashio is in the process. Community interfaith dialogue on dialogue methodology is new term for them and it is needed to discuss again and again in order to capture the process of dialogue session. The members from Pyay, have aware on dialogue facilitation skill and conflict analysis and reconciliation from the implementing of the last project with USAID, Kann Let (DAI). Dialogue sessions in another three areas Myitkyina, Lashio and Sittwe

will be done in June 2019 after Field Monitors get peace dialogue facilitation skill training in the field level.

Pyay;

Religions for Peace-M held Monthly Meeting with IC/Religious leaders, WoFN and IYN in Buddha Nuggaha Dhammacari Dhammayone, Pyay on 13th October 2018. The leaders of different religious groups, the members of WoFN, IYN, *RfP-M*'s local staffs and guests from the Department of Religion, West Bago and No.1 Police Station attended the meeting and it started at 9:30 am.

At the beginning of the meeting, *RfP-M*'s local staff, Field Monitor, Sayar Tun Naung Oo presented the meeting agenda. And he continued leading the introduction session with the participants.

After that, U Viriya, Buddhist Nayaka gave the speech. He presented the history of *RfP-M*, Pyay and some activities. Continuously, U Htay Myint, Head of the Department of Religion, West Bago gave some messages regarding Pyay Shwe San Daw Pagoda Festival. And then, U Than Zaw, Buddhist Chairman gave speech. And Christian Nayaka, U Ba Kyin Hla and Bishop U Pyone Cho gave some speeches and Islam Nayaka, U Khin Mg Thein and Hindu Contact person, U kan Gyi Mg talked welcoming speech to the participants.

After tea break, *RfP-M*'s local staff, Area Coordinator, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung shared updated news such as 2018 *Religions for Peace* Asia Interfaith Youth Peace Camp and meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. She also invited the participants to update some news according to their religions.

After that, Sayarma Daw Ohn Ohn Myint, Finance Officer shared about bank saving amount. And U Tint Swe, Audit and other participants confirmed it. And then, Zay Yar Myint and Theint Haymar Kyaw (Youth for IT) updated about *RfP-M*, Pyay's FB Group.

After Lunch, Sayar Tun Naung Oo talked about the role of invitation of the participants. And, he confirmed the place/time/date of Dialogue Session in October. And Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung led the next session, setting the Topic/Issue for Dialogue Session for October. In this time, The Christian participants chose the topic within their group and other 3 religious participants gave the comments and confirmed the topic. The title is "How to protect/response Hate Speeches and Fate News with Love and good assumption to be the Peaceful Community".

In this meeting, all patrons (Nayakas) of 4 religions, guests from the Department of Religion and No.1 Police Station participated actively. It is a good symbol that is participation or corporation of government authorities. Moreover, participants were increased 67. The meeting was good discussion and participants were involved very actively.

Participants : See the Table

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	2	1	3
	Christian	6		6
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	4		4
WoFN	Buddhist		1	1
	Hindu		1	1
	Christian		5	5
	Islam		6	6
IYN	Christian	5	6	11
	Buddhist	8	10	18
	Islam	2	2	4
	Hindu		2	2
RfP Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Guest	Department of Religion	2		2
	Police	1		1
Total				67





Sittwe

Religions for Peace – Myanmar (Sittwe) Convened Interfaith Dialogue Sessions in meeting with group and local Authority led by Hindus, Buddhists and Christians at Shwezadi Monastery, Kyaung Tat Lann ward, Sittwe on 26/10/2019.

Before they started dialogue, EC, Buddhist religious leader from RfP.M Network (Maruk U) gave a speech to all participants that it's delighted for peace that different religious people's cooperation is very important for being peaceful society. Besides, Multi-religious coalition is good for building better society that they can talked together their faith, culture, traditions and teaching each other. He thanked to all of members from Sittwe.

Then they started Interfaith Dialogue session with reminding five interpersonal skill of dialogue facilitation skills to the dialogue participants.

Dialogue participants were shared about eight precepts of Christianity by Pastor U Aung Shein;

- Love God.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.
- Forgive others who have wronged you.
- Love your enemies.
- Ask God for forgiveness of your sins.
- Jesus is the Messiah and was given the authority to forgive others.
- Repentance of sins is essential.
- Don't be hypocritical.
- Don't judge others.
- The Kingdom of God is near. It's not the rich and powerful—but the weak and poor—who will inherit this kingdom.

Then, they were shared similarity of core values such as, the man is good act, must be inherited to paradise (Heaven). The man who has peaceful mind, must be inherited to earth, the man who glamorize talent of honesty, must be inherited beautiful. The man who is good and peace of mind, must be inherited he can see god. The man who can be patient to the other's enmity, must be inherited called God's pulpit son.

And dialogue participants were shared by Buddhist participants; such as Karma;

Buddhists believe that their actions today will impact their happiness in the future. This principle is called karma and it encourages Buddhists to be generous, kind and compassionate towards others. It affects a Buddhist's rebirth, as Buddhists attempt to make sure every action is right (according to the belief known as the Eightfold Path) in order to break the cycle of samsara and be reborn in a higher realm.

Then, they were shared; five precepts of Buddhist teaching,

the five moral precepts are:

1. to refrain from taking life, ie killing any living creature
2. to refrain from taking what is not freely given, ie theft
3. to refrain from misuse of the senses or sexual misconduct, ie overindulgence in sex or committing sexual offences
4. to refrain from wrong speech, ie lying or gossiping
5. to refrain from intoxicants that cloud the mind, ie drugs or alcohol

Buddhists do not believe in a deity, so the five precepts are suggested ways of living rather than commandments given by a god. A Buddhist must want to behave in a morally good way in order to achieve enlightenment.

They were also shared the good teaching of Islam,

A hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) says that a voice was once heard commanding a cloud to irrigate a man's garden. When the man was asked what he did with the garden, he replied that he estimated the produce of his garden. Then he distributed one-third to charity, kept one-third for himself and his family, and invested one-third back into the garden.

Just as Allah (swt) sent a cloud for this man who gave to the poor, Allah will also provide for us in miraculous ways if we give what we love for the pleasure of Allah and in the service of mankind. As the hadith beautifully illustrates, Allah replaces what we give and multiplies it.

They were also shared the good things of Hindu;

The fundamental teaching of Hinduism, or Vedanta, is that a human being's basic nature is not confined to the body or the mind. Beyond both is the spirit or the spark of God within the soul. This spirit is within us and within everything we see. All beings and all things are really, in their deepest essence, this pure or divine spirit, full of peace, full of joy and wisdom, ever united with God. This is not just theory, but it can be experienced. Anyone who takes the trouble to undergo the necessary training to purify and refine the mind and senses can begin to feel the truth of this. This training can take various forms and is known as yoga.

All participants were satisfied to share their religious teaching and practice likewise they were learned a lot of different culture and traditions each other.



Photos from Inter and Intra faith dialogue session in Sittwe, Rakhine State.

Sittwe

The 2nd round dialogue session was successfully conducted at Shwezadi Monastery, Sittwe, on 15th February 2020. Thirty-two males and 28 females have participated in the dialogue session.

Before they started dialogue session, U Kyaw Zin Phyu, Chairman gave opening speech to the participants that he thanks to everyone for coming and active participations.

Intra-faith dialogue was started by each group. The topic for intra-faith dialogue was what are the cultures, traditions and the religious teaching, the roles of women in religions that they discussed within at the same group.

Then, they discussed the results of the intra-faith dialogue session in the interfaith dialogue session. Each group presented the similar teaching such as every religion teaches not to steal, not to sexual misuse, not to kill others, not to tell lie and not to use drug.

They found the common ground about the roles of women in religions that women are vulnerable groups, but men have to pay respect all women. However, culturally women are discriminated dominated by men. We see in every community that the number of women is higher than men. Women do not get equal opportunities in religions, economy, political and social development process in Myanmar.

After dialogue in rotating, interfaith member asked some questions to the other religious in respectively. Christian man asked Buddhist members that why they do need to take off the shoes when they go to the pagoda or monastery? The Buddhist member answered that this is shown for respect to the Buddha even it's not Buddha's teaching, it's just tradition for Buddhist community.

One of Christian member asked to the Hindu members about what is the meaning of Deepawali and Triumph in Hindu festival that is really interested in him? Ma Soe Sanda, Hindu youth member, answered that Deepawali holds in variety of reasons, but the core themes of the festival are as symbolized by the prevalence lights is the triumph of good over evil. She explained to all members clearly that Deepawali is also known as Diwali, the meaning is "a row of lights".

All participants were pleased that they heard the culture and traditions and the meaning of different festival and different cultures of religions.

Table 1: The list of participant in Interfaith Dialogue session in Sittwe.

Religion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	17	17	34
Christian	15	7	22
Hindu	-	4	4
Total	32	28	60



Figure 1: Having Interfaith Dialogue session at Shwezadi Monastery on 15th Feb 2020, Sittwe, Rakhine State.

Lashio

RfP.Lashio was conducted Intra and Interfaith dialogue session at Aung Thu Avenue, Lashio on 28th August 2019. Before they start dialogue, they discussed about the local and political situation such as fighting between military and ethnic armed groups nearly Lashio. The chairwoman of Interfaith Committee reminded the network youth member to taking care of the situation and themselves.

The aim of dialogue session is to encourage empathy and understanding between multi religious community, to practice dialoguing amongst different ethnicity and religious community, to be good facilitators in the future political and community level dialogue for peacebuilding on difficult conversation, difficult issues between different parties.

In the intrafaith dialogue session, they discussed about

1. what is the better way to communicate with different opinion persons?
2. how can we solve when someone looks different us according to the religion.
3. what do we need to live together with peacefully?

The result of Intra dialogue was;

In Buddhist group discussed to be harmonious relationship such as to understand and respect to different belief and ideas of the other people, to view positively of the others people, positive attitude to the others, respect to the perspective point of view, try to get the common ground and win-win situation, to communicate with the Buddhist teaching such as Metta, loving kindness, respect and polite. If the other people discriminated them, the Buddhist people must be patience, understanding, love and kindness according to Buddhist teaching. Then, they must show the key of the Buddhist teaching to the other people.

In the Islam group discussed; to welcome the other people and try the other people to understand the key point of Islam religious teaching, culture and tradition. And they must try to understand the other people misunderstanding and their difficulties. The Islam people, we've to try not to be angry the other people point of view. The Islam people (We) have to avoid hatred words and manner the other not to harm in our community and we have to work together with the other people on the common ground instead of the different.

And then, if the other people are misunderstood to our religion, we've to be patience and explain them to understand deeply the teaching and perspective of the Islam religion in human being.

If to be harmonious society, forgive and be patience each other and no discrimination, listening, empathy to their difficulties and helping to the other on religions, ethnic and races and colors and being justice are very important and we must be practice on those kinds of things in human being and society.

In the Hindu group discussed; to build relationship base on loving kindness, mutual understanding and transparency to the others. The Hindu community; we have to respond with love and being patience and dialogue with the different religious and ethnic communities to be harmonious society. The religious key point is to be loving kindness each other amongst different religious people that we must be dialogue about Interfaith peacebuilding.

In the Christian group; they discussed about how Jesus teaches the men to beloved oneself and to the others, to build harmonious community and communicate without selfish mindset, respect and value to the other religions and religious people.

The Christian people (We) and the key point in Christian teaching is to be silence, to explain the Christian's teaching and belief the other people to understand and also try to understand the perspective of other point of view. And they discussed about to do dialogue between the different to be mutual understanding amongst diverse communities. The Christian community must respect the different perspective, belief and cultural of the diverse religions. And they must try to learn the value and the tradition of the religious people.

In the Interfaith dialogue, they discuss about the tradition and culture of the religious people in Buddhist, Christian, Islam and Hindu such as ceremony, celebration, wedding, food practice, dressing and the special day of each religion.

The participants list; Please see the table;

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	7	12	19
	Christian	7	16	23
	Islam	2	6	8
	Hindu	4	1	5
RfP Staff	Islam	-	1	1
	Buddhist	-	-	-
	Christian	1	-	1
Total		21	36	57

Photos from Intra and Inter dialogue session, Lashio



Lashio

Regular Leadership meeting for preparation of the community forum

RfP-M Lashio conducted regular leadership meeting to prepare for multi religious multi stakeholder community forum at Mansu Monastery, on 11th Jan 2020.

The discussion points were to select the date to hold community forum, how will invite state government, designing agenda for forum, final selection the grant proposal of 3 groups of women.

The expectation of the activity by the members are; To take responsibility for each person to hold multi religious multi stakeholder's community forum in Lashio, to more unity and strengthen women and youth participation, to empower women and youth from multi religious community and to select proposal which is promoting harmonious society. Then, they aimed to visit and learn Hindu religious side and organize the Hindu community to involve in peacebuilding and reconciliation in Lashio

Then, they visited Hindu Religious temple to study Hindu religious culture and traditions, religious teaching and practice that was explained by Hindu religious leader. RfP-Lashio network members shared their experience of peacebuilding with Hindu religious community.

The results of the meeting were - developed forum design and agenda, confirmed the date and time, selected one small sub-grant proposal from previous financial literacy awareness workshop for the women group.

Table 5: The list of participants for regular leadership meeting, Lashio, Northern Shan State.

Group name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	3	11	14
	Christian	2	9	11
	Islam	1	4	5

	Hindu	2	1	3
R/P-M Staff	Christian	1	-	1
	Islam	-	1	1
Total		9	26	35



Figure 6: Preparatory discussion on community forum in regular leadership meeting, Lashio, Northern Shan.



Table 7: After regular leadership meeting, visited Hindu Temple, Lashio.

