

**Project Review Meeting held in Myingyan Hotel of Myingyan**  
**“Addressing Climate Change Risks on Water Resources and Food Security in the Dry Zone of Myanmar”**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

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Date: 5 December 2018

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Venue: Myingyan Hotel, Myingyan

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**1. Participants**

**A. Participants from UNDP**

1. Karma Lodey Raptan, Technical Specialist, AF Project
2. U Zaw Min Naung, Head of Office, UNDP, Mandalay
3. U Khin Maung Lwin, Livestock Specialist, AF Project
4. U Yan Naing Tun, Soil Conservation and Water Harvesting Specialist, AF Project
5. U Kyaw Zin Aung Soe, Environment and Forestry Specialist, AF Project
6. Daw Theingi Soe, Project Assistant. AF Project

**B. Participants from Implementing Partners:**

1. U Win Tin, Team Leader, NAG
2. U Nay Myo Swe, Forest Technician, NAG
3. Daw Khine Wai Thet, Assistant Project Manager, CESVI
4. Daw May Thu Soe, Technical Specialist, CESVI
5. Daw Ei Ei Khaing, Township Coordinator, RIMES

**2. Presentation on Achievements by respective IPs:**

**U Win Tin, Team Leader of NAG**, presented the progress and achievement of rehabilitation and reforestation activities in last quarter of 2018. In his presentation, he presented the targets for 2018, progress of implementation during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018, survival counting result on 2017-18, CF management plan preparation and plan for the next quarter.

**Daw Khine Wai Thet, Assistant Project Manager of Cesvi**, presented 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activities accomplishment for agriculture sector. She presented progress including - seed distribution and seed multiplication activities, participatory varietal selection of cotton and groundnut in Nyaung U, Myingyan and Chauk, knowledge sharing on climate resilient farming methods and post-harvest technology along with seed moisture test, field day on demonstration plot for dry land and drip irrigation, performance of crop thresher and the plan for next quarter.

**Daw Ei Ei Khaing, Township Coordinator of RIMES** presented progress on community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) activities in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The progress for the last quarter included basic first aid training, livestock awareness sessions for VDMTs, trainings on SESAME, as well as technical inputs provided for the user interface forum that was organized by UNDP and DMH in Mandalay.

**3. Discussions:**

**3.1. Discussion on Forestry Component:**

**U Kyaw Zin Aung Soe** asked about the exchange visit, and suggested to prepare and ensure completion of activities for Magway Chief Minister’s visit in June, 2019; to complete second weeding before end of

December and to ensure mulching and controlled burning; as well as start application process for land use right as per decision of CF workshop.

**U Win Tin and U Nay Myo Swe** responded that they are looking for suitable sites for exchange visit and that they will organize the exchange visit as soon as possible. After the second round of weeding, they will make fire lines for fire protection. For land application, farmers do not want to apply for land with form 7. For other land types, they will contact DALMS to process approval. For this process, they have to first initiate the process with farmers because they also mentioned before and community accepted CF process. So, they have to discuss with local community.

**Mr. Karma Raptan and U Zaw Min Naung** requested NAG team to apply for land use rights for plantation according to the decision of the CF workshop held on 6 Nov 2018.

**Mr. Karma Raptan** also suggested to prepare next quarter plan till the end of April to be consistent with the contract timeline and to request Forest Department for seedlings for 2019 patching. He also asked NAG team to organize nursery practice training to the forest user group before the end of assignment.

**U Kyaw Zin Aung Soe** suggested to add land application process in the work plan.

### 3.2. Discussion on Agricultural Sector

**Mr. Karma Raptan** requested CESVI to provide information on any replication activities under provision of thresher for communities. **Daw Khine Wai Thet** responded that farmers have not buy additional threshers, but they modified the distributed thresher for threshing groundnut. Multi-crop threshers are being used for other crops like pigeon pea but not ground nut. By the time threshers were distributed to the farmers, they used it for threshing pigeon pea as they were growing pigeon pea at that time.

**U Kyaw Zin Aung Soe** asked about cost of seed being provided for seed multiplication. **Daw Khine Wai Thet** responded that they use 500,000 MMK for each seed storage facility and seed varieties are being provided according to the demand and choice of farmers.

**Mr. Karma Raptan** suggested to include monitoring the replication of all activities in the next quarter plan and to keep monitoring all activities.

**U Yan Naing Tun** asked about field days of PVS in Myingyan, sustainability plan, process of PVS, replicated data and AWD. **Daw Khine Wai Thet** responded that all field days of PVS in Myingyan have been completed and they are going to organize the review workshop and they will develop sustainability plan together with DOA and farmers. On replication of ongoing activities, she explained by giving example of seed multiplication. She also clarified that AWD is promoted not for yield improvement, but for the promotion of technology and it is suitable for irrigation areas during the summer season.

**Mr. Karma Raptan** suggested to prepare detailed work plan for 2019 in coming review workshop of CESVI at Mandalay.

### 3.3. Discussion on CBDRM:

**U Kyaw Zin Aung Soe** asked whether SMART DSS can be launched in the assigned period of RIMES. **Daw Ei Ei Khaing** responded that this tool is in a developmental stage and data collection is ongoing at the moment. The tool will continue to be developed even beyond the project period.

**Mr. Karma Rapten** suggested to add number of training participants in the presentation.

**U Kyaw Zin Aung Soe** requested all IPs to add activities with timelines while preparing plans for next quarter in the quarterly report.

#### **4.4 Discussion on Site Visit**

The site visit plan for the visit to project sites by TAG will include the following villages:

##### **A. Chin Myit Kyin Village**

- (1) Pond Renovation (FBD)
- (2) Homestead (NAG)
- (3) Thanakha (Cesvi)
- (4) Livestock farming (CDAssociation)

##### **B. Htan Taw Gyi Village**

- (1) Fruit Trees (Cesvi)
- (2) Homestead Planting (Cesvi)
- (3) Thresher (Cesvi)
- (4) Communal Water Tank (Well Done)