

## Civil Society and Private Sector Consultation on World Bank Group Country Partnership Framework for Myanmar, Mandalay, 2nd July 2014

A meeting with civil society representatives was held in Mandalay, on July 2nd 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. The list of regional government representatives and World Bank Group representatives who participated in the meeting is attached hereto as Annex A.

Following is a brief summary of input and feedback received from the meeting organized under seven broad themes discussed: Operations and Stakeholder Engagement, Agricultural Development, Private Sector Development, Education, Health, Electricity, and Transportation & Communications.

**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.

### General Operations and Stakeholder Engagement

- The WBG should ensure that all its programs are effective and transparent, and that the beneficiaries are fully consulted at all stages of the program cycle.
- The WBG should be aware that the government is not yet transparent and accountable. "We are a bit suspicious in regard to the selection of WBG development priorities for our country, and would like to know to what extent these sectors have been identified by the government?"
- Please take into consideration all points of view when implementing and evaluating projects to ensure that they do not contribute to landlessness, and ensure the development of effective monitoring and evaluation systems on all of the WBG programs.
- The WBG should ensure that its assistance to Myanmar does not result in an unsustainable debt burden.
- Please consider supporting the development of food safety and consumer protection systems.
- The WBG should **NOT** use only the internet to share information with the public in Myanmar. The majority of people in this country cannot access the internet.
- The WBG should **NOT** repeat the mistake of classifying the Ayeyarwaddy as an international river.

### Agricultural Development

- The WBG should provide technical expertise and financial support for agricultural development. **(8)** as the World Bank has expertise in this sector.
  - Provide assistance to add value Myanmar produce. **(2)**
  - Support the government to develop policies that protect the rights of and benefit the farmers. **(2)**
  - Provide agricultural support to enable farmers to do double or triple cropping.

- Consider whether Myanmar is ready to develop export markets.
- Support the expansion of micro-finance services to all farmers.
- Provide support for water management and irrigation programs in the dry zone, but ensure that the mistakes of the past are not repeated.
- Please conduct research into the agricultural sector in Myanmar and share your findings

### *Private Sector Development*

- The WBG should **NOT** facilitate Foreign Direct Investment at the present time, because the regulatory framework is inadequate to protect SMEs. **(3)**
- The WBG should provide capacity development to local business people. We do not want our people to be exploited by foreign companies. **(2)**

### *Education*

- The WBG should prioritize education and human resource development **(5)** including,
  - cooperation with the government and INGOs to develop the education sector; provide free basic education, teacher training and compensation **(3)**,
  - the development of a contextually relevant curriculum based on international expertise **(2)**,
  - the teaching of critical thinking and child centered learning techniques **(2)**,
  - revision of examination-focused teaching and learning style
  - the involvement of parents and teachers in educational planning and policy.
  - the provision of support to the monastic programs and those run by CSOs.

### *Health*

- The WBG should contribute to the development of the health care system. **(2)** including support for the development of a health insurance system

### *Electricity*

- The WBG should support electrification, as this is important for the storage and distribution of products.
- The WBG should **NOT** build mega-dams and coal-fired power plants in Myanmar.

### *Transportation and Communications*

- The WBG should support the development of the telecommunications sector and the development of public transportation systems, including inner city rail networks and taxi services.
- Support for transportation connectivity will facilitate the storage and distribution of products.

## Annex A

No.	Name	Organization
1	U Aung Myint Thein	Yone Kyi Yar
2	Daw Han Zar Chi	Law Ka Ah Lin
3	<i>This participant did not want his/her name published</i>	
4	Daw Su Mon Toe	Thazin Pan Co.Ltd
5	U Khin Mg Myint	Htoo Myat Kyaw
6	U Naing Tun Lin	Mandalay Teachers' Association
7	U Than Htun Oo	Law Ka Ah Lin
8	Nay Ni Aung	Interfaith Compassion Group
9	U Ko Gyi	Sein Yaung So
10	U Kyaw Swe Latt	First National Insurance
11	U Kaung	First National Insurance
12	U Soe Win	First National Insurance
13	U Thein Aung Myint	Movement For Democracy Current Forces
14	Daw Thinn Thinn Aye	Good Shepard Ministries International
15	U Tun Tun Aung	3N
16	Daw Ei Ei Chaw	Myanmar Positive Women's Network
17	Dua Borge	GRANT Thaton
18	U Win Pe Maung	Amarapura Partners
19	Chit Sun Oo	
20	U Than Htun Ko	Sein Yaung So
21	cells	Sein Yaung So
22	U Win Naing	Phaung Taw Oo
23	U Aung Kyaw San Tu	Phaung Taw Oo
24	U Aung Myint Htun	Myanmar Business Coalition on AIDS
25	Nang Neichi Minn	Local Resoruce Center
26	Lwin Eaindra Kyaw	Access Youth
27	Daw Khin San Yi	Myanmar Retailers Association - Mandalay Region
28	U Thant Zaw	The Leprosy Mission Myanmar
29	U Mg Mg Oo	Sein Yaung So
30	Daw Ni Ni Aung	Phaung Taw Oo
31	Daw Than Than Win	Phaung Taw Oo
32	U Nay Lin	Traders' Association
33	David Zet	Shanan Education Network
34	Zin Min Kyaw	Mother House
35	Ma Gyi Pwint	Rainbow Ribbon
36	July Zar Zar	Smile Education
37	U Zaw Win Aung	Thu Kha Kari Social Service
38	U Kyaw Than	Lu Ye Chun
39	U Mg Mg Myint	Thu Kha Kari Social Service
40	U Naing Naing Htwe	New Light Disabled Association
41	U Aung San Moe	New Light Disabled Association
42	Dr.Maung Maung	Myanmar Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry
43	U Myint Tun	Myint Myat Ayeyerwaddi

44	Daw Nay Suu Hlaing	Ta Mar Yeik Women's Association
45	Daw Tin Mar Yee	Aruthukha Free Clinic
46	U Chit Htoo	
47	Ko Win Myint Htun	
48	U Waryama	Pyin Nyar Parami Shwe Kyaung
49	Ashin Zawana	Kanbawza Kyaung
50	Moe Myint Khaing	Phaung Taw Oo
51	U Zaw Than	Greentrust P.O.L
52	U Aung Myint Oo	Yadanar Khoe Thwe Social Services
53	U Win Myint	
54	Ko Nyi Naing	Du Wun Social Services
55	U Win Hlaing Oo	<i>Organization name unclear</i>
56	U Aung Aung	
57	U Win Nyunt	Phaung Taw Oo
58	U Htun Htun Oo	Phaung Taw Oo
59	Daw Ei Shwe Sin	Phaung Taw Oo
60	Daw Ei Zin Mon	Phaung Taw Oo
61	Dr. Htay Mg	Myanmar Business Coalition on AIDS
62	Zin Hlaing Htet	Youth Empowered Society
63	U Zaw Moe	Metta Yadanar
64	Naw Htet Htar Win	YMCA