

CP Project Summary for ACRP

Introduction

Nyein Chan Metta (Religions for Peace-Myanmar) (RfP-M) has contracted with UNICEF a Humanitarian Programme Document as a response to sudden onset or rapid deterioration of a humanitarian crisis and/or contingency purposes, under the project named “Protection of Violations of the Rights of the Children through Faith Network” for a period of 11 months; 19 January to 19 December, 2022. The projected areas are Southern Shan State, Kayah State and Kachin state. Later in mid- term of the project, UNICEF suggested to add Sagaing region, the most devastated conflict affected area and after discussions with religious leaders, RFP-M added Sagaing region with the timeframe extended to March 2023.

Attributed to the facts that some planned activities could not be implemented in conflict escalated areas, the budget description shows underspent and RfP-M requested for an additional no cost extension. UNICEF exceptionally agreed for post facto to extend the project for 3 months (*April, May, June 2023*). The project does not have any cost implication and does not result in any change in the agreed budget and planned activities.

Project Expected Goal, Output and Activities

The goal of the project approach and its activities are to “Strengthen the protective environment for children, women, and institutional leaders from conflict-affected areas of Kachin state, Kayah state and Southern Shan State (SSS) and Sagaing region”. The expected results for humanitarian response included: 1) Faith Group-based child protection networks and workforce support a protective environment for children. The activities for this result are;



RfP-M project staff and volunteers (nominated by relevant religious leaders) were provided with Child Protection and Child Rights (CPCR) training, as well as with Psychosocial First Aid (PFA) training. They disseminated the knowledge to IDPs community, IDP camp teachers and Camp Committee members at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps and wards of the projected areas. As landmine risk have increased in Kayah state and Southern Shan state, the awareness raising activities on the CPCR and PFA support

included EORE training for the beneficiaries. January2023.RfP-M@KayahGroup: Project facilitator Saw Tarmalar Linn conducting awareness raising on CPCR and EORE at Nanattaw ward in Loikaw, Kayah state.

November2022.RfP-M@KayahGroup: Volunteer Francesca Ohn conducting CPCR awareness raising to the adults and parents in a camp in Sibui, Phekon township, SSS.



Another expected result included 2) “Through the implementation of an interfaith action plan, increasing the capacity of affected people in terms of understanding on child rights and child protection, and then taking protective action by referring child protection cases to the service providers and promoting positive social norms.” Religious leaders’ representatives and camp committee members were trained on CPR and PFA and they come up with Action Plan to sustain the CP activities as part of their ownership if and when the project ended.

Faith Based Child Protection Network Group (FBCPNG) was formed in Kachin, SSS and Kayah states. Through the project Inception meeting, religious leaders acknowledged about RfP-M and they were keen to support for CP project activities.

May2022.RfP-M@KayahGroup: Child Protection and Child Rights awareness raising session with Islam leaders, at Islam religious site in Loikaw, Kayah State



RfP-M staff and volunteers were also provided with Child Protection Case Management training to support for referring CP cases to the service providers.

Training on Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) on Grave violations against children in situations of Armed Conflict was also provided to



field staff and volunteers.



Social Support (MMK 1000,000) and Health referral cost support (MMK 50,000) was supported to MRM case children and to children who are seriously in need of medical and educational expenses.

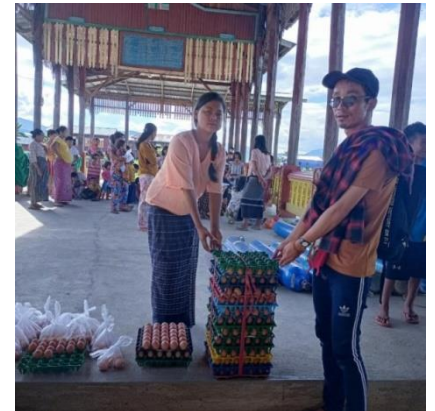
Psychosocial Support session is the favorite time for children. Sing song, story-telling, game play, breathing exercises, drawing pictures activities were conducted for them and snacks or nutritious food were provided. While children received snacks, the adults from families received eggs as part of nutrition support and soap for personal hygiene support. The main obstacle of the staff and



volunteers are to transport these materials through the many check points and scrutinizing of the SAC military. They have to work in low profile by not mentioning the name of organization and project activities and disguised as donors to needy or as traders for sale. Sometimes, religious leaders and some local armed group had supported for smooth flow of materials transportation.



