

Quarterly Operational Report (Quarter 1, 2019)
Addressing Climate Change Risks on Water Resources and Food Security in the Dry Zone of Myanmar

- *During the reporting period, the project team conducted monitoring of small-scale water infrastructure in all 5 townships (Shwebo, Monywa, Nyaung U, Myingyan and Chauk) and for those where defects were identified, a second round of visit was conducted along with the implementing partners. Thereafter, the problems were rectified by the implementing partners and a third round of assessment/verification was made by the Soil and Water Conservation Specialist. In addition to these the Project team also monitored the water retention ponds renovated by the project in all 5 project townships. A report of the assessment is available with the project team;*
- *Following the decision of the 8th PSC meeting in Dec 2018, the Project team had a meeting with Network Activities Group (NAG) to discuss patching activities in 2019 and extend their contract until Jun/Jul 2019. An additional amount of approximately USD 20,000 was allocated to conduct patching activities in 2019. The NAG prepared their own nurseries in Chauk and Nyaung U to cater to additional seedlings for patching activities in 2019;*
- *As part of efforts on knowledge sharing and lessons-learning programme, the Project Team organized an exchange visit on agroforestry practices in Nyaung Shwe and Pindaya villages;*
- *The project team conducted joint survival counting of 2018 plantation programme with staff from Dry Zone Greening Department and Forest Department in all the plantation areas in the 5 project townships;*
- *In line with the decision of the 13th Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting, the Project Team conducted township-level Community Forestry Certification workshops in all 5 project townships. The workshop participants included members of parliament, representatives from General Administrative Department (GAD), Forest Department (FD), Dry Zone Greening Department (DZGD), Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics (DALMS), Implementing Partner (IP) and forest user groups in all the 5 project townships;*
- *The Project Team conducted the cluster-level workshops for Thresher User Groups and Seed Storage User Groups in all the 5 project townships. In addition, knowledge sharing event on Climate-resilient Agriculture practices, including post-harvest technology was also conducted in all 5 project townships;*
- *As the final activity on climate resilient agriculture practices, the Project team organized township level project review and exit workshops in all the 5 project townships – where project activities were handed over to the beneficiaries and relevant government departments (Department of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture Research);*

- *During the reporting period the Project team received assets (office equipment and furniture) from Regional Integrated Multi Hazard Early Warning Systems (RIMES) (who completed their assignment in Feb 2019) and CESVI Foundation (CESVI (who completed their assignment in Mar 2019). The assets are stored in the premises of DZDG township offices and will be handed over to government departments, as decided by the TAG;*
- *During Feb 2019, the Project Team organized the monthly review and coordination meeting with DZGD to review progress of project activities and plan for next month;*
- *During the reporting period, the Project team prepared and submitted the Annual Progress Report for 2018 to CO.*
- *The Project Team prepared and submitted the Annual Work Plan for 2019 to the CO. the annual work plan was earlier endorsed by the PSC in its 8th Meeting in Dec 2018;*
- *The project team reviewed the final report of the end line impact assessment survey which was completed by Myanmar Survey and Research (MSR) in Dec 2019. The team shared the report with relevant CO businesses units, as well as shared with the Regional Technical Advisor? (RTA) in BKK and Senior Economist based in Washington DC;*
- *The terminal evaluation of the project was conducted in March 2019, with the field mission taking place from 3-22 Mar 2019. The initial findings of the evaluation was presented at the 14th TAG meeting held on 21 Mar 2019;*
- *The Project team prepared documentation for UNBOA audit and made arrangements for field visit to Nyaung U township in Mar 2019. In their exit meeting with the CO, UNBOA auditors commended the AF project for its good management practices and monitoring and reporting systems;*
- *The 14th TAG Meeting was conducted in Mandalay on 21 Mar 2019. In addition to progress of activities, the results of the final impact assessment survey by MSR and the initial findings of the terminal evaluation was presented at the meeting;*
- *During the reporting period, the project team attended the following events/meetings:*
 - *3 Jan 2019 – Technical Specialist had a meeting with Ooredoo in Yangon to discuss possibility of a follow-up project in the dry zone*
 - *7-17 Jan 2019 – Technical Specialist on mission to Rakhine to share lessons of AF project for the Rakhine Area Based Programme*
 - *17 Jan 2019 – Technical Specialist had a meeting with CO Communications Team in Yangon to discuss communication activities and support from Comms Team.*
 - *23 Jan 2019 – Technical Specialist and Chief of SIG had a meeting with Director General of DOA in Nay Pyi Taw to discuss possible 2nd phase of AF project in the dry zone, focusing on agriculture value chain enhancement;*

- *6 Feb 2019 – Technical Specialist has a Skype meeting with UNBOA Auditors;*
- *7 Feb 2019 – Technical Specialist attended SIG unit meeting in Yangon;*
- *8 Feb 2019 – Briefing meeting organized by the Head of Mandalay Area Office in Mandalay;*
- *26-28 Feb 2019 – Conflict Sensitivity Training in Nay Pyi Taw (all staff attended);*
- *27-29 Mar 2019 – CO Staff Retreat in Yangon (all staff attended)*