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About UN-Habitat

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UN-Habitat as the United Nations agency mandated and dedicated to advancing Habitat agenda by promoting socially and environmentally sustainable development and safe human settlements in an urbanising world. As a technical partner of MCGUR, UN-Habitat continues to support the overall project interventions through MCGUR Partners to achieve “targeted most vulnerable communities in urban poor coastal and urban areas are better prepared for mitigating and respond to recurrent natural hazards in a planned, coordinated, and sustainable manner.”

* Promote safer construction in project area (8 Townships)
The project supports training of carpenter's training along with its MCGUR partners in eight pilot townships to promote safer construction and informed small-scale migration activities at the community level. At strategic level, UN-Habitat is working with Ministry of Construction and Myanmar Engineering Society (MYS) in development of training modules for Carpenter's Trade (Construction) along the lines of National Skills Standards Authority (NSSA) curriculum. Currently trainings focus on providing competency based certification through MYS and Occupational Safety Standards and related training at township level while the NSSA system is underdevelopment in Myanmar. The programme activities support Broader NSSA support to MOG along with its ongoing programme funded by MFA Norway and USAID GFDA.

Support the development of Township Disaster Management Plans (TDMPs) in 4 townships

Ensure that the existing DRR plan is updated and strengthened in the four townships to be included in the project to ensure the DRR Plan is updated and strengthened in the four townships to be included in the project. This includes strengthening of the preparedness for people living in these townships to respond to disasters and to be prepared to deal with emergency situations. The steps will be carried out in accordance with the project guidelines and with the feedback from the communities to ensure that the plans are effective and relevant.

* Carry out earthquake related assessments in 3 cities and make recommendations

Bagan, Taungoo and Bago Region are considered to be earthquake prone along the Saganar Fault line, which has experienced major earthquakes in the past and have undergone considerable changes. Myanmar Disaster Society (MDS), Myanmar Geoscience Society (MGS) are the lead agencies in the country which has undertaken to conduct the earthquake stress analysis in consultation with National, Regional and local government groups, and training of key stakeholders with specific roles and responsibilities. The Risk Assessment information will also lead to further specific recommendations and also develop disaster plans and an action plan for possible risk reduction. It is envisaged that through the engagement of National Agencies, it can facilitate in-country capacity building for the professionals to undertake such complex endeavor in future.

Build DRR knowledge and awareness

With the ongoing decentralisation process, there is need to scale up DRR awareness among all stakeholders. The project has supported RD&I at National and Sub-Region level in provision of 5 sets of Training materials (Booklet, Projective, Harlots and System and Grounding) for training outreach and awareness programme. In addition it partners with DRWG in conducting a advocacy workshop on DRR targeting Regional Government Ministers, Parliament Representatives and other stakeholders. The project will continue to promote risk awareness education and also complement the MAPDR, recognizing the need to have relevant tools for enhancing earthquake knowledge, the project will develop Risk Communication Tool for Earthquake in partnership with all key stakeholders.