Regular leadership meeting in March

R/P-M Lashio team conducted Operationalize IYN and WoFN through regular leadership meetings at ASIA Hotel meeting room on 16th March 2020, 14 participants (Male 3 and Female 11) were attended. Dr. Nang King Phoung, Chairwoman of Lashio Interfaith committee gave speeches to the members that multi religious multi stakeholders community was successfully finished and got pay attention from the Lashio community. She organized all of members to meet regularly and promote youth and women participation from each religion in Northern Shan state. She urged all members to be confidence to involve in peacebuilding initiative with interreligious communities. She reminded to all members that if women and youth members are large amount of participation there would be more effective for the harmonize society not only in peace but also in development that they could work together in the future. She mentioned that she is very proud of herself being a part of RfP-Lashio network and they need to take all kind of responsibility by each religion toward to the future.

U Sai Khan Matt said RfP-Myanmar seeded the interfaith network to effort for peace and reconciliation with all stakeholders. All members need to continue and trying to practice dialogue and sharing awareness and promoting understanding to each other. Then he suggested to develop communication channel by using online or offline such as via Viber or Facebook and messenger. The grant for women from financial literacy workshop, to continue produce hand gel, soup and shower gel

and shampoo should be maintain and promote by working from home. The women leaders from working group should keep their income and share cash in cash out regularly with the other members. Daw Aye Lin, one of women members, explained business developing by group is not easy to organize however they need to be paid money when they have done their work and safe money the profit at the bank.

Then they discussed about how is strengthen and weakness when they implemented the activities since the project started. They learned lesson to promote community participation from different religions and to try to engage with influential religious leaders in Lashio. They agreed to hold regular meeting once per month with all members.

Table 6: The list of participants for March regular leadership meeting, Lashio.

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	1	3	4
	Christian	-	3	3
	Islam	-	4	4
	Hindu	1	-	1
RfP-M Staff	Christian	1	-	1
	Islam	-	1	1
		-	-	-
Total		3	11	14



Having Regular leadership meeting for the Month of March, Lashio.

Myitkyina

RfP.M Myitkyina was conducted Intra and Interfaith dialogue session at St.Gerbriel Church, Tat Kone (Sanpya) Quarter, Myitkyina on 24th Oct 2019.

There was started dialogue within intra faith group in the morning. Intra faith dialogue is also important within the same faith group because there are so many different perspectives on religions even at the same group. They were share what is their thought and belief on their religions as below;

In Christianity group; they shared their thought in their institution;

- Religious leader is insufficient; therefore, it is difficult to make worship services program at home.
- Youth leaders is insufficient, it will be better if there is one youth leader for 10 youths.
- Some youth are not participating in the church as there is very few opportunities for singing (sing song service) and there are many activities in the church.
- Gender is unequal in the church whatever women is clever and qualified than men, women do not get higher position than men.

- In Christianity, women need security and health. When it comes to land and fields, the ownership is for men.
- Different faith marriage is not pleasant and leads to divorce.
- Young people do not value on pure marriage and most young people do living together that is why they are not blessed.
- Kachin people are very weak in Kachin language and need to value it and need to introduce themselves as being Kachin.
- Not value traditional clothes in visit exchange program.

Buddhism

- In peace, inner peace (self) is much more important than any other things. Only when you got the inner peace (self), you can make peaceful society.
- By obeying the teaching of Buddha, we can get in peace.
- If not, we will be in worry and we cannot get inner peace.

Islam

- We need to review ourselves whether we are obeying the religious teachings.
- 5 times praying per day: it's for all human beings.
- Only when you are in clear mind and peaceful mind, you can connect with God directly.
- In marriage, witness from both sides and sign in front of religious leader is legal.
- The divorce word is the word that God does not like most. Only men can say to divorce, although two times divorces can be reunion and live together, the third time divorce cannot live together, but if they want to live together again, the women have to be marriage with other and after divorce with the second man, she can marriage again the first man.

Hinduism & Sikhism

- Obey 10 laws from Guru, all people are equal, the same. This is Sikhism because of the gender, class equity. Sikh worship the Sikh Bible not statue.
- Hindu and Gurkha are similar. Deepawali candling means break the darkness.
- Brother and Sister Days is to give respect the elder brothers and sisters.
- In Sikh, there must have 5 things: Kes, Kara, Kangha, Kacchehra and Kirpan.

Then, they did interfaith dialogue session at the afternoon, all participants shared their marriage cultures and traditions, ceremony and celebration according to different religious practices.

In Christianity, there are many celebrations such as Christmas, Pentecostal Day and so on.

In Kachin tradition, only those who get the knife and the spear can only got the lady. Manaw Dance is leading from one leader and the follower must dance as the way the leader dance. After 1980, there were 4 leaders in one dance.

In Gurkha, marriage women can know the red dot in her head, the red power in her foe hair, and green necklace, if the necklace of the lady is blue, it means single. The rice sticking on head celebration (San Kay Pwa) is give respect the elders.

Youth perspective on culture and tradition is young people from all religions are very weak in valuing culture and traditions in Kachin.

This dialogue method was cycle process within the same group.

Evaluation result from Intra Faith Dialogue are;

The participants responded that they improved understanding of their religious teaching, culture and traditions. They got many knowledges and happy to meet with the same religious people and they felt

free and safe to speak out whatever they wanted. Then some respondents answered they realized their religious culture and practice deeply. Some Hindu people said they realize about different kind classes in Hinduism. Most people responded dialogue is very useful for everybody.

Youth participation in dialogue is still weak and the adults people wants youth to discuss more. Some responded said it is good day because of seeing multi religious, ethnics and organization. Some Christian people responded there is many denominations from Christianity.

Some young people said they got many knowledges of religious teachings and traditions. As there are many denominations and religions, we can see all the good teachings in religions, and we need to give respect to other religions.

Peace is concerning morality and it is nothing to do with religions and beliefs, therefore regardless of race, religions and people can obey and practice it. Some participants answered that they got knowledges the traditional clothes and costumes.

Some pointed out that dialogue encourages to do good things and improve more respect and understanding each other. It is good to see that all religions are comparing in doing good things. First, we must try to get inner peace (ourselves) and then we can make our society peaceful.

Most participants responded that they got some knowledge about Muslim is the one who believe or practice Islam and means peace builder. Intra faith dialogue leads us to get many knowledges that we can know many knowledges from others which we do not know.

Religion is based on peace and we cannot get peace by doing violence. When we are building peace, 4 main religions must share, and it will lead us to success.



Photos from Intra and Interfaith dialogue session, MKN, Nov 2019

Tanai

25 Oct 2019

Dr. Saung Lwin Aung, Project Coordinator, Project Assistant and two field monitor from RfP-Myanmar (MKN) went to Tanai KBC, AG, RCM, COC churches and discussed with camp leaders and religious leaders about dialogue which intend to peace.

As a next program, discussed with women in the camp about nursery pilot training and asked camp leaders and women who are willing to attend and RfP will recover all the cost (transportation and accommodation).

26 Oct 2019

RfP.M Myitkyina was conducted Intra and Interfaith dialogue session at KBC IDPS camp in Tanai on 26th Oct 2019.

In religious teaching, to love each other and to love God. If we love each other there will not be conflicts and violence. When we are sick or facing in trouble, we need to pray to God and also we need to help each other. During dialogue session, all participants were participated actively because they have never been doing like that before. Participants discussed their thought turn around in the cycle process as below. Most people are Baptist Christian. The discussion pointed were;

Peace come from God and it is very important. Government also need to help. As God does not classify people, we need not to classify each other. God can give real peace and we need to love each other and practice the religious teachings. Only love can lead to peace regardless of race, people, animals, and so on. Although all religious teachings teach to do good things, people do not obey the teachings. Treating the poor means treating God.

Then they discussed about their feeling while they are being IDPs because they left their home and village cause of fighting between military and KIA (Kachin Independence Army).

In IDP camp, there are many families in small rooms, and it is difficult for the family members and wants to live one's home, land, and business. They can resettle only when there is peace. They want to survive by themselves and it is very difficult for them to survive in IDP Camps.

Although IDP camps were supported, it is insufficient for them. They want peace and some mothers are very difficult to survive as they have many children. To build peace we have to obey one's religious teachings.

They had discussed about the dream of next 20 years to be come true that what they have been done and have to be done right now.

In 20 years dream of the participants

- Want to happy all
- Justice peace from both sides
- Roads are good to travel and to develop
- Children will treat us well under peace
- We can rely on our children who will be educated
- Although it is very difficult to travel and checking NRC, we hope all will be fine in the future.

The evaluation result is by doing dialogue, women from IDP camp say their feeling and difficulties are a bit feeling better and they do not lose their hope. They realized what they can start to support their dream right now. Some women responded they felt pleasure and they saw what they can do from now to come true their dream. They can work together with different faiths to get peace in Myanmar.

Activity 2: Advance Education on Multi-religious Vision of Peace and Development for Myanmar

Activity 2.1 Conduct peace education for youth, peace training and workshop

Lashio

Dialogue Facilitation Skill training was conducted at Methodist Church, Lashio on 18th to 20th July 2019 and at Aung Nan Catholic Church, Aung Nan quarter, Myitkyina on 28th August to 30th August 2019. 45 (Male 20 and Female 25) participants who are IC, IYN, WoFN and including community members were attended in Myitkyina.

The trainers were Daw Kyi Kyi Khain and Daw Angela from Women of Faith Network, RfP. Yangon and Daw Sapai Khaing, Project Coordinator who were trained ToT the training by Dr Mark Owen and Prof. Simon Keyes. The curriculum of the training is carried from the last project, Multi religious collaborative for Peacebuilding in Myanmar, supported by Kannlet. It's very supportive and sustainable impact for our community because it's very helpful for interfaith dialogue practice within communities.

The agenda of Dialogue training is below;

Daw Kyi Kyi Khin

- Understanding and Using Dialogue

- Peace conflict and Violence

- Questions as a Service to act

- Pure Dialogue

2. Daw Angela Thaung

- Role of Facilitator

- Principle of IFD

- Discussion of IFD

3. Daw Sapai Khaing

- Bohm's 4 Principles of Pure Dialogue and Dialogue Skill

- Dialogue Method

- Freedom of Religions and Belief

- How to track dialogue session by using methodology

Practical dialogue on difficult conversation and issue

The outcome of dialogue was great success such as the participants were learned dialogue skills and how to use methodology when they do dialogue not only intra-faith and Inter-faith group but also when they do dialogue about the economic, climate change or drug used cases in the youth and grassroot communities. They had the practice dialogue about Climate Change issue in Lashio and Discrimination between different religious groups by 2 groups. One group used Circle process dialogue method and another one used Community Dialogue method. However, all participants were learned about the simple of four dialogue methodology by 4 groups and shared their discussion points to the others. Reflective Structure Dialogue is seemed quite difficult for them because they don't have any experience on those kind of issue in the recent years. There were youth members more participated in the training. They were very interested in how different between pure conversation and difficult conversation such as the regular practice and depends on issues.

Hindu participants were not able attend the training because they had funeral in the Hindu community in Lashio and their community is very small amount in the township.

According to our pre-test and post-test evaluation, in understanding and using dialogue sector, 65% of trainees were realized that dialogue is thinking together and listening while is effectiveness ways for promoting understanding between diverse communities. 35% of participants responded they are willing to be done more practice dialogue practically with their facilitation skill and using methodology. 45% of participants responded they are very much confidence on working dialogue within their community even in difficult issues. 30% of participants showed they need more training

on Interfaith dialogue skill intern of communicating with different religious leaders and national peace process.

The Participants list by table-

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhism	4	8	12
	Christianity	6	10	16
	Islam	-	3	3
	Hinduism	-	-	-
RfP Staff	Islam	-	1	1
	Buddhism	-	2	2
	Christainty	1	-	1
Total		11	24	35



members in Lashio.

The photos from Dialogue Facilitation Skill training with the young trainees and Meeting with Women of Faith Network



Photo of Practical dialogue



Group discussion and group photos in Dialogue Facilitation Skills training, Myitkyina, August 2019.

Pyay

Training Agenda Day 1- Introduction to Peace Education
 Day 2- Peace Advocacy
 Day 3 – Diversity

Religions for Peace-M held Peace Education Training in Min Paung Su Tae Temple, Pyi Thar Yar Quarter, Pyay for 3 days (23th, 24th and 25th) in September 2019. The leaders of different religious groups, members of WoFN, IYN, *R/P-M*'s local and Yangon Staffs and Administrator, Department of Religion, Pyay, participated the training.

At the Day 1, religious leaders of Buddhist, Islam, Hindu and Christian gave welcoming speeches. After that *R/P-M*'s local staff, Area Coordinator, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung started the training with the ground rules for all participants and introduced about Peace Education. All participants had introduced each other with a game and also did the Pre-Test for the training. After that, the participants had a chance to write down the objective and hope from the Training with the colorful notes and stick them on the wall.

And then, the trainee also had arisen awareness about what is Peace Education? Goals of Peace Education, Core Values, History of Peace Education, Peace Education for 21st Century and Peace Education for a strategy to achieve the Peace. After Tea Break, she made group discussion about Scope/Themes/Types of Peace Education and group presentation.

Then, the participants led the group work project (Conflict Styles and Resolution) with the presentation. And they had dialogue session with 3 topics (Circle of Peace, Understanding Conflicts and Method of resolving Conflict) in three groups. And then, each group shared their discussing issues of the topics. At last, Sayama Ywet Wai Aung did the activity about “Change” with the participants and wrapped up the day 1 training.

