

Multi-stakeholder Consultations on World Bank Group's Country Partnership Framework, Hpa An, August 11th and 12th, 2014

A meeting with representatives from state government, civil society and private sector was held in Hpa An on the 11th and 12th of August, 2014 as part of a series of consultation meetings to inform the World Bank Group's new Country Partnership Framework and priorities emerging from the Systematic Country Diagnostic for Myanmar. As can be seen from the list of participants hereto attached as Annex A, there was considerable overlap between the participants who attended the meeting on the 11th and on the 12 of August.

Following is a brief summary of input and feedback received from CSO representatives, organized under themes discussed; Operations and Stakeholder Engagement, Securing the Political Transition, Public Sector Capacity Development, Private Sector Development, Agricultural Development, Land Governance, Health and Education, Electricity, Transportation and Communications.

Discussion during the 11th August focused on WBG operations in Myanmar as a whole, while the discussion of the 12th focused on WBG activities in exclusively in Kayin State.

***Note:** Numbers (eg. (3), (6) etc) in brackets indicate the number of times that a particular point was made by different participants during the meeting.*

Summary of Input from 11th August meeting on WBG operations in Myanmar

Operations and Stakeholder Engagement

It would be helpful if the WBG could translate the Safeguard Policy into Myanmar language. About eighty percent of Kayin people understand Myanmar language.

Securing the Political Transition

The WBG should do what it can to support the political transition in Myanmar, including

- supporting the political dialogue process
- capacity development of government **(3)**, particularly in regard to policy development, coordination and system delivery.
- supporting the development of an effective banking system.

Agricultural Development

The WBG should provide financial and technical assistance to increase agricultural incomes **(6)** by:

- increased agriculture productivity **(2)**
- improving the quality of products **(2)**
- improving the quality of inputs **(2)**
- improving access to stable agricultural markets **(2)**
- supporting the transition from traditional farming methods to mechanization
- reforming the law to protect the rights of farmers

Land Governance

The WBG should provide support for the improvement of land governance in Myanmar.

The WBG should **NOT** get involved in land governance as complications are ongoing and it is therefore not worthwhile getting involved in the medium term (ie the six year timeframe of the CPF).

Private Sector Development

The WBG should support development of SMEs, but should **NOT** support FDI.

Health and Education

As health and education are basic human needs, the WBG should prioritize support in these sectors **(Repeated 3 times)** including

- educational infrastructure, equipment, and teaching and learning materials **(2)**
- compensation and other incentives for teachers
- capacity development, particularly assessment techniques to change the exam system
- educational reform to prepare graduates for immediate entry to the work force
- the development of a free health care service

Electricity

- The WBG should support the production of electricity **(3)** as this is critical to agricultural, industrial and socio-economic development.
- The WBG should **NOT** support hydropower in conflict areas while the peace process is ongoing, as this may increase the tension and disrupt the process.

Transportation

The WBG should support road construction in the areas where it is hard for the government to do so.

Summary of Input from 12th August meeting on WBG operations in Kayin State

Operations and Stakeholder Engagement

Although the WBG could rely on secondary data from Township, State and Regional administrators, it would be better to carry out assessments at the grassroots level directly, especially in regard to livelihoods and food security.

Please establish a program to protect the Than Lwin river like the one currently operating to protect the Ayeyarwaddy

We need to become self sufficient. Seventy percent of Kayin people do not believe in the government.

Public Sector Capacity Development

We would like to recommend WBG to do capacity building for government staff, **(2)** particularly in regard to:

- good governance
- implementation of activities

The agricultural sector has insufficient government staff to travel to rural areas, it would be good if the WBG could help solve this problem.

Private Sector Development

The WBG should do a market assessment and provide technical support for us to develop the many raw materials that we have in Kayin State into value added products.

The WBG should provide loans and technology to produce unique products for each township or district.

WBG (especially IFC) should support the development of tourism in Hpa An **(2)** including expansion of the port on the Than Lwin River.

It is important to support the development of the private sector and create job opportunities as many youth currently have to leave home in order to find employment.

Agriculture

The WBG should provide appropriate agricultural technology, and support the development of rubber plantations.

Health and Education

The WBG should support capacity development programs for women, youth and community (e.g. sewing, rice growing training, durian preserves training, etc.)

Access to clean water is an important issue in Kayin State.

Electricity

Increasing the supply of electricity is critical to industrial development and increasing job opportunities.

Transportation and Communications

The WBG should support the development of transportation systems in Kayin State.

Annex A

August 11th Meeting on WBG Priorities for Myanmar

No.	Name	Organization
1	Cho Cho Myint	UNHCR
2	Dr. Than Naing	Community Development Association
3	John Aung	IDM
4	Maung Maung Htut	International Rescue Committee
5	Myat Myat Win	Lutherian World Federation- Kayin
6	Nan Hnin Hnin Wai	Kayin State Democracy and Development Party
7	Nan Mya Aye	Kayin State Democracy and Development Party
8	Saw Han Soe	KSD
9	Saw Kaung Htet San	Fire Service Department
10	Saw Kyaw Zwar	KAC
11	Saw Say Htoo	RUBBER
12	Tay Zar Lin	International Organization for Migration
13	U Khun Aung Kut	Pao National Organization
14	U Man San Min	National League for Democracy
15	U Maung Oo	Pao National Organization
16	U Mg Nyunt	Fire Service Department
17	U Saw Htar Lon	Union Solidarity and Development Party
18	U Saw Than Htut	National League for Democracy
19	U Win Tint	Union Solidarity and Development Party
20	Zaw Zaw Htike	Lutherian World Federation- Kayin
19	Saw Lin Hlaing	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
20	Saw Myint Kyi	Save the Children
21	Saw San Myint	Special Branch
22	U Myint Linn	Education Department
23	<i>This participant did not want his/her name published.</i>	
24	U Thein Aung	RC - 63
25	Sa Bi Kayin Oo	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
26	Myat Thu Naing	JICA
27	Naing Aung Sein	Mon National Party
28	Naing Chit The	Mon National Party
29	Chan Thar	NRC

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