**Myanmar Country Partnership Strategy**

**First Consultation Workshop, 19th May, 2014**

**Pathein Civil Society Organizations**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Category** | **Comments from Stakeholders** | **Response** |
| **Substance** | We have chosen four priorities not two. Our first priority **is agricultural development**. In particular we need support for good quality seeds, better technology to change agricultural practices. We also need support for infrastructure (dams, irrigation systems, factories for drying crops, agricultural machinery etc.Our second priority was **access to finance**, in particular low interest loans. The third priority was **access to markets**, and the fourth was **health.** In particular we discussed the need for health infrastructure (buildings), adequate supply of medicines, and increasing the number and improving the quality of health practitioners. We need to prioritize the problem of malnutrition.  |  |
| We agreed on **human resource development** as the top priority. We felt that it was particularly important to change the mindset of citizens to value their life and their work. We could get support from celebrities to do this. **Job creation/income generation** was the second priority. We should invite foreign investors who can improve the Myanmar economy. Salaries should be of international standard.  |  |
| When we look at the macro level, almost all of the experts express the need to improve the agriculture sector. But I would like to suggest and select **“ Livelihood security”** as a priority.E.g. We have farmers but if we do not have enough land for plantation, their life would not be secure even if the agriculture sector is developed. Livelihood security is needed not only for farmers but also for all workers.In order to improve livelihood security we need capacity building, we need to improve access to markets and finance and we need to improve transportation connectivity. Our next priority is **Social services** in particular the needs are transportation, communication, health, education and infrastructure. |  |
|  |  |