In day 2, *RfP-M*’s local staff, Field Monitor, Sayar Tun Naung Oo gave the training about Peace Advocacy. He started introduction participants with Icebreaking game. After that, he explained about peace and advocacy and made group work presentation about conflict and problem. After tea break, he talked about stakeholder analysis with an activity. After lunch, he explained about influence cycle and advocacy tools. After second tea break, he presented about problem tree and how to advocate step by step with role play. At 4 pm, he asked feedback and recap the whole training.

In day 3, *RfP-M*’s staff, Assistant Project Assistant, Sayar Antony gave the training about Promoting Diversity and Interculturalism. He presented about culture and diversity, explained about different understanding, equality and equity. And then, he continued talking about diversity in gender, religion, ethnicity and disability, and made group work exercise. He explained widely about respect, dignity and understanding with the questions: (what, where, who, when, why, how). He also did an interesting activity, drawing picture in circle and gave the feedback.

And then, *RfP-M*’s staff, Project Coordinator, Sayarma Sapail Khaing did a Dialogue and all trainees participated interestingly about the conflict dynamic such as connector and divider of religious traditions, culture and the practice of religious teaching.

The training was participated by not only religious leaders, members of WoFN and IYN but also teachers, government staff from Department of Religion and workers from different community-based levels. The participants are interesting the topics of the training and participated actively. Moreover, they had good experience in group work, teamwork and discussion as well as in different game, activities and role play and presentation, public speaking, etc. They also enjoyed in the facilities of training such as good venue, food and transportation allowance.

Participants : *See the Table*

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	1		1
	Christian	2		2
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	2		2
WoFN	Buddhist		3	3
	Hindu		1	1
	Christian		4	4
	Islam		4	4
IYN	Christian	2	3	7
	Buddhist	2	4	6
	Islam	1	4	5
	Hindu		4	4
<i>RfP</i> Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
<i>RfP</i> Staff	Buddhist		1	1

(Yangon)	Christian	1	1
Total			44



The photos from Peace Education training, Pyay

Pyay

Religions for Peace-M held Do No Harm and Conflict Sensitivity Training in St. Francis Church, Sin Su Quarter, Pyay for 3 days (14th, 15th and 16th) in January 2020. The leaders of different religious groups, members of WoFN, IYN, *RfP-M*'s local Staffs, some youths from Pyay Youth Center and Administrator, Department of Religion, Pyay, participated the training.

In Day 1, religious leaders of Islam and Hindu gave welcoming speeches. After that *RfP-M*'s local staff, Area Coordinator, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung started the training with the ground rules for all participants. She explained roughly about why *RfP-M* gave Do No Harm and Conflict Sensitivity Training. How is it essential for an organization? She shared about Introduction of the term Conflict Sensitivity, Why Conflict Sensitivity is important, Definitions of conflict, Understanding conflict, Types of Conflict, What is Violence? Conflict vs Violence, What is Conflict/Context Analysis and Connector/ Divider Analysis. In the afternoon, *RfP-M*'s local staff, field monitor, Sayar Tun Naung Oo presented about Introduction of CD, Why use Connector/ Divider?, What is a connector?, What is a divider?, Categories to help brainstorm CD- SAVES, SAVES Explanation and Examples", CD analysis with Obinga case study. After group presentation and feedback, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung wrapped up for Day 1.

In day 2, Sayar Tun Naung Oo reflected for day 1. After that, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung introduced to "Actors Analysis". And then, she continued talking about Symbols and Method, Introducing Priority and Relevance Model, CD and Actor, Actors Relationship Mapping with prioritized CD and made group presentation and feedback. After lunch, Sayar Tun Naung Oo gave the training about Area based CD and Actors Analysis using *RfP-Pyay*, Prioritizing CD and Actors (using with Priority and Relevance Model) and made presentation and feedback to each group and wrapped up for Day 2.

In day 3, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung reflected for day 2. And then, Sayar Tun Naung Oo explained about analyze the effects of activities and Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung continued the session with correction and finalizing Actors Relationship Mapping with CD, Introduction to Resources Transfer and RAFT, Introduction to "Organizational Policy". And she asked the participants to create the organizational structure and policies of *RfP-Pyay* and she discussed about the final step, re-think options and implement changes with case study. After that Sayar Tun Naung Oo recapped the training for three days. And Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung gave training feedback sheets and asked the participants to write their feedback.

The training was participated by not only religious leaders, members of WoFN and IYN but also teachers, government staff from Department of Religion and workers from different community based levels. The participants are interesting the topics of the training and participated actively. Moreover, they had good experience in group work, team work and discussion as well as in different game, activities and role play and presentation, public speaking, etc. They also enjoyed in the facilities of training such as good venue, food and transportation allowance.

Some Notes from Training Feedback

- Training is nice, knowledgeable and useful
- Having chance to work together with different religious people and ethnicities
- Knowing about Conflict Sensitivity is important in project management of an organization
- The training is very fruitful for us
- Do No Harm is important not to be negative effect to the community
- We got a chance to make group work/team work, presentation, discussion, sharing and public speaking
- People more respect and understand each other
- Making new friends and knowing other religions
- Dividers and Connectors are important to research
- Thanks to trainers

Participants : *See the Table*

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist			
	Christian	3		3
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	1		1
WoFN	Buddhist		4	4
	Hindu			
	Christian		8	8
	Islam		6	6
IYN	Christian		2	2
	Buddhist	1	3	4
	Islam		1	1
	Hindu	1	1	2
R/P Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total				34



Photos from Do No Harm and Conflict Sensitivity Training, 14th, 15th and 16th January 2020, Pyay

Sittwe

Religions for Peace- Sittwe, Dialogue Facilitation Skill Training, was convened at COC Hall on 20 to 22/08/2019. First of all, each introduced one after one, Then Shwezadi Sayardaw gave a speech and pre-Dialogue made by the title of happiness. First understanding and using Dialogue were explained to attendants moreover Dialogue and Debate, Dialogue and Negotiation, Dialogue and Discussion, Dialogue and thinking together more and more explained Ultimately, Dialogue is not about seeking agreement, reaching decisions, being friends, solving problems, expressed again and again.

The participants were explained Bohm's 4 principles of pure Dialogue

Dialogue Skill such as; No group-level decisions will be made, each individual agrees to suspend judgment, Participants to be as honest and transparent as possible, Individuals try to build on other ideas.

And they were learned about Dialogue skill role of facilitator, Dialogue Method freedom of RB tradition, Peace conflict and Violence questions as a service to act and pure Dialogue and talked how to make dialogue in a group Ma Sapai asked all participants how to do dialogue by divided 4 groups. There were interesting participants from each group were very actively discussed.

Group .1

- Gathering place must be chosen
- The people who will participate in dialogue must be chosen
- Permitting the time
- Place will be defined

- Principle will be defined
- It must be discussed with a tittle
- A facilitator must be in a group

Group. 2

- Safety place must be chosen
- Understanding the resource of the conflict being
- To build the real association
- To keep in touch with the topic discussion
- To listen to other's talk absolutely
- Questioning, Knowing the meanings

Group. 3

- To prepare the dialogue what you want to talk
 - To listen to other's talk in patience and think themselves
 - Listening skill
 - Questioning
 - No criticize what's right? What's wrong?
 - No pressure
- Which problem how to make dialogue
 - Religious problem
 - Open-minded persons must participate and learn to understanding dialogue.
 - Mutual Trust and Respect is Supporting inter-faith dialogue.

Group .4

- The people who can discuss the topic will be invited
- It needs to know discussed topic
- Questioning and prepare the topic
- Planning the safety place
- Discuss the positive view
- Equality
- To respect each other at the discussions
- To speak openly
- To forces to make a dialogue each other and to make a presentation in a group for talking to be interesting

Day .2; Before they started the training, recap with the participants about Day 1 agenda. And then, the participants had learned about the dialogue methods and they discussed how to use dialogue method in what kind of conflict by divided 4 group in 4 methods.

Group . 1

Circle Process

- To put out the problem which the mass's feeling
- To head and discuss to all participants in dialogue one after (alternately)
- It must be defined to base on the rules all participants (oneself)
- To discuss with the main to positive view.
- To talk about carefully and watch at their supporting
- Check in/ Check out/ Farewell (Facilitator) when be alternate and to know

Group . 2

Reflective Structured Dialogue (PCP)

- Firstly, point to be good association with appropriate parties
- To talk about not working ideas by forbidding

- Make an agreement and introduce with all participants
- It's important to prepare systematically questions and make an accommodation to all participants of supporting.
- Listen to the question carefully and serious mood

Group .3

Community Dialogue

- Making accommodations these who are interested in dialogue
- Talk about the topic in all opinion of the conflicts
- A facilitator actively must be involved in help and supporting
- Point to the destination clearly
- Build association between the participants put out different experience in public and make a dialogue practical problem in person then plan and cooperation with practice

Group . 4

Appreciative Inquiry

- To choose the positive view on the deep's meaning and investigate
- To investigate by the time of living together
- Share your experience of problem in life
- Create your future dream which you wish to imagine toward
- To suggest implementing one's future dream and the ways

Then, discussed about the Interfaith Dialogue

Group . 1

In case of religious problem (conflict) How to solve it, how to face it.

1. Invitation
 - Village-committee, religion-leader, followers
 - The government committee, CSOs, the young, women etc..
2. Plan in a safely place for those people who will attend in there and ask for permitting from government
3. The basically case, likely to happen with religious problem
 - Misunderstanding
 - Jealous of the same nation
 - Other's sensitive speech
4. Prevention
 - The information to religious leaders
5. In Dialogue
 - Facilitator calls ground rule at the beginning
 - If one misunderstands regarding religion view, make a question
 - Thinking together and talking what they thought on their religion and culture
 - Listening respectfully
 - Questioning with a view of positive
 - Not asking close question and ask only opening question one

Group .2

Interfaith Dialogue

1. Who will we invite?
 - Influence religion-leaders
 - Followers / extremist
 - Strong / influential persons

- Religion less
- 2. Why?
 - To be knowledgeable about religion
 - To be familiar with mutual
 - Political communities not to be useful
- 3. Why will Interfaith Dialogue be made?
 - To be harmonious for interfaith
- 4. What type of IFD do we want to do? Which is most appropriate in our situation?
 - Collective-ID form, It's suitable to one's location
- 5. What type of question can we ask for a good IFD?
 - How will be made to be better?
 - What's the better idea next activity by being collectively?

Group .3

About religion

- Buddhist monks, Hindus monks and other religion leaders
- It's better easy for them to discuss the religions
- To pre-study the happening problem
- Living together with mutual peacefully and discussing about the religion
- To be peaceful for the state (religious case)
- To believe religion for free
- To discuss with leader, civil-community and public
- How will we solve the difficulty among the religion?
- How will we do to be justice for multi-religion?

Group .4

Interfaith Dialogue

1. Influence religious leaders and followers who concentrate and practical on religion should be invited.
Why?
Because consultation will be accomplished effectively
2. Not only multi-religious but also respective persons answerable persons have to be invited to participate
3. To prepare planning place, Time, data which will be talked
4. To implement with grassroot level people at aim village
5. To implement the agreement of all discussion
6. To celebrate the religious festivals, To provide needed facilities for the villagers to prepare when the festivals celebrate with different religious members to involve in supporting, They all should have an agreement.
7. For health sector in interfaith communities, interfaith youth network, Youth members asked necessary questions that how to invite skillful persons and the community to be more involving in their community dialogue.

Day .3

Recap of what they had learned on day.2 for each participant and asked to speak one by one happily. Then they were started the training on diversity and interculturalism? to all participants.

After that explained equality, equity and reality to the participants and explained again and again the lessons what all trainees have learnt the series of three days with practicing dialogues and took a recording group photo with happiness and satisfaction.

According to evaluation result of pre-test, the most participants were not understood on the word “What is dialogue” because they just answered that dialogue is just talking amongst the people. For their experience, 17% of participants were experience in the dialogue session with the same group. 43.5% of participants were never experience in the dialogue. 39% of participants is showed a bit experience in dialogue session.

In question how they have been experienced, a few participants responded they’ve just learned in the training. In question how they confidence in dialogue, 80% of participants showed they are not confidence to work in dialogue in difficult conversation.

According to post-test evaluation result; 43% participants answered that dialogue is thinking together and they realized how dialogue important between different groups.

34% of participants responded they are very confidence and very helpful for them to facilitate in difficult conversation. In question which kind of sector in this training is the most helpful for you, 85%of trainees responded different sector each individual such as ;Role of Dialogue Facilitator, 5 personal skill is very useful for me because it makes me improve public relationship skill, group discussion (dialogue, circle process), 4 principles of pure dialogue methods.

Participants; see the table;

Reigion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	15	4	19
Christian	16	3	19
Hindu	1	3	4
Total	32	10	42





Photos from Dialogue Facilitation Skill training, Sittwe

Activity 2.2; Organize Nursery Teachers' Trainings

This activity was ongoing process at this time such as we had just done meeting with resource person from Department of Social Welfare, Myitkyina. We discussed about how we can collaborate for the young women and men from IDPs, Tanai township, Kachin. We also coordinated with religious leaders and IDPs camp leaders from Tanai IDPs camps. We're developing criteria for the beneficiaries from all IDPs camps from Tanai. The pilot training will be in November 2019 after 3rd Advisory forum.

Activity 3: Empower Youth and Women through Multi-religious Common Action

Activity 3.1; Coordinate interfaith cleaning campaign, tree planting and visit to religious sites

Lashio

RfP-M Lashio was conducted Coordinate interfaith cleaning campaign and visit to religious sites at Mansu Monastery, Mansu quarter in Lashio, 26th Oct 2019.

The expectation of the activity is different religious people to know about how they can work together for peace and social activities in their region and the participant had to get a chance to learning the other's religious teaching, culture and traditions in the different religious institutions. And the RfP.M members wanted to show their efforts by different religious people working together at the same place and to love each other.