***November2022.Rfp-
M@KayahGroup:
Children from IDP camps
enjoying rice porridge
after psychosocial
support session.***



***May2022.Rfp-
M@KayahGroup: As part of Interactive
activities with children, the children draw
pictures of their dreams.***



CP Kits distribution

Provision of CP kits serves as an incentive for the IDPs and for most needy community. UNICEF has provided Child Protection kits with three categories; for under 10, for girls and for boys. The Southern Shan state group and Kayah state has received a total of 2000 CP kits out of the planned 3000 CP kits. For transporting of the kits to some of the areas, materials have to be repacked into same item for smooth flow of transport at check points, either disguising as traders for sale or donation from religious leaders when religious vehicles were used.

In the earlier stage, books on Covid 19 preventive knowledge , story books, drawing books and crayons for IDP children had also distributed. However, there is a need to fulfill the remaining 1000 CP kits for Sagaing region and for IDPs not yet received CP kits.

As conflict escalated, parents lose hope and neglected their children. Story books, crayons and drawing materials, toys as well as nutritious food support are required for small children. As the school opening season approach in June, those children who had opportunity for schooling need support for books and stationaries.

Technical support for project

Currently, five Project Facilitators (field staff) for four projected areas are facilitating project activities in Kachin, SSS Shan, Kayah states and Sagaing region. About 6 to 7 volunteers are supporting each of the five field staff in their relevant areas. All are frontier workers who risk their lives while working in insecure areas especially in Kayah, SSS and Sagaing.

Five project staffs based in RfP-M Yangon National office provided technical support on programming and financing matters of the project.

Achievements

- As a member of UNICEF's Child Protection Area of Responsibilities (CP AoR), RfP-M is collaborating with the CP working groups and committees for localization, clusters performance monitoring, child trafficking by IOM, Myanmar displacement overview by UNHCR and gained alliance with other UN organizations.
- By close coordination with Child Protection Cluster Coordination team who are committed to meet humanitarian needs of the population, RfP-M could refer to other organization for providing food, shelter, health, water and sanitation, education and protection services to crisis-affected and displaced people across the country.
- RfP-M field staff also befitted members to Kayah and Shan AoR group, Magway and Sagaing AoR group organized by UNICEF offices in relevant projected areas to be updated with data from other CSO/NGOs and to share information on CP.
- RfP-M essentially relies on local networks of religious leaders in the projected conflict areas.
- Staff and volunteers managed to attend all planned training and disseminated in their relevant areas. In addition to CPCR and PFA, they also have been trained on EORE, MRM and Case management to effectively and efficiently support children in emergency. In spite of many restrictions and difficulties, RfP-M field staff and volunteers are working in low profile with deep commitment.
- With skillful staff for managing budget in the supervisory role and knowledgeable inventory control and within various policies, RfP-M CP team accurately managed monetary resources.
- Consequently, RfP-M was able to submit timely program narrative report and financial report, the Yangon staff are in good coordination with the field staff and was able to send the advance request fund in time for their project implementation.
- RfP-M National office is always monitoring and evaluating on the project implementation. The Project Manager closely monitor the activities and field situation, including their project achievements and constraints. In view of increasing the field staff capacity, she mentored them in various ways as and when necessary and had arranged training opportunities for them.

