

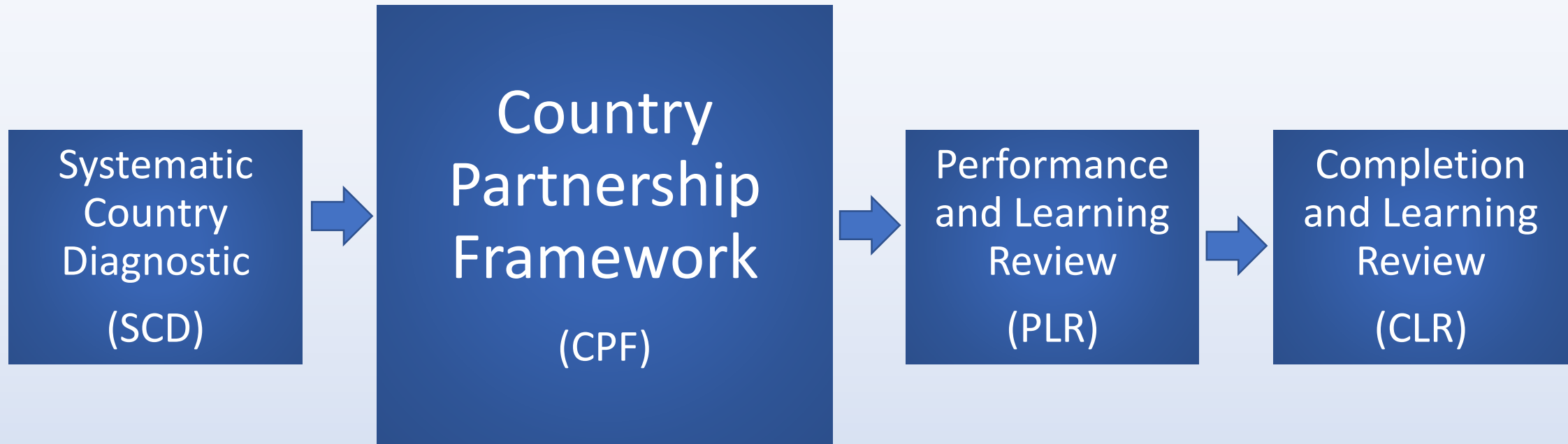


Myanmar Country Partnership Framework

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- 1. **The SCD** identifies the challenges and opportunities for eliminating poverty and boosting shared prosperity in Myanmar; it includes a political and social context, recent economical developments, poverty profile, and main development challenges. It is linked to the national development strategy.*
- 2. **The CPF** is a multi-year development plan built on the SCD, outlining the WBG's program of interventions in Myanmar for the next 4 years; it is prepared using a consultative process.*
- 3. **The PLR** reviews implementation of the CPF plans, to assess whether the WBG is on track and to make adjustments to the framework to ensure it supports the achievement of substantive outcomes; It compliments annual monitoring and reviews*
- 4. **The CLR** evaluates if the goals set in the CPF are achieved and identifies lessons for future WBG engagement in Myanmar*

The proposed Country Partnership Framework:

- **Addresses lessons learned from the current (2015 – 2019) Framework**
- **Links with Myanmar's Sustainable Development Plan 2018-2030**
- **Aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030**
- **Seeks nationwide inputs from all stakeholders in Myanmar**
- **Will be submitted to the WBG Board in early 2020**



Main lessons learned between 2015-2019:

- **Ensure a systemic and measurable approach to promoting inclusion and peace**
- **Strengthen support for improving governance and institutional capacity**
- **Focus on more targeted interventions, adequate resources and time to accompany and support the government in implementation**
- **Combine public and private approaches to responding to Myanmar's development challenges**



The proposed CPF identifies 3 focus areas:

Focus Area 1:
Building human
capital and fostering
peaceful
communities

Focus Area 2:
Fostering
responsible private
sector-led growth
and inclusive
economic
opportunities

Focus Area 3:
Enhancing climate and
disaster resilience and
sustainable natural
resource and
environmental
management