The outcome of the activity was; different religious members participated actively in the cleaning campaign at Mansu pagoda compound and learned Buddhist religious culture, traditions and teaching that explained by Buddhist religious leader, Mansu Sayardaw. The success of the activity was the businesspeople participated in the activity and supported water and snack by their owned. Especially, the IC chairman and vice chairman and secretary of the network led all of work to be done even they had some hesitation at the started time of the network. The IYN members got a lot of knowledge from Buddhist religious culture and traditions.

The evaluation result is most participants from different faiths are more collaboration and improved understanding each other. They are more interested to learn in different religious teaching, culture and traditions. They committed to participate in the other activities in different religious institution.

The Participants list by table-

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	5	14	19
	Christian	5	1	6
	Islam			
	Hindu	4		4
RfP Staff	Christian	1		1
	Islam		1	1
Total		15	16	31



Photos from cleaning campaign and visit to religious side in Lashio, Oct 2019.

Lashio;

RfP.M Lashio was conducted planting trees and visit religious side activity at Eden Kachin Baptist Church, Kaung Nyaung Village, Lashio on 6th August 2019 with 35 participants, Male 19 and Female 16. They planted 40 trees which are suitable for soil quality of the Lashio Region. The goal of the planting trees and visit to religious side is the participants to know how to welcome the others and to understand the value, culture and traditional practice of the multi religions. The assistant of Pastor explained about the culture and the traditional practice and the teaching of Christian religion for all human being.

Participants list; See the table

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhism	3	7	10
	Christianity	10	8	18
	Islam	1	1	2
	Hinduism	3	-	3
RfP Staff	Islam		1	1
	Buddhism			
	Christianity	1		1
Total		18	17	35



Photos from Planting and visit to religious side activity, Lashio

Myitkyina

On 20 July 2019, religious leaders from different religions, Women of Faith Network, Interfaith Youth Network and RfP-Myanmar (Myitkyina) finished planting at Eid Compound, the worship compound of Islam at Khay Mar Thiri Quarter in Myitkyina.

Planting programme started at 08:00 AM by collecting people from religious leaders: U Maung Maung Lay from Islam, Bigyi Pris Son from Sik, Rev. U Zone Kyan from Christian, Sis Khar Raw from Catholic, U Dan Pa Te from Hindu, President U Aung Soe Min, Vice President U Khin Aung and Women of Faith Network and Interfaith Youth Network were participated.

Before planting, digging, cutting the bushes, cleaning the environment. In planting, according to the demanding of the field owner community, we planted over (50) species of shadow plants such as Ashoka, khaye plant, Asian tha pyay, kun.

Members and staff from Myitkyina usually come the field to check the plants' health. As the planting budget was not enough, Vice president U Khin Aung donated 70,000 MMK in planting. And they made fence for the pants.

At 11:00 AM planting was finished and U Aung Soe Min the president of RfP-Myanmar (Myitkyina) explained about the goal of the planting and thanks words speech by U Tin Ko Ko, the representative of Islamic worship compound.

And then, from the invitation from Mawlawi U Kyi Win, the representative of Chin Kyain Mosque, the participants who participated in the planting came to Islam hall and studied and questioning about the culture of Islam.

The participants who were coming to learn about Islam introduced to each other: Daw Jafar from Christian, Daw Sar Bi Three from Gawrakhar Hindu, Daw Jar Kham from WoF and Mg Naw Mai youth member were participated in the discussion about Islam worshipping and Mawlawi Oo Kyi Win explained and all people became more clear understandings on Islam and gave respect to each other.

And then, they shared the letter of Pope to all religious members as below;

Plant Trees - Save the Mother Earth

In a great letter of Exhortation, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis urged the world leaders and people to pay homage to mother earth by protecting nature and forests. I am extremely glad that the government of Myanmar and the people are launching a mass tree planting exercise all over our Motherland Myanmar. Pope Francis will be pleased.

Till recently Myanmar was clothed in diverse colors of trees, creepers, bushes. Mother Earth gave to her sons and daughters abundant resources: food, water and herbs. Myanmar boasted of the best flora and fauna in the world.

Greed entered. Huge forests were stripped naked. We lost 30 percent of the forest in the last decade. This has resulted in making Myanmar third most vulnerable country to natural disasters: we have seen Nargis, we have seen floods, we have seen landslides. When we play with nature, nature's anger knows no bounds.

Christianity says God appointed man and woman to be stewards of God's creation. But unscrupulous people have wounded Mother Earth. Pope calls for halting the CRY OF THE POOR AND CRY OF THE EARTH. Millions of our people depend on protection of nature. Those who destroy forests steal from the poor and future generation.

The environmental protection should start with planting millions of trees. Trees are sacred to our culture. Our people worship trees. Trees are life giving. They take in the toxic carbon dioxide and gives out oxygen that keeps us alive. Forests are the lungs of mother Earth. Deforestation is euthanasia of our Mother Earth. Can we commit matricide?

I warmly welcome this national tree planting campaign. Those who destroyed forests passed an incremental death sentence to future generation. But let us not weep over the past. ***Each one, catch one Sapling. Plant a tree.*** It is time to produce more oxygen. Womb to tomb our life depends on good oxygen. Only trees know that art of producing the life-giving oxygen.

I urge every citizen of Myanmar to plant and care for at least 10 trees. That will be really filling Mother Myanmar with luxurious foliage of green trees. Those forests will give pure water, great vegetables, and lifesaving herbs. Most of all they will be the lungs of the world. Greater oxygen, greater health, more prosperity and ultimately lasting peace.

PREVENT POLLUTION, PRODUCE MORE OXYGEN, PLANT MORE TREES!





Photos from Planting trees activity, Myitkyina

Pyay

Women of Faith Network, Yangon and Women of Faith Network, Pyay held together Tree Planting and Meeting in Shin Paulu Church, Kya Inn Village, Padaung Township, Pyay District on 15th July 2019. Male 20 and Female 30 were participated in the activity. The leaders of different religious groups, the members of WoFN, IYN, *RfP*-M's local Staff, village Head and some villagers participated in it.

The meeting was led by *RfP*-M's local Staff, Sayar Tun Naung Oo as a MC. First of all, *RfP* - Pyay's Islam Patron, U Khin Mg Thein gave welcoming speech. After that *RfP* - Pyay's secretary, U Khin Mg Win gave the speech and Daw Yin Yin Maw, WoFN Yangon and Fathers of Shin Paulu Church gave the speeches. And then, the participants planted the trees (100) around the village.

This meeting and tree planting were good for working together with both WoFN YGN and Pyay. This was a good chance and experience for the members of WoFN Pyay to get and share some information with WoFN Yangon. The participants participated actively in tree planting. They also enjoyed visiting new area and meeting new people.





Photos from Planting trees with National Level WoFN, and IC, WoFN and IYN from Pyay.

Pyay

Interfaith cleaning campaign was conducted on 29th June 2019 at Lae Pin Forest Monastery, Vedari Garden, Taik Phyu Mosque, St. Paul Church, Sudagar Hindu Temple, Shwe Bon Thar Pagoda.

Rev. Fr. Stephen Chit Thein explained with some pictures a brief background history of St. Paul Church and belief of the Christian when visiting of interfaith participants to the Church.

After that, the participants visited Lae Pin Forest Monastery for Tree Plantation which is five miles far from Pyay. Participants were served by local tea, juice, and snacks at the monastery and did tree planting around the hillside of the pagoda. The Buddhist monk of the monastery introduced about the monastery to other religious leaders and followers.

After tree planting at the hillside of the monastery, all participants returned back to Pyay and visited Taik Phyu Mosque. Mr. Khin Mg Thein and Mr. Khin Mg Win explained the parts of the building and different beliefs of Muslim communities.

And then, the participants went to Vedari Garden next to Ayeywaddy Riverbank to do Tree Planting and cleaning.

After that, all participants visited Sudagar Hindu Temple as well to learn about Hindu religious traditions and beliefs.

After lunch, the participants visited Shwe Bon Thar Pagoda to learn Buddhist religious practices and cleaning.

The grateful interfaith activities were done under the heavy rain of the day. However, the participants were happy doing interfaith tree planting, cleaning and visiting religious sites. Participants planted 150 plants in this day. They are very keen and have learned about four religions' belief and practices by asking questions and seeing the symbols of each religion. They took many group photos in each place. They all actively participated and cooperated in the activities and worked together happily. Even they were tired; they were satisfied working with the interfaith group.

Table 5: The list of participants of cleaning campaign and tree planting.

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist	4		4
	Christian	1		1
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	2		2
WoFN	Buddhist		3	3
	Hindu		2	2
	Christian		3	3
	Islam		3	3
IYN	Christian	3	3	6

	Buddhist	4	3	7
	Islam		4	4
	Hindu	1	4	5
R/P -M Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total		17	26	43

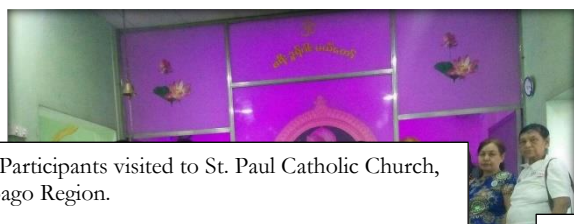


Fig 16: Participants visited to St. Paul Catholic Church, Pyay, Bago Region.



Fig 18: Interfaith Community visit to Hindu Temple, Pyay, Bago Region.



Fig 17: Tree Planting at the hill side of Lae Pin Forest Monastery, Pyay, Bago Region.

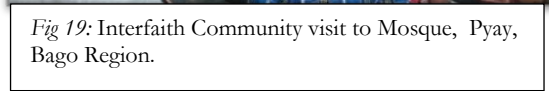


Fig 19: Interfaith Community visit to Mosque, Pyay, Bago Region.

Cleaning Campaign was conducted on 26th May 2019 at Shwezedi Monastery, Sittwe. The members of IC, IYN, and WoFN attended the cleaning campaign.

35 participants have joined the cleaning session around the Shwezedi Monastery. There was the meeting requested by Ven. Shwezedi Sayardaw to all participants after the cleaning activity. Agenda was focusing on to provide support to needy IDPs from other sources in Sittwe. The Vice-president of IC-Committee member discussed water donation duration water shortage in different villages. And then the Secretary of IC U Aung Shin explained to make the pamphlet and share through *Religions for Peace-Myanmar*. Then they also scheduled for next cleaning campaign on 29th June 2019 at the Sittwe Home-Age building by the interfaith people.



Fig 20 နှင့် 21: Cleaning campaign in Sittwe.

Table 6: The list of participants on the cleaning campaign in Sittwe.

Religion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	15	5	20
Christian	6	3	9
Hindu	1	5	6
Total			35

Myitkyina

Cleaning campaign and visit Religious sides activities were conducted on 24th June 2019 at Hsu Taung Pyae and Yat Taw Mu monasteries compound and Pagodas.

70 participants have joined the activities. Buddhist religious leaders from both the monasteries explained the traditional and Buddhist religious teaching and the practice of Buddhist religious leaders and followers. Recognition and appreciation are going to the participants and *Religions for Peace-Myanmar* conducting such kind of wonderful activities. Through this event, we have learned by sharing a different perspective of diverse communities.

While writing this Quarter 2 report big flooding is happening in Myitkyina and some areas in the country. Myitkyina team is fully active in helping the victim of the flood.

Activity 3.2; Facilitate vocational training - sewing, cycle repairing

This activity could not be started in this quarter even we've already planned to select who will be beneficiaries from the 4 religions. Because fund transferring process is very late. Then, we stopped this process not to start if the fund is not arrived

Activity 3.3; Provide financial literacy awareness and income generating support to WoFN Pyay

Religions for Peace-M held financial literacy awareness and income generating support to WoFN in ABM Church, Sinsu Quarter, Pyay on 9th November 2019. Some leaders of different religious groups, members of WoFN, IYN and *RfP-M*'s local staffs participated the event.

At the beginning of the meeting, *RfP-M*'s local staff, Area Coordinator, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung presented the meeting agenda and explained the objective of the financial literacy awareness and income generating support to WoFN. And she continued leading the introduction session with the participants.

After that, Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung trained about Financial Management and Liquidity with group work. She included case study and practical workshop. After tea break, she trained about Saving and Safety with dialogue activity concerning different types of saving and safety. After lunch, Sayar Tun Naung Oo started with the game and Sayarma Ywet Wai Aung taught about Loans and Repayments with group work. She made 3 groups of participant and discussed 3 topics such as selection of loan organizations, interest, insurance and repayment management, etc within each group and presented by the group after discussion.

After tea break, Sayar Tun Naung Oo explained about writing proposal with the format and divided 3 groups of participant to write 3 different proposals. The participants tried to create their own projects such as Job Opportunity for Women and Funding for *RfP* - Pyay, Human Trafficking and Supporting for Orphans. Among the drafts of proposal idea, "Job Opportunity for Women and Funding for *RfP* - Pyay" is suitable project for income generating support to WoFN. (*See the enclosed file*)

The training was participated mostly by the members of WoFN and IYN. The participants are interesting the topics of financial literacy awareness and participated actively. Moreover, they had a good experience in group work, teamwork and discussion with case studies as well as dialogue and writing proposal.

Participants : *See the Table*

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Core Members/IC	Buddhist		1	1
	Christian	1		1
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam			
WoFN	Buddhist			
	Hindu		2	2
	Christian		2	2
	Islam		4	4
IYN	Christian	3	6	9

	Buddhist	1	4	5
	Islam		2	2
	Hindu	1	2	3
RFP Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total				32



Photos from Financial Literacy and income generating support through women workshop in Pyay, Nov 2019.