Constraints and Challenges

- The most prevalent constraint is humanitarian assistance to people in need have been affected mostly by Administrative barriers. Extended wait times and heightened inspections at checkpoints negatively impacted on aid deliveries in several states and regions. The 2022 new registration law potentially reduces timely and effective delivery of humanitarian assistance to people in need and severely impede the work of NGOs and CSOs.
- Kayah and Southern Shan States, the Sagaing region are suffering from aerial bombardment, torching of homes, and other indiscriminate attacks in civilian areas by SAC military, including land mines and other explosive ordnance (EO) usage, and recruitment of minors by multiple armed actors. Forced to return from Southern Shan State into Kayah state had resulted in significant displacement. Human suffering, asset depletion, rising food insecurity have increased and majority of people now live in poverty as a result of both the political situation and legacy impacts from the Covid pandemic. Human trafficking has become a great threat for youth and safe migration is a concern.
- Rapid depreciation of the Myanmar Kyat, inflation, movement restrictions and active fighting are causing a reduction in food production and many in the conflict areas of Kayah state and Sagaing region are experiencing food insecurity. Restrictions on telecommunications and internet networks further hindered timely and safe humanitarian access and assistance to people in need. Violence through attacks and clashes across Myanmar had a severe impact on the physical and mental well-being of millions of people, and the displacement record has surged after two years.
- Escalation of conflict and the worsening situation in Sagaing region was a challenge for the staff and volunteers to procure and transport materials for awareness raising sessions. Data sharing and getting information has been prolonged by inaccessibility of internet and phone communication. Given the unstable situation and due to continuous military troop's entrance it was difficult to gather the fleeing family and conduct activities. As a result, awareness raising activities were conducted frantically. The planned for Awareness Raising activities have to be cancelled upon arrival of military troops.
- RfP-M had not yet received Specific training for MHPSS and hope to receive in the next PD. It was strongly recommended to arrange training for utilizing of the knowledge for the devastated community.

Summary of Result Framework up to February 2023.

Result statement		Performance indicator/s		
HRP Specific Objective (1.2): 856,000 people (335,300 displaced and 520,700 non-displaced people) in targeted locations are protected from further harm and the risks they face are mitigated and/or responded to through improved access to quality and inclusive protection services, including mental health and psychosocial support, child protection, gender-based violence and mine action activities.		Sector Objective: The protection environment for more than 856,000 crisis-affected people is improved by mitigating threats to mental wellbeing, physical and legal safety.		
	Project Activities	Revised target	Reached	Difference (over/under)
1	Faith Group-based child protection networks and workforce support a protective environment for children			
	Parents and faith leaders participated in Project inception meeting	70	87	17
	Faith leaders participated in faith-based child protection network groups (FBCPNG)	70	47	-23
	PFA training - faith leaders received training on psychosocial first aid	70	41	-29
	CPCR training - faith leaders who receive training on child rights and child protection	70	32	-38
	Action plan - Interfaith action plan on child protection was developed for each area	3	2	-1
	CM training - faith leaders representatives received case management training	16	8	-8
2	Through the implementation of an interfaith action plan, increasing the capacity of affected people in terms of understanding on child rights and child protection, and then taking protective action norms by referring child protection cases to the service providers and promoting positive social norms.			
	CPCR awareness beneficiaries - children, caregivers, parents and community received awareness on child protection and other child rights abuses	7088	22984	15896

	Resource mapping & Referral pathways for the child right violation cases in targeted community are developed	3	2	-1
	PSS beneficiaries - Children who participated in Psychosocial support activities in IDP camps - interaction activities with children	8000	28272	20272
	Children who received Social Support	575	332	-243
	Children who have received individual case management and other specialized services (MRM)	200	96	-104
	Regular discussion sessions with parents and children in the targeted community	1000	5550	4550
	MHPSS -Children and parents/caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support.	900	0	-900
3	Project support field staff	5	5	0
4	CP kits distribution	3000	2000	-1000

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