

# Ayeyarwaddy Regional Government Consultation of the World Bank Group's Country Partnership Framework for Myanmar, Pathein, 10th July 2014

A meeting with representatives of Ayeyarwaddy Regional Government was held in Pathein, 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 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 six broad themes discussed: Agricultural Development, Private Sector Development, Health and Education, Electricity, Transportation and Communications, and General Issues.

***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.*

## **Agricultural Development**

- The WBG should support development of the agricultural sector **(5)** including:
  - Improved access to markets **(3)**
  - Improved access to low interest loans **(2)**
    - Financial assistance should be provided directly to farmers.
  - Appropriate technology
  - Quality seeds and inputs
  - Soil testing technology
  - Training and extension services to help farmer's select appropriate crops.
  - Improving the quality of produce
  - upgrading of irrigation systems, as water is critical

## **Private Sector Development**

- The WBG should:
  - promote Foreign Direct Investment and connection to international markets.
  - support the development of SMEs.
  - improve access to finance for SMEs

## **Health and Education**

- The World Bank should prioritize the improved delivery of basic health and education services.

## **Electricity**

- The WBG should support improved access to electricity to facilitate industrial and private sector growth and create jobs. **(2)**

## **Transportation and Communications**

- The WBG should support improved communications networks and transportation infrastructure **(2)** to facilitate access to markets.

## **General Issues**

- Though the government has been doing poverty alleviation for a long time, poverty has not reduced until now. The WBG should therefore seek ways to help the poor communities directly.
- The World Bank should **NOT** get involved in politics or the development of legislation at this time.
- All the priorities from SCD are in line with government policies and activities

## Annex A

No.	Name	Organization
1	U Kyaw Khaing Soe	Regional Administrative Office
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3	U Sa Win Paing	Regional Electric Department
4	U Tin Htwet	Regional Teak Department
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15	U Khin Aung Lwin	Agriculture Development
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24	Dr.Thein Soe	Hluttaw
25	U Saw Lay Phaw	Hluttaw
26	U Man Nyein Shwe	Hluttaw
27	U Hla Myint	Hluttaw
28	U Myo Zaw	Regional Agriculture Department
29	U Tun Tun Oo	Regional Teak Department
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43	U Aung Zaw Hlaing	Hluttaw
44	U Naing Win	Hluttaw
45	U Pyone Cho	Hluttaw