Sittwe;

Religions for Peace-Myanmar (Sittwe) was conducted Interfaith women group financial literacy awareness workshop at Shwezadi Monastery on 18 December 2019. They started introduction each other and Ko Tun Nong Oo presented about general knowledge and financial literacy, planning and drawing financial management such as,

- Investment Decision
- Financial Decision
- Divided Decision

PESTLE-Analysis

- Saving money and getting loans
- Financial management and how to generate income
- Saving and security

The object of financial Allocation

- Procurement
- Task allocation
- Directing and controlling

Management and work programme steps and four steps of planning

- Goal setting
- Reality
- Strategy
- Tactics

PESTLE, explained by Ko Tun Nong Oo

- P – Political
- E – Economic
- S – Social

- T – Technical
- L – Legitimacy
- E – Environmental

SWOT – Analysis

S – Strength

W – Weakness

O – Opportunity

T – Threat

SMART – Analysis

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Relevant / Realistic
- Time – Bound

How to write proposal

1. Background – Subject

Former situation, problem, bad

Present situation, problem, bad

2. The project names

The subject will be carried out

The aim

The vision

The coverage area

The beneficiary

The index

3.Data-

Location, Leader, Schedule, Collaboration group (leading group) methods, The number of times

4.Calculation Budget-

The estimate budget calculation has to be shown on the budget sheet.

Proposal writing;

There were explained about problem trees as an example to consider how will develop the project proposal. Roots causes are the main problem and the stem and branches are the consequences of problem tree.

Group – 1

The submission of proposal to donate nutrition to aged people in Sittwe. The background, aged people's home is not enough provision for instance such as foods accommodation and healthy diet.

They will capitalize six hundred thousand by selling homemade soap and wash product for the customers' needs in Sittwe. We can profit one hundred thousand from six hundred thousand, two(by)four will be saved back and the left money will be donated to aged people for their needs twice a month.

Group 2, proposal is to donate nutritious food for orphan children at orphanages by selling cloths as online shopping. They calculated the profits and the input money and how they can donate to the children monthly including social gathering session with the children.

Group 3 proposal is to support school children who are victims of the fighting between military and Arakan Army. They will sell Rakhine traditional snacks with Interfaith women at the ceremony and celebration of the religious communities. And they'll support stationaries for the poor students with discriminating whoever faiths any religion.

Then they committed to involve in every activity and it doesn't matter which proposal will be success for grand and generating income.

Participants See the table

Religion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	5	14	19
Christian	2	8	10
Hindu	-	5	5
Total	7	27	34



Photos from Financial Literacy Awareness workshop in Sittwe, Dec 2019.

Lashio;

RfP.M Lashio was conducted Financial Literacy Awareness workshop on 21st Dec 2019 at Methodist Church, in Lashio. The workshop topics were Financial management, how to generate income and how to develop proposal. The objective of the activity is; Women of Faith Network members to promote awareness on financial literacy, income generating, financial management and to aware of

how to write proposal and getting fund raising, to know how to implement the business and to get more cohesive society by working together with interfaith team.

The result of the activity is Interfaith women shared each other their knowledge on financial management and generating income. Then they got knowledge of methodology of commercial management and teambuilding and teamwork. Then, they developed three proposal by three groups.

Saving and loan session; They discussed how to get loan by team and how to save money; the resources of getting funding are government's banks, private banks, small saving and loan association and national and international NGOs funders. In some funders, they can get money by submitting their proves of team and insurance. For saving money, they can save their money to get text at the banks and the other saving and loan association which are secure for the long term income money.

Financial Management and generating money;

They discussed to calculate estimate income money for monthly, daily use money and monthly report for their generating money. Then, they discussed they have to be aware of wants and needs and emergency using money should be separated. If the estimated needed money is more than income, they have to keep more money for saving. They have to do report for interest of investment monthly. They shouldn't borrow loan more money than needs.

Saving and Security;

Each member should be practice in saving money methodologically. The head of the household will have to be practice of saving and using systematically. If some households have saved money, they should be life insurance with the insurance company. And they should do more branch investment.

Then, they developed 3 proposals for fund raising.

Group 1

Background, In Lahsio, there is not many parentless children before 2010. In 2019 there is many parentless children and they are unhealthy because there is not enough food and diet living. And some are being street children and human resource is concerning in the future.

What they can work; Women can sale traditional snacks at the religious celebration by WoFN members. The objective of the activity; to support parentless food and healthy life. The goal of the project is parentless children to get healthy life and education assess without concerning for their food and supporting materials in 3 quarters in Lashio. Beneficiaries are parentless children under 10 years old will get food and supporting materials for their education.

Group 2

The background is the children far away from the township are not able to go the school. The activity is to open pre-school at their village. The objective of the activity are children to be educated and support education access. The goal of the activity is children to be good future.

Group 3

The background of the project is women are less income and lose opportunity for job in Lashio. The activity is shoes production by interfaith women and sale snacks in the religious celebration and ceremony. The objective of the activity is women to promote their income and the goal of the project interfaith women group to lead their family by getting job and to get more unity between different religious communities.

The Participants list by table-

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	1	9	10
	Christian	-	9	9
	Islam	-	9	9
	Hindu	-	1	1
RfP Staff	Christian	1		1
	Islam		1	1

	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total		3	30	33



Photos from financial literacy awareness workshop in Lashio, Dec 2019

Pyay

For this quarter, RfP-Pyay WoFN members conducted themselves Korea food training to all women members and practiced their cooking skill and sell their food to make money. The training was quite effective for all women, that they can do themselves by their own as a small skill business. After they cook the food, they introduced the food to the partners' organizations, online and offline. Then they saved money as their funding for their social gathering.





Photos by Korea food production from the result of financial literacy awareness workshop

Myitkyina;

RfP.M Myitkyina was conducted Financial Literacy Awareness workshop on 31st Jan 2020 at Aung Nan Church, in Myitkyina. The workshop topics were Financial management, how to generate income and how to develop proposal. The objective of the activity is; Women of Faith Network members to promote awareness on financial literacy, income generating, financial management and to aware of how to write proposal and getting fund raising, to know how to implement the business and to get more cohesive society by working together with interfaith team.

The result of the activity is Interfaith women shared each other their knowledge on financial management and generating income. Then they got knowledge of methodology of commercial management and teambuilding and teamwork. Then, they developed three proposal by three groups.

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They discussed how to get loan by team and how to save money; the resources of getting funding are government's banks, private banks, small saving and loan association and national and international NGOs funders. In some funders, they can get money by submitting their proves of team and insurance. For saving money, they can save their money to get text at the banks and the other saving and loan association which are secure for the long term income money.

Financial Management and generating money;

In group 2, members were discussed to calculate estimate income money for monthly, daily use money and monthly report for their generating money. Then, they discussed they have to be aware of wants and needs and emergency using money should be separated. If the estimated needed money is more than income, they have to keep more money for saving. They have to do report for interest of investment monthly. They shouldn't borrow loan more money than needs.

Saving and Security;

Group 3 discussed that each member should be practice in saving money methodologically. The head of the household will have to be practice of saving and using systematically. If some households have saved money, they should do life insurance with the insurance company. And they should do more branch investment. However, some women members discussed that they are difficult to find secure bank because some people were losing their money of saving in the bank in the resent years.

Then, they developed 3 proposals for fund raising.

Group1 discussed the background of the Myitkyina, there is very weakness of parents to look after their children. The young people are making wrong friendship such as friendship with drug used people at the teenager. They don't try hard in school and can't do very well in education. Wrong mindset and depression are influences in their school life. They can get drug easily around their environment.

The effects of the problem are; burglar, steal case, drop out of the school, die in earlier age. The parents are feeling depressed and anxiety for their children.

The project; Awareness raising to reduce drug used people, consultancy to cut drug using, to assist to the health supporting department for drug used people and to donate to the needed materials such as food and medicines. And then, they discussed to donate 100000 MMK per 3 months later.

Group 2 discussed about township development supporting project.

The background of the project that there is so many insects and mosquitos and the children are getting sick. Air pollution is very high in Myitkyina when the people burn the rush.

The plan for supporting for township development that they will develop small skill business for food and snacks, selling to make money. They will donate the ½ of money to interfaith work, school, IDPs, aged people home, hospital, Church, Mosque, Hindu temple and Buddhist monastery as need per month. They will sell their food and snack as per week by working together with interfaith youth and women. Then they'll collect cleaning materials and they will do cleaning campaign and visit religious side. The food and snacks will be made at the member's home in rotating of each religious member.

Group 3 discussed about supporting to aged people in Myitkhina. The background of the project is; aged people are mostly feeling depress, loneliness and need loving kindness.

The plan to support aged people are; to help them health care, social caretaking, food and snacks and to heal their loneliness mind to be happy.

What they will work to support them that developing small skill business to raise fund and making money. The business is to sell Kachin traditional food at the religious festivals and schools. All members should be involved in those activities and need to be agreed with Interfaith committee. After that, they will use 1/3 money to support aged people and the remained money will be invested for developing business for Interfaith works.

Religious	Male	Female	Total
Buddish	3	7	10
Christian	2	15	17
Islam	-	3	3
Hindu	4	3	7
sikh	-	2	2
Total	9	30	39



Photos from financial literacy awareness workshop in Myitkyina.

Activity 4: Advance Multi-religious and Multi-stakeholder Meetings and Forums

Activity 4.1; Organize coordination & networking meetings with interreligious communities CSOs, INGO/NGO

Sittwe;

Religions for Peace – Myanmar, Sittwe convened the activity, Organize coordination and Networking Meetings at the Shwezadi Monastery on 17 December 2019.

There was 39 participants attended from ABCD foundation, Ratana Metta, Good New Organization, Oxfam, CSOs and RfP Member. All participants introduced each other, and project coordinator explained RfP.M program to all participants. Then, the participants from the other organizations presented about their project, success, challenges and difficulties as well as the participants asked the questions who they can collaborate in the future.

Objective of the Meeting:

What can we do by cooperating with the local organizations? How can we cooperate?

They discussed the issues of Education, Youth, Women Empowerment and Leadership Roles, Rakhine Affair, Rights of Indigenous Groups Freedom of Religions and Beliefs

Yatanametta Organization is working on Child Protection based on Sittwe, Supporting to the children who suffered from Arm Conflict.

ABCD youth organization is working Rural Development Activities that is collaboration with UNESCO, provided emergency aid, welcoming to participate different religions.

Oxfam International organization is working for Rakhine CSOs Strengthening, tried to do strong communication between local people and INGO, need to do strengthen CSOs, institutional capacity and collaboration. The organization also sees the non-relevance of project design between INGOs and locals. It works with 17 CSOs and facilitates without coaching. It helps CSO to have structure and to get grant opportunities. It tried to do flexible project activities without preplanning or fixed plans.

Religions for Peace – started 15 of March, there has not fixed structure yet, it helped some volunteers working Shwe Zati and churches, aged people house and schools, some members provided the funds, there is no office but there is more strong participation in activities, especially in religious celebrations, gave English Training to the children, worked with 3 religions excluding Islam.

RC (IYF) organization gives mind lecture (lesson learn from life), music training, helped recreation for young men who addicted in drugs and have difficulty to extend MOU and permit.

Baptist Christian is supporting vocational training for young people such as sewing, computer and

electronic trainings in churches, helped in flood, prayed in refugee camps, cleaning campaign in hospital.

Religion for Peace – Sittwe – still have difficulties to engage with local authorities, it is worried to held community forum, worked with other religions without Islam and had difficulty to go to IDPs. It suggested some Hindus need to get higher education and to work for not only Sittwe but also other places in Rakhine. It discussed that there are 85000 people who flee from their houses because of arm conflict. That effects to other cities in Rakhine such as security, economics, social issues and human rights, etc. Rakhine people also have difficulties in transportation, limiting areas to go out (or to cross), education, drugs, job opportunity and human trafficking issues. There are some difficulties in health issue in Myauk Oo, Min Pya, Palattwa, Buthitaung and Maung Taw. Even though people want to do *Prahita* (helping others), they cannot do it because of high risk in security.

Suggestion:

- The government is vital. And also, other national and international organizations are important. People really need harmonized society in villages each other, organizations each other, ethnicities each other, religions each other, etc. If each religious leader teaches the people well, people will have peaceful and harmonized environment. People also should have more dialogues. Due to many political parties, it needs more negotiation among them for cooperation. People need to control hate mind and speeches. The organizations and people in Rakhine need to prioritize networking and mobilization to accept diversity and differences and to help each other.

Ko Phyto Wai Oo(Good New Foundation) presented his work about youth Mind-Self change for those who are addicted to drugs in Sittwe. He lectured the topic regarding to drugs and youth mindset to the university students at GTI and GTC. Then he said the situation of regional information that there is very challenges and difficulty in economic and transportation sectors is very high trouble because of fighting between military and AA army.

Sayardaw U Ottama, Buddhist religious leader, suggested all of organizations to try Islam community to be able to participate in peace and reconciliation process in Rakhine. Because Hindu, Buddhist and Christian communities can involve and work together in every event. But Islam is excluded, if so peacebuilding process will be faraway and not fair for Islam community. We need to find the solution between the Rakhine and Muslim people. The religious leaders from all religions will try to invite Islam religious leader to be able to engage with the other religious people. All religious leaders will have responsibility to reconcile any conflict within the communities as they are influencers in their religious communities.

It's for our solution in Rakhine State that we want the equal right and responsibility as the religious leaders need to be cooperated between us.

Participants

See the table

Religion	Male	Female	Total
Buddhist	16	4	20
Christian	9	5	14
Hindu	2	3	5
Total	27	12	39



Photos from coordination and networking meeting in Sittwe, Dec 2019.