Cross-cutting Theme : Promoting social inclusion, including in conflict-affected areas

Guiding principles to maximize impact:

- **Focus on areas where WBG is already investing or engaged in policy dialogue**
- **Geographically-targeted investments and support to strengthen institutions to generate bottom-up momentum for national reform**
- **Targeting support to people in underserved and conflict-affected areas**
- **Reinforcing inclusive engagement with non-state actors**



Focus Area 1: Building human capital and fostering peaceful communities

Objectives:

- **Strengthen the capacity of public institutions to make policies, plan and deliver services more effectively, transparently and equitably**
- **Improve inclusive access to community-level services and infrastructure**
- **Improve inclusive access to, and quality of, basic social services**



Examples of activities under Focus Area 1 include:

- **Access to essential health services and maternal and child cash transfers**
- **Access to quality education for all**
- **Community-identified investments, such as schools, electrification and rural infrastructure, to support peace and inclusive development**



Focus Area 2: Fostering responsible private-sector-led growth and inclusive economic opportunities

Objectives:

- Strengthen institutional capabilities for macroeconomic and financial sector management
- Improve the business environment, foster responsible private-sector-led growth, and facilitate international trade
- Narrow the infrastructure and technology gap
- Improve income generation and productivity in selected sectors and zones



Examples of activities under Focus Area 2 include:

- **Creating a stable and competitive environment for businesses**
- **Strengthen institutional capacity and improve access to finance**
- **Increasing energy access and reliability of power supply**
- **Help farmers and agri-business to produce better and earn more**
- **Connecting Myanmar nationwide and to the world**



Focus Area 3: Enhancing climate and disaster resilience and sustainable natural resource and environmental management

Objectives:

- **Improve the sustainable management of natural resources by targeting waterways, fisheries, forests, waste and plastics management**
- **Strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities against climate and natural disaster risks**



Examples of activities under Focus Area 3 include:

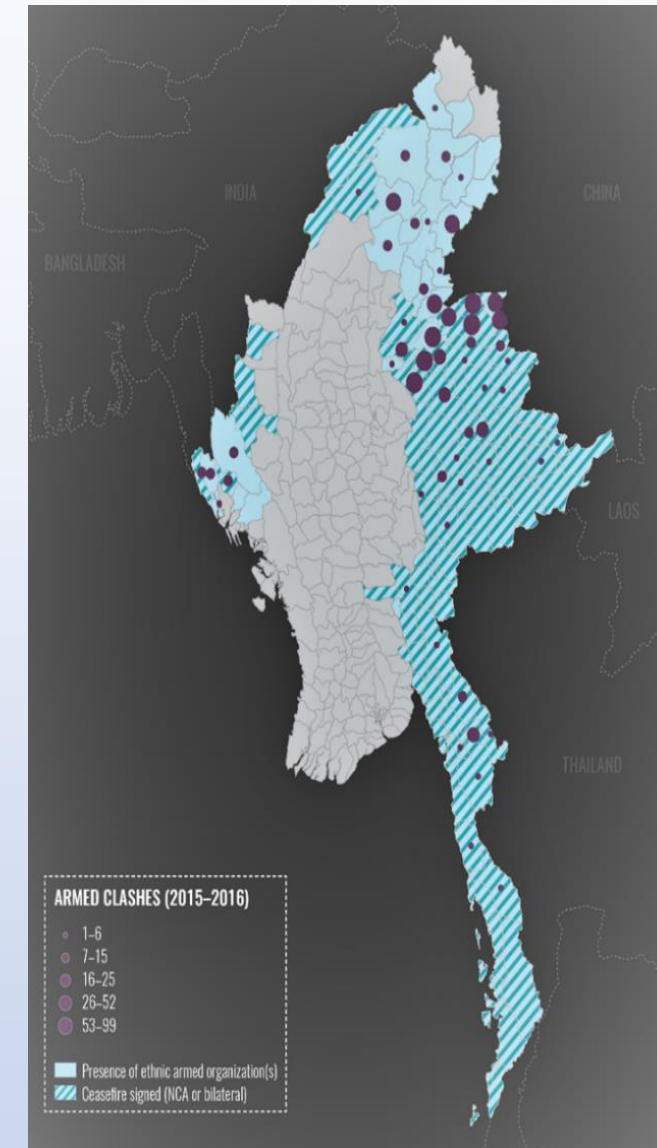
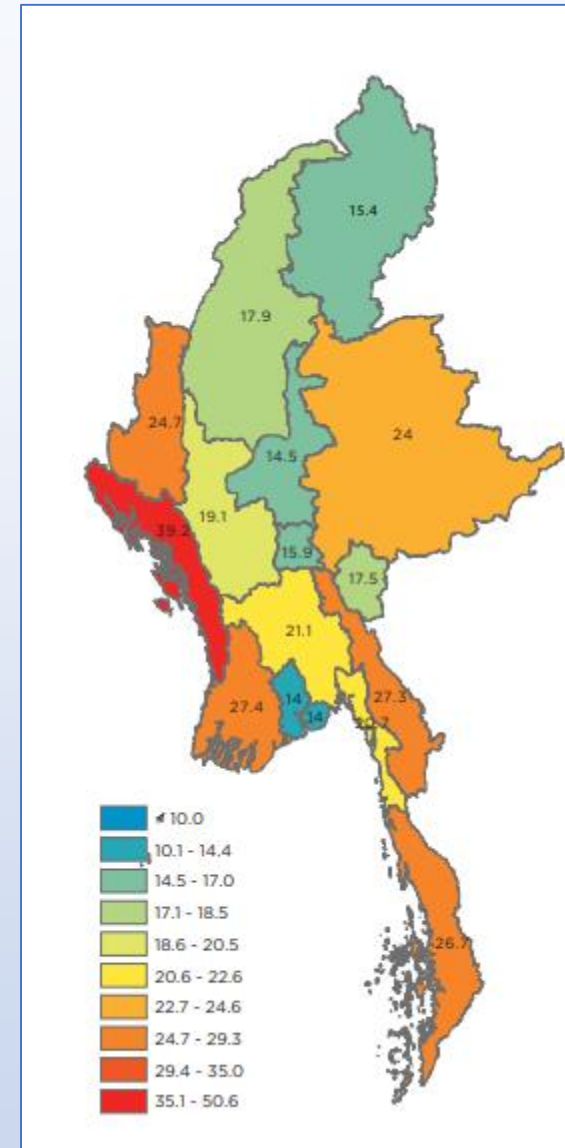
- **Integrated management of the Ayeyarwady river**
- **Insurance to finance recovery from natural disasters**
- **Supporting solid waste and pollution anagement**



Cross-cutting: Promoting Social Inclusion, including in conflict areas

- **Application of Inclusion and Peace Lens*** to all investments to ensure conflict sensitivity and inclusion
- **Identification and closing of gender gaps**
- **Increased investments in conflict-affected and most-underserved people and areas**

**The Inclusion and Peace Lens (IPL) guides project teams in determining whether investments adequately address and cover conflict sensitivity and inclusion (including gender)*



What are the risks to achieving the CPF objectives?

- **A slow-down in reform momentum**
- **Weak institutional capacity to implement reforms and investments**
- **Challenges to meet international standards on environmental and social risk management**
- **Differing positions from stakeholders
In a deeply contested environment**
- **An upsurge in violent conflict**



Proposed measures to mitigate risks:

- **Strengthen institutional capacity (fiduciary; social; environmental)**
- **Engage widely and inclusively with state and non-state actors**
- **Empower local communities and subnational institutions to drive development**
- **Apply consolidated data monitoring tools to the program and project**



Guiding questions for discussions at consultations:

- **Do you think the proposed CPF focus areas and objectives are the right ones for the WBG to focus on in Myanmar?**
- **Which other areas of engagement should be considered?**
- **What challenges need to be addressed to be successful in the focus areas of the CPF?**
- **How do we best bring the cross-cutting theme – promoting social inclusion, including in conflict areas – into practice?**
- **How can we support the government in implementing its own development program?**