Lashio;

RfP.M Lashio was conducted coordination and networking meeting CSOs, NGOs, INGOs and some local government organizations with 30 participants at Methodist Church, Lashio on 20th Dec 2019. The IC chairwoman, Dr Nang Kein Phong explained RfP.M Lashio structure and what they are working on peace and social cohesion process including empowering women and youth.

She explained the goal of RfP.M Lashio is to respect and understand each other between different faiths and to support peace and reconciliation thorough multi religious multi stakeholders' participations. Then she explained that they are working for peacebuilding and human security from local level to national level across the country. All religions are the best bridge of unity of the different and pluralism. Each religious teaching is encouraging to be ethic and supporting to be better society.

She urged all participants to collaborate to prevent any conflict within the communities as they can.

Then the representatives the other organizations discussed that they are working on GVB awareness raising, trauma healing for violence affected women, income generating for women in Lashio. Legal Clinic Myanmar organization explained that they are working on supporting and understanding through legal awareness and they have 24hr supporting group to legal advice to the community.

LGBT network's representative explained to coordinate with the other organization that they are working on Women Leadership Camp, Tom Boy Research, Documentation on non-discrimination and LGBT role play and networking with the other LGBT people.

Justice Society local organization is working on Peace and Diversity, Peace, Justice and Development, Migration, Vocational, Civic Education, Youth Supporting& Legal Assistant Centre. They mentioned they also wish to collaborate with the other organizations in Lashio.

KMSS is working on Durable Peace Program that project will be working on Interfaith dialogue in 2020, the plan for Trust to build workshop and forum will be held and will be invited interfaith people in Lashio.

Freeland organization is working on Peace, Environment, Inner Peace to Nation Wide, EDE (Eco-village Design Education), Research for Environment.

District Women Association is working on supporting women through women health, Free treating TB diseased people, Awareness raising to violence against children.

Women and Children association supports to children and women who are diseases HIV/AIDS people.

Search for Common Ground is working on research that women, youth, ethnic armed groups and government department participation through peace and reconciliation. It is also publishing with 10

languages including English and sharing to all ethnic group. They'll also document with short movies and broadcast with many TV channels.

Then RfP.M Lashio team was networked coordinated with 12 CSOs, NGOs, INGOs and local government organizations.

Participants list; see the table,

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	5	12	17
	Christian	1	5	6
	Islam	1	1	2
	Hindu	1		1
RfP Staff	Christian	1		1
	Islam		1	1
	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total		10	20	30



Photos from coordination and networking meeting in Lashio, Dec 2019

Pyay

RfP-M Pyay was conducted coordination and networking meeting at Family Restaurant, Sae Yone Thit Street, Pyi Thar Yar Quarter, Pyay on 19th Oct 2019. The objective of the activity is to find out the way to coordinate and collaborate with the other organizations while they are working on the same issues such as peace, empowering women and youth and social cohesion in Pyay.

Before they started the meeting, they introduced each other. Then area coordinator of RfP.M explained about currently, civil society organizations are making network each other. They need to know which organizations are working what kinds of activities/projects within the certain area. We are doing coordination and networking meeting to make friends, to build partnerships, to create networks and to get links local CSOs/organizations and NGOs for helping stimulate new connections and opportunities.

RfP.M the EC member, U Khin Mg Thein, Islam religious leaders explained about the background of RfP.M Pyay and what they have been done for the peacebuilding and social cohesion within the community.

The other organization also explained what they have been done, challenges, difficulties and success of their work and pointed out how they can collaborate with RfP.team.

Some organization founded out they can collaborate for the training and workshop with Interfaith youth members of RfP and they can also participate in the activities with RfP.M Pyay.

The representative of Department of religious affairs, said that they manage the exam of Buddhist Pitaka Literature and they give the training for Head of the Buddhist Monasteries that how to solve the problems of different religious issues and crisis, etc. They can also collaborate with RfP.M Pyay members whatever they have to work for religious institutions.

They also shared about the needs of the people in Pyay area such as knowledge, education, understanding in good/changed system, etc.

There was attended 9 CSOs, NGOs and 3 government organizations.

Participants : *See the Table*

Organization Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
RfP-M (Pyay)	Buddhist	1		1
	Christian	3	1	4
	Hindu	1		1
	Islam	2		2
1. Yaung Gyi Oo 2. Manussa Metta Shinku 3. Asho Chin Literature and Culture 4. Karen Literature and Culture 5. Pyay Youth Centre 6. 88 Generation Peace Organization 7. Mu Yar Pin Christian Team 8. Sanantana Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Team 9. Asho Chinn Theological Seminary	Buddhist	4		4
	Christian	4	4	8
Senate Representative, Pyay	Buddhist	1		1
Officer, Department of Religious Affairs	Buddhist	1		1
Reporter, DVB	Islam	1		1
RfP Staff (Pyay)	Buddhist	1	1	2
RfP Staff (Yangon)	Christian	2		2
Total				27



Photos from coordination and networking meeting in Pyay, Oct 2019.

Myitkyina;

RfP.M Myitkyina was conducted organize coordination and networking meeting with CSOs, NGOs and local authority at Myitkyina office, on 25th Oct 2019. The objective of the meeting is the way to find out for the future collaboration while many organizations are working on the similar issues.

RfP.M explained what have been done, success, challenges and difficulties in Myitkyina. The representative of Department of Religious Affairs explained their work which are supporting to all religious institutions in Myitkyina.

The department of social welfare explained that they are working for every person from womb to tomb, and supporting from 2 months pregnant, retired salary supporting to over 85 years old, replacing IDPs, socials matters, nursery teacher training, domestic business training.

Oxfam Myanmar International organization is heading to sustainable peace and collaboration, organize with 29 partners and replacing IDPs people, rehabilitation, gender base and women empowerment and did Youth Interfaith Dialogue at Moe Nyinn township.

1. The challenges and difficulties in Myitkyina as a government organization, the frame (authority) is very limited and they have to do according to the decision of the ministry with step by step.
2. Cooperation and networking is needed in sustainable peace and social works. In Moe Mauk region, meeting is very difficult as they cannot contact directly to key person and they have to follow step by step submission.

Participants; see the table,

	Male	Female	Total
Buddish	2	6	8
Christian	3	2	5
Islam	6	-	6
Hindu	1	-	1
Sikh	1	-	1
Total	13	8	21

Activity 4.2; Facilitate multi-religious and multi-stakeholder community forum in target areas

Lashio

RfP.M Lashio was conducted facilitate multi-religious and multi-stakeholder community forum at Lashio Motel ball room, on 25th Feb 2020 in Lashio.

Speeches and Discussions

Venerable Dr. Bhananta Punnya Nanda gave a speech regarding peace and social harmony “May all participants good in body and mind. I am glad to see the people with different faiths, ethnics and culture in this forum. We all have been living together with harmoniously since our ancestors. We all are families. However, hate speeches and fake news are created in some places. We have to be careful this kind of news and information which make to destroy our unity and peace, and development processes. Mindfulness and Wisdom are significant ability of human. Wisdom means not only education but also intelligence with mindfulness to aware good and bad things. Thus, we should have good friends (Kalyana Mitta) with different people for peace and development of us. Today, community forum focuses on it and this is importance for all religions as well. I thanks to IC members, participants and volunteers who help for this forum.”

U Lwin Naing, officer, Department of Religion (Shan State) also gave a speech that Thanks to RfP-Myanmar(Lashio) for organizing the forum. I believe that this organization is a bridge of peace for both Myanmar and the world. The mission of RfP is to protect the world, to develop the human resources and to create the society with social cohesion, equality and harmony. Those things are teachings of the religions as well and which are good for people and peace for the world. Because of those teachings, people should have good hearted and peacefulness. Religious leaders are very responsible for leading the people to practice the teachings. It means they are center to lead for peace of the world. Understanding and respect among the differences could create peace for society. I hope the participants in the forum will help to be strong trust each other and cooperate the processes in peace.”

Dr. U Zaw Myint, RfP-M spoke welcome to the local stakeholders that I wish you all are good (health) in body and mind. I really thanks to all for participation in the forum. Nyein Chan Metta is a beautiful name for all religions. It means that Peace can be got by love (Metta). RfP International is located in New York. In Myanmar, RfP- Myanmar works with RfP- Lashio, RfP- Sittwe, RfP- Pyay, RfP- Myitkyina, Pathain, Myeittila and Kyauk Phyu.

The purpose of RfP- Myanmar is peace and reconciliation. We have been armed conflicts since we gained the independence. We struggled in the effects of war such as human resources, education, health and social issues and economic problem. Every Religious leader/person has responsibility to save those situations with love. Peace is essential for development. Thus, RfP-Myanmar appeared and it is a good luck for our country.

Since 2018, religious leaders discussed to solve the Rakhine Crisis. RfP-M held the forum in 3 times, Nov 2018, May 2019 and Nov 2019. Differences and conflicts were discussed and Army, Ethnic Armed Forces, Political parties, UN organizations, NGOs, ambassadors, House of representatives, religious leaders participated. In the first and second forums, we discussed about women, youths, education, minorities’ rights and Rakhine crisis. In the third forum, freedom of religions was added. Because of the forums, we took some actions for women and youths. RfP-M work for social cohesion, harmony and peace with the strengths of women, youths and religious leaders. In conclusion, even though we are differences, we have to discuss, negotiate and cooperate to do common actions. In case, we could do for reconciliation and peace. I hope we will receive Federal Democracy that we all hope.”

- Speech by Dr. Nan Kain Phaung Tit, Chair Man of RfP-Lashio

“In May 2019, RfP-Lashio was recognized at Kachin Baptist Hall. Within 9 months, we worked some activities together and we held the forum now. If we understand and practice the teachings of each religions and religious leaders, peace is not far from us. For Covid 19 crisis, it is easy to spread from one by another and we can solve this problem all together with our unity. We also need to protect the cases that some people create conflicts. We (Government, CSOs, NGOs and religious organizations) should cooperate to win the peace in our roles.”

Giving peace speech by U Saw Shine Nar (Christian)

Thanks for giving the name, Nyein Chan Metta for RfP-Myanmar. We need love (Metta) to be peace. “No Love No Peace”. The Bible said God is Love. The person with love is perfect one. If we have love, love is influent in everything without having hate, enemy, arguments, revenge, quarreling and fighting. If every religion is influent with love, our world always peace that God’s will. To be love, we need to build understanding each other. If we are extremes in our religions, we never get peace. Differences are not problem. If we have understanding and mutual respect, we will have fairness and equality. The problem is that we do not understand other religions, races, customs and cultures. Thus, it is difficult to step toward peace. However, difficulty is not to avoid and it have to face and overcome. Human rights, national rights and the highest one, religious rights should be aware. If we have love, we can communicate and build good relationship with any religious persons and ethnics. We hope our generation will continue to getting peace if we could not get peace. Some people might not like our works and may disturb and interfere our works. But do not disappoint. If we try hard with love, we will do get peace one day.”

Giving peace speech by U La Chu Man (Hindu)

“Namaste (Mingalrpar), Admire the place/country where we are living. We should think about our good deeds and bad deeds for 15 minutes or 20 minutes every day. And try to fix our mistakes. With this way, we can purify our mind and that also means peace. I believe we will get peace if we do good things while we are fixing our mistakes.”

Giving peace speech by U Molvy Ibrahim (Islam) that “ May all be peace. Thanks to everyone to get the chance giving speech in this forum. Islam religion, especially want peace because we always speak in greeting “Salam Mar Le Kun” means peace from God to you. I have never met religious conflict in my life. I myself make good communication with different religious people. Our Profert, Mohamad showed the respect by bowing his body whenever he meets dead bodies because humans are created by God that he said. Every religion guides the good things and forbids the bad things. Basic moralities are the same. We all are the guests in the world and we should live together with love.”

Group discussion for coorporation and peacebuilding, Northern Shan

The topics on roles of women, youths, economics, religions, social (education, health) were discussed.

- Women and Security

They discussed that lack of Education opportunity due to the conflicts, human trafficking, sexual violence, no freedom for travelling, domestic violence, child sexual violence.

- Women and Education

They discussed about women are weakness in knowledge of health, social and business. They face many difficulties in life because limited access of education opportunity.

- Women participation in political and social issues

Women should more participate in election process in politics and CSOs in social issues.

Future activities for supporting women are that sharing information, networking and making dialogue to safe for women during non-peaceful period. To organize the trainings and workshops to build capacity for women. Women are also responsible to teach their children not to talk hate speak within the family and environment. Women participation in developing rules of law, networking and cooperation among women associations, giving awareness rights of youth and child to the children and teenagers, creating dialogue spaces for parents who are weak in knowledge of child sexual violence, to sharing business opportunity for women.

The roles of youth in peacebuilding;

They discussed about respect in differences and cooperation of youths in campaign and Events Creating dialogue between youth and different religious leaders to learn different religious customs and cultures. Nondiscrimination in job environment and society regarding Gender, Religious, Ethnic, Disable, etc.. is important to campaigning to the business employers. To promote empowering youth groups by training capacity and development skills and reconciliation skill.

Role of Economics

1. People can donate some money to different religious places for working peace process
2. Local products should be high production
3. The impacts of arm conflicts cause lost education, reduce local products, insecure of business trading.
4. Business men can support the peace process in local areas
5. Government corporation is very important to promote business development in Lashio
6. To use more budget for Peace processes
3. Supporting small skill business is very needed in Lashio after the armed conflict period.

They discussed about the roles of religions in peacebuilding and reconciliation such as people should be dialoguing each other of religious teachings regarding peace, solving religious conflict together and prohibition the hate speech, learning other religious perspective and respect each other, acceptance differences and working together in peace and development initiative, leading by religious leaders to persuade the people for peace, building CSOs based on love and compression to serve for political, social, economic and religious issues and if everybody follows of the teachings of their religions, there is no conflicts due to religions and there is no extremes in religions.

Social Issues

They discuss about Education in Northern Shan state that if they have love and friendly each other, we will have good communication in community. There is very importance of good curriculum for children from Interreligious community in formal or non- formal education. The parents should

support to the children to read the books not only from school but also from outside. **The** Children should be learned ethnic and different religions in school.

Health

The people should be given WASH and Hygiene awareness for cleaning of oneself and environment. Many youth use drug and alcohol in Northern Shan that crimes cases are raised in Lashio. They young people should be given knowledge and awareness of preventing drug uses.

Then LGBT group sang peace songs and made campaign distributing pamphlet and bracelets regarding love and nondiscrimination.

The Participants list by table-

Group Name	Religion	Male	Female	Total
Community	Buddhist	24	30	54
	Christian	10	10	20
	Islam	3	7	10
	Hindu	8	2	10
RfP Staff	Christian	1	-	1
	Islam	-	1	1
	Buddhist	1	1	2
Total		47	51	98



Photos from Community Forum in Lashio, 25th Feb 2020.

Pyay

RfP-M Pyay was conducted multi religious multi stakeholders community forum at SriKhittara Mingalar hall, Pyay on 19th Feb 2020 with 120 participants from the government, CSOs, NGOs, INGOs and religious institutions.

House of Representative, U Kyaw Zay Ya gave welcoming speech. He talked about differences in the community such as different culture, ethnics, religions and beliefs. And he continued to talk about strength of unity. He also encouraged the participants to do common actions for the developments of country even though we are different.

“We should have understanding each other. Our country, Myanmar is still developing country and we need to try to be developed country. Without discriminating in races and religions, we should focus on Peace and Development of our country”.

U Kaung Htet Zaw, Officer of Department of Religions mentioned in his speeches that he was interested in RfP-M activities that he joined most of activities in the implementation since the project started. It's very focused the issues of Education, Roles of Youth and Women, Rights of Minorities and Laws. He also encouraged the participants to discuss actively in the forum. He learned a lot from the training and workshop in this project and thank you to the RfP-M team as he could give speeches at this forum.

U San Min Naing (RfP-Myanmar) presented about RfP-Myanmar.

“RfP-Myanmar was established in 2012. Religious leaders, youths and women from different religions participated in it and many of trainings, workshops and forums were organized. We did some activities/forum for the development of women. Youths and women had got the chance to participate in international Youth Camp and Forum.”

Each religious leader, Sayardaw U Viriya (Buddhist), U Ba Kyin Hla (Christian), U Khin Mg Thein (Islam) and U Hla Win (Hindu) gave speeches regarding the peace. All participants were had discussion that the action points are;

Current Situation for Education that teachers and student's ratio do not balance, school facilities and teaching materials are not sufficient, tuition cases burdened for students, parents and also teachers. Education curriculum in sciences and art is not relevant for students that the parents are not able to support tuition fees for their children. Parents and teachers are very weakness in cooperation each other. They do not prioritize of children idea. They do not care child rights.

Then, they discussed about their future expectation such as different testing in education system should be stopped. Educational guide line should be set for the cooperation of teachers and parents. Teacher should receive the training or workshop for capacity building. Teaching materials should be provided to be international standard in education, especially, in science subject. Cooperation of teachers and parents is important to change the tuition system. It is vital to prioritize to get the qualified education for children. Teachers' capacities are also important.

Group 2 discussed about the role of the women that the rights of women and men should be equal. Women should be encouraged to be leaders. The support of men and people from environment is necessary in leading role of women. Women must have confidence and try themselves. Part time job opportunity for women and graduated women should be created.

Nondiscrimination for women and to create the safety environment for women, home business for women is needed to support as social enterprise process.

GROUP 3 discussed the role of Youth in media; media should be more transparency and should not virus, media should give right news and youth community should prevent hate speeches and rumor that they should focus on the unity of different religions and ethnics, youth community should review and analyze the resources of the news and corporation each other. Young people in leading roles and create space for youth in leadership and right, job opportunity and non-discrimination,

GROUP 4 discussed about equal rights for minorities that was included helping each other even though people are differences in religions, belief, ethnics, etc. Respect human rights and equality, CSOs cooperation in Peace Processes, equality in rights and laws, importance of roles of religions in Peace, changes (starting change from oneself) and they discussed to reforming for 2008 constitution

GROUP 5 discussed about Law and Order (Current situation and difficulties in Pyay) that there is weakness in law and order in Pyay such as very weak management in police cases.

Authorities should take their roles of accountability and responsibility in crimes. Authorized persons of government departments should have confident and knowledges in laws and order, and Department of laws should share another department such as information or knowledge regarding laws in public. Civic right and law should include in school education curriculum.

Then, the participants gave the comments and feedback for the issues of first discussion, organized questions and answers, and added the roles of responsibilities regarding the government.

70% of participants responded and remarked interfaith forum is very 1st experience in Pyay and they changed their feeling that interfaith gathering can change the people mindset to accept and understand the religious faith and ethnics. 30% of participants were shown their knowledge is changed and they had got many experiences and spoke out their feeling and thought.



Photos from multi religious multi stakeholder community forum in Pyay, WoFN and IYN group roles play show and singing peace song at the forum and discussion.

Myitkyina;

RfP-M Myitkyina was held multi religious multi stakeholder community forum at St-Columb Church, Aung Nan quarter on 30th Jan 2020 with 140 participants including religious leaders.

On behalf of the state government, Minister U Zaw Win, (Ministry of Labour, Immigration and population) gave speech to all participants and pay respect to all religious leaders, government representatives and prayed for blessing to everyone. They objective of this forum are to improve human physical and mental development, to be peace, justice and harmonious society and improve women and youth participation in all sides of the country needs and especially, peace is the very important to all of Myanmar people while we are trying to build the real and justice federal democracy country.

The guideline of each religion, the religious teachings are aimed to be better place and better society of human being. All teachings can make the people to be peace and lead to be good people. To be creating and building of better and harmonious society, the roles of religious leaders are very important and the followers are as well. All human being is not the same and people in diversity are likely multicolor flowers' garden that is very beautiful. Understanding and mutual respect of people in different faiths, different thought is creating peaceful environment and community. It's the greatest efforts of interreligious community.

We've to taking care of internal displacement peoples in the conflicted affected areas. He said he believe all religious leaders teach to all of their followers to protect IDPs to heal their trauma from their experiences and working together with the government to support all vulnerable community. We hope all interreligious communities to be involve with the government for national peace and reconciliation process by supporting each other. In conclusion, at the current situation of the countrywide, peace is essential and needed to effort for all communities. Politics and religions are not able to divide because all religious leaders are the key roles in peacebuilding and reconciliation as we all need peaceful society even we are diverse and pluralism society.

Speech by Bamar Ethnic Minister (Ministry of Ethnic Affairs), prayed for all participants, pay respected to religious leaders, ministers and the members of RfP-Myanmar.

In his speech, as religious leaders, they lead all followers to obey religious teaching, culture and traditions with loving kindness, respect and understanding each other. All religions lead to peace, if peace in oneself can be building peace to all human being.

If all religious followers obey their religious teaching, the world could be peaceful environment as Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Islam teaching that he believes.

Wah Shaung Sayadaw, Buddhist Monk prayed all participants to be peace, healthy and happy life. According to the messages of ministers, I'm not working for politic, religions, nationalism but I'm working for all human being and peaceful society. But I found that it's not far a way from politic. In the literature talk of the actors, they're not allowed to create their talk about the history. As I've known, all shakers and makers of the world are religious leaders and the art's creators. Religious leaders should not be nationalism, if someone is nationalism, there is creating to be lost their identity. Now, it's time to be fair and justice for all religions in nationwide. It's not only mentioned Buddhist, but also all religious leaders from different religions. Religions is not the mask of the politic and nationalism and all religions are valued already and teach us to be peace. We should not promote our owned religious value because it's owned value already, we don't need to promote again and again that it's leading to break the other religious values. However, in all human being, 80% of human is understood it but 20% of human is not realized it indeed. Nowadays, people are thinking about 20% of people, so that, if 80% of people voice out their need as a peace and harmonious, they can influence 20% of bad deed people and organize to be peaceful society.

RfP-Myanmar president, U Myint Swe mentioned in his speech that Buddhist monk preached the core values of diversity and all religions. He pays respected to all of religious leaders and the representatives of govt, NGOs, CSOs, INGOs, and communities and prayed for being healthy, happy and peaceful life. He explained what RfP-M working, the future activities and the objectives and all religious leaders are leading on peace, development, education, health care, child protecton and climate change and social resilience since 2008, after Nagis cyclone.

We believed unity is carry out of the better results. That's why, we organized 4 religious community to work together in reducing hatred, suspects and hate speeches and we considered to work in undeveloped areas across the country.

We've to prevent not to be happened conflict due to diverse religions that we could find out our common ground and the core value and beauty in diversity by bringing together all religious leaders to the table. While we are working on a long process, we found out peace is essential in Myanmar that we collaborated with Government and all stakeholders and we hold multi religious multi stakeholder's advisory forum and community forum across the country.

Then, President U Myint Swe explained who were involved in advisory and what result we had got from the forum.

After that religious leaders from Christian, Hindu, Islam and Sikh preached their religious teaching regardless of peace and harmonious society.

They preached that peace is all about human being and religions was come at the 2nd place, all human being is the 1st place since the world started. We all didn't know what is our religion when we gave up from our mothers' womb that theh child is become as a human. We all were not Islam, Hindu, Christian and Buddhist at that time. However, the parents' religions are becoming the child's religion. Whatever religion as our belonged to, we all have to understand and love each other is universal truth as a human being in this world.

Then, all participants discussed to promote education such as to public school books with ethnic languages in national curriculum, to have informal school depends on religious institutions such as training on peace education, critical thinking skill, freedom of religion and belief, development in social, political, economic that young people could learn as their interested. For IDPs young people,

there is no chance to study if there is still fighting and conflict. So, they should be given vocational training and informal education which are able to learn in the IDPs camps.

For youth engagement and empowered the roles of women in peacebuilding sector, they discussed about There are very challenge women to involve in peacebuilding and reconciliation process even Kachin is very affected place due to fighting between military and KIA. Government and CSOs need to effort to bring women and to give space for women empowering sector such as women empowerment program in Kachin. The weakness of law, women are victims for human trafficking and rape cases. Educated women should be voiced out to support uneducated women however they are also not able to get the highly position with men.

Then, they discussed about freedom of religions and belief, that in Myanmar there is nothing free not only freedom of religions and belief but also freedom of expression in education, health care sector and politic as well. However, the young people from all religions are trying and voicing out now to be freedom of religions and belief and to be justice from injustice system of government.

Participants; see the table-

GO		NGO		Staff		Youth		WoFN		Communit y		Total	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5	2	3	-	2	4	14	12	-	15	46	38	70	71
7		3		6		26		15		84		141	





Photos from multi religious multi stakeholder's community forum.

Activity 5: Capacity Building for Religions for Peace Myanmar Staff

Activity 5.1 Conduct Capacity Building training (staff, IYN, Wofn) (2nd time)

This activity (2nd time) was conducted Do No Harm and Conflict Sensitivity with RAFT on 2nd to 4th Dec 2019 at Best Western Green Hill hotel, Phoe Sein Street, Yangon.

Challenges:

To arrange the tasks on availability of local communities and limitation of flight schedule to some project areas that make delay implementation of the project activities.

Organizing inclusive people in the process of project implementation, especially in Sittwe we could not invite Muslim community to be part of the project beneficiaries.

Limitation of the staffing in Yangon Office

Core and EC members has very tight schedule and decision process of some implementation steps made delay.

RfP.M was faced challenges very much for inviting the resources person from Women of Faith Network (National Level) who were attended all curriculum of the past training and who can train to the community. Because, some women of faith members wanted to go to the project area just for visiting and being friendship and about to give the speeches even though the project is aimed to multi-level training and multi-religious actions for Peace and Reconciliation. Some members of Women of Faith network are the most skillful to train the community level. The goal of visit to the project area with Interfaith members (National level) are not just for visiting that it is meant to be sharing the knowledge, experience about Interfaith peacebuilding and how to communicate and collaborate till the future including supporting to the community members in the local level. But some WoFN members are not satisfied when we bring the other members who are skillful to train to the community level.

There was very late fund transfer and we were not able to implement activities monthly on time. In Sittwe there is still challenges Islam community to involve with the other 3 religious' people in the

activity. Our community members are still hesitated to involve in Interfaith activity with Islam people even if Buddhist religious urged us to try to invite Islam community because of peer pressure. In Lashio Hindu community is very small a mount of population and they are also less participations in our activities. But for these challenges, our core member, Dr Hla Htun, Hind leader will join to encourage Hindu people to involve in future activities.

In the community level, we're still difficult to invite Islam IDPs to work together with the others 3 religious' communities because of government and restriction and peer pressure to our community members in Sittwe.

There were some challenges to implement all activities on time as we targeted monthly, because fund transferring is still late. We were not given clear instruction by decision makers to get salary or to stop implementation. Then, due to COVID-19 cases, we stopped some activities to prevent spreading the virus and not to gathering the people as a group as Government ordered.

RfP-M informed before COVID-19 pandemic to local community for vocational trainings for WoFN and IYN and local community trusted and much expected training. However fund transfer delayed affected the plan that need to conduct vocational trainings as we promised the communities and now COVID-19 pandemic is replacing. *RfP-M* does not have any salary allocation for the staff under Norwegian Gov. support project. During COVID-19, local community asked further opportunity for vocational trainings for Women and Youth. Consideration could not make on request of local community because of fund limitation.

Success:

The members from Pyay are very energetic and always ready to discuss respectively on difficult issues. Especially, the religious leaders from Islam and Buddhist both sides are very efforts to deal to solve the problems across their area.

For three months, Interfaith members of IC, WoFN and IYN from Pyay organized Yoga Practice Training themselves without help of local staffs. They arranged the venue time and plans for the training. And then, they shared the information on Facebook group. The Yoga Teacher, U Kan Gyi Mg, Hindu religious leader led the training and regularly 10-15 trainees from different religions participated. They sometimes did it in the early morning and sometimes in the evening in the public park.

For this quarter, we can say it was success as a new network in Lashio IC members were becoming active in leading roles for project implementation to organize the other community members. Because they were not really active in the previous quarters and they were having some doubts about NGOs can do just training or meeting two or three time only. But *RfP.M Myanmar* is not project base organization that it's multi religious multi stakeholders' actions for peace and reconciliation in Myanmar as we explained at the first time of the project. And we supported them to work and organize themselves to get idea for Interfaith activities in Lashio. Then they led themselves with the other community members for social work such as cleaning, planting trees and several meeting and joining religious celebration each other themselves.

In this quarter, we had a success story from Lashio that Interfaith Committee is more organized and understanding than before. Because at the started time of IC, WoFN and IYN network, Shan ethnic is Buddhist majority and Kachin ethnic are Christian majority in Northern Shan State. They discriminated each other even they didn't show it significantly each other. But they are improved relationship between them and reduced their suspects and discrimination by doing regular meeting and working together for peacebuilding and social cohesion.

Women of Faith Network members are increased in this quarter and promoted team building because they implemented their grant proposal that producing hand gel, shower creams and dish washing gel to make money in WoFN fund raising.

Myanmar Institute of Gender Study organization offered WoFN and Interfaith Youth network to join their peace and security in women and youth training. They collaborated with them to work together in the future for peace process in Northern Shan state. Some members joined the workshop for freedom to Speech and expression that was conducted by Pen Myanmar organization.

Then, one of IRC members attended the training on Capacity Building for Promoting Interreligious Dialogue that was conducted by KAICIID CIID Dialogue Centre and Hindu Youth society. Then, Northern Shan State Peace CSOs Committee collaborated RfP-Network to promote peace and development in Lashio according to the result of multi religious multi stakeholder community forum by RfP-Myanmar. Notably, Northern Shan State government and parliaments members are more communicated to RfP-M members to collaborate each other in the future although they were not interested to join with RfP-M at the first time of project.

WoFN members of *RfP-Myanmar* from Lashio shared handmade hand sanitizers with local community to protect from virus. *RfP-Myanmar* Yangon office organized for zoom meetings with WoFN, IYN, IC and Core Group members and shared update information on facing pandemic and more united in interfaith activities. All *RfP-Myanmar* members especially from local improve IT knowledge through conducting zoom meetings. In this 6 Q, conducted survey research with youth and women from Lashio, Sittwe and Myitkyina focusing on how interreligious leaders participating on prevention of COVID-19 and supporting social cohesion in the regions. This is collaboration project with PSF (Paung Sie Facility). Core Group Members of *RfP-Myanmar* released video message to the citizen of Myanmar as new year wishes on 17th April 2020. Core Group Members of *RfP-Myanmar* released video message to the citizen of Myanmar as new year wishes on 17th April 2020. Conducted Core Group Members and H.E Cardinal Charles Bo, Patron, *RfP-M* bimonthly meeting. *RfP-Myanmar* released three statements during the pandemic – 1. Statement pertaining to conflicts occurring in Rakhine and Chin States on 19th April 2020; 2. Prayer and Condolences to Members of Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu and Christian faithful of Myitkyina and especially the families of victims of jade mine tragedy on 4th July 2020; 3. A fervent Appeal of the Religious Leaders, Seize this opportunity! A message addressed to Civilian, Ethnic, Armed Groups, Political Parties and Religious Leaders of Myanmar on 13th July 2020. *RfP-Myanmar* members from all regions participated online zoom World Interfaith Prayer Day on 14th May 2020.

Future plan:

- Staff capacity building training will be conducted during April 2019.
- The 2nd RfP Advisory forum will be held in 6-8 May, 2019
- Inception workshop and Network strengthening meeting in Lashio and Sittwe will be held in the 2nd week of May.
- Peace education training in 4 local areas will be held in June and July.
- Dialogue session in the other 3 local areas will be conducted in July and August.
- Cleaning campaign activity will be conducted by *RfP-M* Youth network, Yangon in the 1st week of May.

Success Story

- Daw Tin Tin Nwe's Story
- Mu Yar Pin Quarter, Pyay, West Bago Division, Myanmar

- Daw Tin Tin New is 48 years old woman living in Mu Yar Pin Quarter, Pyay. She is Chin Ethnic and Buddhist. She is very interested in Religions and working for others (*Prahita*), and eagers to communicate and work with different people and religious faiths. Thus, she joined with WoFN, *RfP*-Pyay.
- Before she joined with *RfP*-Pyay, she had suspected the religion, Islam because of Jihad. She said “*I really scared Islam Religion. I thought that Islamists (Extremists) are born from this religion. I hesitated to talk and communicate with Muslin People in my neighbors.*”
- After she joined with *RfP*-Pyay, she has muslin friends and she could build trust with people with Islam. She said that “*One of the Dialogues, I talked with an Islam religious leader (Imam) about Jihad. I understood that Jihad means the personal struggle of the individual believer against evil and persecution. Now, I do not suspect whether all Islam are same extremists.*”
- She really appreciates the projects, activities and trainings of *RfP*-M. She participates actively in any activities of *RfP* and enjoye in communication and working together with different people with different ethnicities and religions. For the next few years, she will extend her network by expanding about *RfP*-M.



Daw Tin Tin Nwet's photo from Peace Education training

Lesson Learned

Religions for Peace- Myanmar (Lasho)

Lessons learned are experiences distilled from a project that should be actively taken into account in future projects. During past few months in Lasho, we had some lessons that we learned for future to go forward the better implementation of each project activities.

1. Building Organization Structure

For the members of IC, we need to have firm organization structure with the exact responsibilities. During the meeting, some people asked for it. They pointed out this will be good for motivation for the members of IC to work successfully the program and for the sustainability of the organization. This is a lesson for us to continue our future works conveniently.

2. Networking with Other CSOs

If we work with other CSOs, the activities of project will be more effective. The members of IC can adapt good systems from other organizations. Some members of IC suggested that to mobilize the people from CSOs to join in *RfP*-Lasho.

Although *RfP*-Lasho has just founded during this year, we are trying to run the project well. We found the project activities are good for people in our community. People had got meeting experience with different people (with different faiths). For us, the above lessons that we learned to take the actions for future project activities for smoothly.

Lesson Learn (*Religions for Peace- Myanmar* (Myitkyina))

Lessons learned are experiences distilled from a project that should be actively considered in future projects. During past 6 months in Myitkyina, we had some lessons that we learned for future to go forward the better implementation of each project activities.

3. Invitation Religious Leaders and Authorities

When we organized the project activities, religious leaders and authorities did not come without inviting personally. We could invite other people by phone. For them, we had to go to their home and invited respectfully. This is a lesson that we learned that religious leaders and authorities prefer giving full of respect.

4. Equality

In Myitkyina, equality is important among the members of IC. For example - When we invited some IC to attend the Forum in Nay Pyi Taw, they wanted to join it one person from each religious group. We could not do that, and they complained about it. Even though people who attended the Forum shared the information among the members of IC, people still blamed about it. This is a lesson that we have to careful regarding equity for the future.

5. Participation of Buddhist Monks

In some activities, we needed to invite Buddhist Monks. However, it was not easy to invite them. Sometimes, we could not invite them and discussed with the members of IC. We had to arrange for transportation and food on time if we invite the monks. That is also a lesson to manage in advance for future activities with participation of Buddhist monks.

6. Time Management

It is also important issue for project activities such as meeting, training, dialogue, etc. Most people and religious leaders are difficult to give the time. Thus, we usually did the activities in the evenings and sometimes in holidays. Time management is a lesson for us to make the participation of all members of IC, WoFN and IYN.

7. Being Office

People from IC, WoFN and IYN and authorities from government offices had more trust our organization because we have had an office. It was quite different in communication from the situation that we did not have office. We received more donations from the people. This is also a good lesson for us.

As a conclusion, we are going well in running the project in Myitkyina area. We found the project activities are good for people in our community. People had got not only meeting with different people with different faiths but also receiving Dialogue knowledge, different activities and trainings. For us, the above lessons that we learned to take the actions for future project activities for smoothly.

Lesson Learn;

Religions for Peace- Myanmar (Pyay)

Lessons learned are experiences distilled from a project that should be actively taken into account in future projects. During past 6 months in Pyay, we had some lessons that we learned for future to go forward the better implementation of each project activities.

8. Facilitation and Mapping People

One of the meetings, 2 members of IC debated and quarreled each other. Actually, they had personal problems before. We and other ICs controlled and facilitated between them. This lesson is important and we have to be careful to avoid this kind of situation not to be again. We have to arrange people mapping in advance in invitation.

9. Setting Regulation and Code of Conduct

We already have good organization structure with the members of IC, WoFN and IYN in *RfP*-Pyay. We set the regulation and code of conduct for sustainability of the organization. However, some members of IC did not like that and complained differently. Thus why, we stepped it back and set up the draft only. We understood this lesson of religious issue is very sensitive and have to hold carefully.

10. Inclusive Participants with Different Levels

Some activities and dialogues, we invited grass root people and different people with different professional backgrounds. In this case, we found that we have to share the knowledge with different ways, help them to speak out and give the time, etc. This kind of lesson gave us to adjust in facilitation to include the people with multi backgrounds.

11. Facilities of Activities

People have different preference in venue, food, transportation, etc. We tried to be perfect in facilities to satisfy by the participants within the budget. We are still studying some lessons to be the most convenient in the activities for all participants.

As a conclusion, we are going well in running the project in Pyay area. We found the project activities are good for people in our community. People had got not only meeting with different people with different faiths but also experience in Dialogue, different activities and trainings. For us, the above lessons that we learned to take the actions for future project activities for smoothly.

Lesson Learn;

Religions for Peace- Myanmar (Sittwe)

Lessons learned are experiences distilled from a project that should be actively taken into account in future projects. During past 6 months in Sittwe, we had some lessons that we learned for future to go forward the better implementation of each project activities.

12. Time Management

When we organized the meeting or training, most people and religious leaders could not give the time. It was difficult to adjust the time when most people are free. Thus, we decided to set the fixed date, Saturdays.

In the last training also, we found that most people could not participate fully for 3 days. This is a lesson that we need to manage to avoid this kind of situation not to be happening again for future.

13. Balance Participation

In Sittwe, Christian group is strong in participation. Buddhists and Hindus are still weak in it. Islam could not participate at all until now and it will be difficult to ask them to join in RfP- Sittwe because of the political situation. We still need to adjust in balance participation among the religions.

14. Fair Facilitation

One of the meetings, we facilitated between a Buddhist monk and a Christian guy regarding the slant speech/teaching of Buddhist Monk. From this lesson, we learned the importance of facilitation skill for future concerned issues.

15. Mobilization

Until now, we could not mobilize the women to organize WoFN, Sittwe. Although, IYN, Sittwe is strong by participation of young people, older people do not want to join in RfP. It is important to participate by different age within the organization. We learned that women in Sittwe prefer to be busy with only house works. We need to find the way to join them in the organization.

As a conclusion, we are going well in running the project in Sittwe area. We found the project activities are good for people in our community. People had got not only meeting with different people with different faiths but also having chance to touch on Dialogue knowledge and they could build the trust among them. For us, the above lessons that we learned to take the actions for future project activities smoothly.

Coordination and Collaboration

RfP.M had joined the Peacemaker network (South and South East Asia) in Asia Regional Exchange strategic meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia on 29th Sept 2019 to 2nd Oct 2019.

The overall Goal of this meeting is to respond to the support needs expressed by interfaith peacemakers, with a strategic **focus on** concrete cross-regional action planning based on collaboration building, sharing of best practices and analysis of regional dynamics. As part of this, specific attention will be given to current dynamics regarding Buddhist-Muslim relations in South and Southeast Asia, and inclusivity and gender in relation to intra- and interfaith work and Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism (PVE/CVE).

RfP.M Myanmar was collaborated with Sri Linka team, Internews International, such regional networking meeting that some members of WoFN, EC members and staff in RfP.Myanmar office. The members from Sri Linka are some journalists, CSOs and human right activists who were shared and learned success, experiences and lesson learn each other.

RfP.M was collaborated with ACTED for advocacy for Education sector such as not only

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members to support through understanding conflict and do no harm awareness while they are working on national peace and reconciliation with multi stakeholders and multi religious leaders.

RfP-M collaborated with CSO, NGOs, INGOs, Government, Local authorities, political parties, parliaments members in this quarter such as we invited multi religious, multi stakeholder's community and working together in local areas. We collaborated with HELVETAS International org, PSF local funding organization, ACTED, LRC, SEA-AIR partner organizations and interfaith fellows as well. We collaborated to prevent COVID-19 not to spreading and how-to response the virus and work together for public awareness raising online or offline channel and social media. The opportunity in difficult time of the noble COVID-19, all NGOs, INGOs and CSOs are improved collaboration and help each other due to responses of the crisis because the virus is not discriminate to anyone. People could learn and more collaborate each other and caretaking each other in the crisis period.